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# Steve Baron Receives Award
# from Santa Clara County Psychological Association

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, is proud to announce that Mr. Steve Baron, Director of Family Court Services, is the recipient of an award from the Santa Clara County Psychological Association for "Outstanding Contribution by a Mental Health Professional." He received the award in gratitude for the training that Family Court Services has coordinated and provided the membership in the area of Domestic Violence. Mr. Baron accepted the award at an annual dinner of the Association on February 28, 2004. In addition to Mr. Baron, Judges Dolores Carr, Mary Ann Grilli, and Richard Loftus, Jr., as well as Lilly Grenz and Janeen Carlo of Family Court Services Division have been instrumental in providing this training.

The Superior Court, County of Santa Clara, has collaborated with the Psychological Association for a number of years, emphasizing the relevance and importance of issues including domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, child sexual abuse, extreme conflict, child abduction, and related research in child custody cases. The Family Court Services Division has often recruited other local experts in the field of domestic violence and child-abuse, including Rolanda Pierre-Dixon, Office of the District Attorney, and Mike Clark, Office of the County Counsel, in addition to community domestic-violence service providers to be trainers for members of the Association. Upon being told of his award, Mr. Baron stated, "We believe that this kind of collaboration and cooperation enhances the quality and consistency of service provided related to Court ordered child custody investigations, enhances the best interests of children as well as the safety of both children and family members going through the Family Court process, and demonstrates the Court's commitment to serving these goals and to supporting the highest level of professionalism."

Founded in 1965, the Santa Clara County Psychological Association (SCCPA) is a non-profit, professional organization of licensed psychologists. Their mission is to promote health and human welfare, stimulate research by psychologists and encourage the highest ethical standards of psychological practice. For further information or referral to a psychologist, they can be contacted at 650-321-7789, 408-253-1151 or www.sccpa.org .