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### **Kelso named Circuit Court Clerk Employee of the Year**

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Dianne Kelso, a supervisor in the Blount County General Sessions Court Clerk's Office was recently named Employee of the Year by Circuit Court Clerk Tom Hatcher.

The 42-year-old Blount County-native graduated from William Blount High School and has worked in the office for 15 years. She became a supervisor in 1996.

According to Hatcher, Kelso runs the day-to-day operations in the office, which is adjacent to the Circuit Court Clerk's office at the Blount County Justice Center's first floor. Hatcher and Mary Millsaps, Pat Gaspie, Portia Abbott and Sandy Hodson voted on the award.

"Actually, I was shocked by this. I never thought of myself really. I never really thought about getting the award," Kelso said.

According to Hatcher, "She was nominated by another employee in General Sessions. Then all the nominees are looked at by the administrative committee I put together. With what the employee had written, the things Dianne had done for the office, we felt she was the one most deserving of the award."

Hatcher said that "early on" when he hired her he sensed she was a very competent individual who had a "take charge" attitude. "She's very fair to the employees," he said.

The main thing is treat people like you want to be treated," Kelso said.

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