

1979 Mercer County Principal Probation Officers' Contract 1.

Article I - Agreement

This agreement is entered into this 15th day of Oct, 1979 by and between the Judges of the Superior Court of Mercer County, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the Judges) and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffers, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, Local 102 (hereinafter referred to as the "Union").

Article II - Recognition

The Judges hereby recognize the Union pursuant to Chapter 123 of the Laws of 1974 as amended as the sole and exclusive representative of the Principal Probation Officers I and II of the Mercer County Probation Department (hereinafter referred to collectively as Principal Probation Officers) to negotiate matters relative to salaries and terms and conditions of employment pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A:168-1 et. seq.

Article III - Salaries

Section 1

Effective January 1, 1979, the Principal Probation Officer I and II salary ranges shall be established as follows:

	<u>Principal Probation Officer I</u>	<u>Principal Probation Officer II</u>
Minimum	\$16,835	\$14,639
Maximum	23,845	21,147

Section 2

Effective January 1, 1979, each Principal Probation Officer shall receive a salary adjustment of 6.5% on his/her December 31, 1978 base salary; however, no officer may receive more than the stipulated maximum of the appropriate salary range.

Section 3

Effective January 1, 1979, each Principal Probation Officer who is not receiving the maximum salary for his/her appropriate range shall receive an additional salary adjustment of \$225.00.

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Article IV - Automobiles

Section 1

As authorized by N.J.S.A. 2A:168-8, a Principal Probation Officer when designated by the Chief Probation Officer to use his/her private vehicle on probation department business shall be reimbursed at the rate of 16¢ per mile effective January 1, 1979; on June 1, 1979, the rate shall be 17¢ per mile. Principal Probation Officers authorized to use their private vehicles shall keep monthly records specifying the dates and use, points of travel, mileage traveled and shall sign and transmit the records to the Chief Probation Officer. Forms for this purpose will be furnished by the Chief Probation Officer. Principal Probation Officers will not be reimbursed for mileage incurred during travel between the probation office and their place of residence. When business travel is in conjunction with such commutation, reimbursement will be made only for mileage in excess of normal commutator mileage. It is understood that whenever possible Principal Probation Officers will use a county auto in the transaction of departmental business.

Section 2

In the event that gasoline prices increase substantially during the term of the contract, the amount of reimbursement in Section 1 of this Article may be subject to renegotiation.

Article V - Meal Allowance

Section 1

Principal Probation Officers who are required to remain on duty through the supper hour of 6:00 P.M. shall be paid a supper allowance of up to \$6.50. Reimbursement shall be made by voucher in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A:168-8.

Section 2

Principal Probation Officers, while in attendance at meetings, conferences and training courses in other counties and states, and when 35 miles or more away from the Mercer County Court House on official business during the normal meal hours set forth below, when approved by the Chief Probation Officer, shall be entitled to a meal allowance of \$2.00 for breakfast; \$3.00 for lunch; and \$6.50 for supper.

The normal meal hours are as follows:

Breakfast: 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.

Lunch: 12 Noon to 1:00 P.M.

Supper: 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

All reimbursements for meals covered under this agreement shall be made only upon presentation of a valid receipt for the expenses incurred, as provided in N.J.S.A. 2A:168-8.

Article VI - Educational Awards

Section 1

Effective January 1, 1979, Principal Probation Officers who have, or who shall hereafter obtain a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university in Sociology, Psychology, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Corrections, Social Work, Public Administration or a field of study related to probation, as determined by the Chief Probation Officer and approved by the Judges shall be entitled to an annual award of \$500.00. The decision of the Judges shall be final and not subject to further appeal. This award shall be prorated to the end of the calendar year in which the degree was attained provided there is submitted evidence of such attainment to the Chief Probation Officer.

Article VII - Longevity

Principal Probation Officers shall receive longevity benefits as are awarded to Mercer County employees generally.

Article VIII - Vacation and Other Leave Credits

Section 1

Pursuant to R. 1:30-5(b), Principal Probation Officers of the Mercer County Probation Department shall receive the same vacation and other leave credits as are provided generally to other employees of the county.

Section 2

The principle of seniority shall govern in the selection and scheduling of vacation periods, provided that adherence to such a practice does not disrupt the normal operations of the probation department.

Section 3

Officers who become ill while on vacation shall be permitted to substitute accrued sick leave credits for accrued vacation credits during such illness, provided the Chief Probation Officer or his designated representative is promptly notified of the occurrence of the illness and the desire of the employee to substitute such credits as described herein.

Section 4

Officers who exhaust their accrued sick leave credits during any illness, may request and shall be permitted to convert and use accrued vacation credits during the continuation of that illness, provided the Chief Probation Officer or his designated representative is promptly notified of the desire of the officer to substitute such credits as described herein.

Article IX - Holidays

Section 1

Principal Probation Officers shall be entitled to all legal holidays and such other days off as shall be determined by the judiciary. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 36:1-1, these legal holidays shall include:

January 1st	New Year's Day
January 15th.	Martin Luther King's Birthday
February 12th	Lincoln's Birthday
3rd Monday in February.	Washington's Birthday
Last Monday in May.	Memorial Day
July 4th.	Independence Day
1st Monday in September	Labor Day
2nd Monday in October	Columbus Day
November 11th	Armistice or Veteran's Day
4th Thursday in November.	Thanksgiving Day
December 25th	Christmas Day
General Election and Good Friday	

Section 2

If any Principal Probation Officer is required to work a legal holiday or other day off granted by the judiciary, the officer shall be granted an equivalent amount of time off.

Article X - Health and Welfare Benefits

Principal Probation Officers shall continue to be provided with health and welfare benefits presently granted to Mercer County employees generally. The benefits include but are not limited to a non-contributory medical health insurance plan, a non-contributory major medical insurance plan and a prescription drug plan. If, during the term of this agreement, the County grants to its employees generally any additional health and welfare benefits, such as an optical or a dental plan, or provides any expanded coverage, such benefits shall simultaneously be awarded to Principal Probation Officers.

Article XI - Residence

Probation officers may reside anywhere in the State of New Jersey as long as such residence is within a reasonable distance of the probation department.

Article XII - Meetings

The Chief Probation Officer, as the representative of the Judges, and the representatives of the Union shall meet occasionally upon request of either party, to discuss matters of general interest or concern that do not necessarily involve a grievance or complaint.

Article XIII - Provisional Appointments

In case a Principal Probation Officer receives a provisional appointment by the Judges to serve for an extended or indefinite period in a position higher than his/her permanent Civil Service rank, he/she shall be entitled to and receive the established salary for the position during the period such appointment is in effect.

Article XIV - Conference Attendance

Within budgetary limitations and in adherence to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A:168-8, Principal Probation Officers may attend approved meetings, seminars and conferences on corrections, social work and related disciplines, for which their traveling and maintenance expenses shall be paid out of the county treasury.

Article XV - Union Business

Section 1

The Union shall furnish to the Chief Probation Officer the name of one Principal Officer who is to be designated as Union steward for the purpose of handling grievances.

Section 2

Time off with pay shall be provided for an official representative of the Union, not to exceed one employee, for the purpose of handling employee grievances and to attend their organization's national and state meetings, provided such time off is in adherence to N.J.S.A. 38:23-2, and is not in excess of five days in each calendar year, is otherwise reasonable, and does not interfere with the officer's official duties and functions. Such leave shall be regulated by the Chief Probation Officer or a duly designated subordinate.

Article XVI - Suspension

Subject to the limitations of Civil Service Rule 4:1-16.7, no suspension may be given to a Principal Probation Officer without a formal hearing with the Chief Probation Officer in which charges are specified. The determination of such a hearing shall be subject to Steps 1, 2, 3(a) and (b) of the grievance procedure.

Article XVII - Management Rights

Section 1

To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the duties and responsibilities vested in the probation department by statute, court rule and judicial policy, the Judges of the County and Management hereby reserve and retain unto themselves all the powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in them by law prior to the signing of this agreement. Among the rights which Management retains, but not limited to them, are the following:

1. To manage and administer the affairs and operations of the probation department;
2. To direct its working forces and operations;

3. To hire, promote, assign and transfer personnel;
4. To schedule and determine work assignments;
5. To demote, suspend, discharge or otherwise take action of a disciplinary nature against "provisional or temporary" employees;
6. To demote, suspend, discharge or otherwise take disciplinary action for just cause against "permanent" employees in accordance with applicable statutes and court rules;
7. To promulgate rules and regulations from time to time, which may affect the orderly and efficient administration of the probation department. It is understood that such rules and regulations as ordered by statute, court rule, or court policy, may be instituted without prior notice and that other regulations covering local working conditions will be instituted upon notification by the Chief Probation Officer.

Section 2

The parties to this agreement acknowledge that the New Jersey Constitution, statutes and court rules provide for the involvement of the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court, the Administrative Director of the Courts and the Assignment Judge of the County in the administration of probation services. The parties recognize and agree to respond and comply to the requests, promulgated standards and pronouncements of the aforementioned parties as they exercise their lawful rights.

Section 3

The Judges and Management's use and enjoyment of its powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities, the adoption of its policies and practices or the promulgation of rules and regulations in furtherance thereof, and the exercise of discretion pursuant thereto, shall be limited only by the terms of this agreement and to the extent same conform to the court rules and other laws of New Jersey and the United States.

Section 4

Nothing contained in this agreement shall operate to restrict the Judges and Management in the exercise of their rights, responsibilities and authority pursuant to the laws of this state or of the United States.

Article XVIII - Grievance Procedure

As authorized by N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.3 and in conformance with the provisions of P.E.R.C. Rules 19:12-5.3 and 19:12-5.4, the parties agree that a complaint or grievance of any Principal Probation Officer relating to the interpretation, application or violation of policies, agreements and administrative decisions affecting them, if not otherwise provided for in law or in applicable rule and regulations having the force and effect of law, shall be settled in the following manner:

- Step 1 - The grievance shall first be taken to the officer's immediate supervisor, who shall make an effort to resolve the problem within a reasonable period of time; within three (3) working days, if possible. At this level, a complaint or grievance need not be in writing. The time limit in this step may be extended by mutual consent;
- Step 2 - If not resolved at the supervisory level, the grievance shall be put in writing, signed by the aggrieved officer, and submitted to the Chief Probation Officer who shall acknowledge its receipt within three (3) working days and shall render a decision within five (5) working days thereafter. The time limit in this step may be extended by mutual consent;
- Step 3 - If the aggrieved officer is not satisfied with the decision of the Chief Probation Officer, he may choose to utilize one of the following two options for a final determination of the grievance:
- (a) The officer may appeal to the Civil Service Commission under the laws and rules governing the operation of that agency provided that the Commission agrees to hear the case;
 - (b) He may appeal to the Superior Court Judges, in which case the decision of the Judges shall be final and binding and shall be rendered with reasonable promptness. The Judges may designate any Court employee or other representative who is not an employee of the Courts to hear and make recommendations to them for disposition.

All grievances and complaints that are related to judicial policy and/or the authority of the Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Administrative Director of the Courts or the Assignment Judge under Rule 1:34-4 and any other applicable Statute or

Court Rule shall be limited to Step 3(b). In using the grievance procedure established herewith, an employee is entitled at each step to be represented by an attorney of his/her choosing, or by a bona fide member of the Union designated to represent him/her pursuant to this Agreement.

Notwithstanding any procedures for the resolution of disputes, controversies or grievances established by any other statute, grievance procedures established by agreement between the public employer and the representative organization shall be utilized for any dispute covered by the terms of such agreement. (N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.3)

Article XIX - Dues Deduction

Upon written authorization, in conformance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9(e), from any officer who is covered by this Agreement, the County has agreed to deduct from his pay each calendar month the Union dues, as fixed by the Union, which dues shall after deduction be remitted to Ben Merker, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 102, Box 318, Rockaway, New Jersey. Such practice shall continue during the life of this contract provided the agreement between the Superior Court Judges and the County remains in effect.

Article XX - Savings Clause

Should any article, section, or provision of this Agreement be found illegal, unenforceable, null, void or in violation of any law or any rule or any decision having the force and effect of law, all other articles, sections and provisions of this Agreement shall remain, nonetheless, in full force and effect.

Article XXI - Conclusiveness of Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the final and complete understanding between the parties on all bargainable issues, subject to the right of the parties to reopen discussion on any such issue, but only by mutual consent and upon the happening of some unforeseen event.

Article XXII - Duration of Contract

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The provisions of this Agreement shall be retroactive to January 1, 1979, and shall remain in full force and effect

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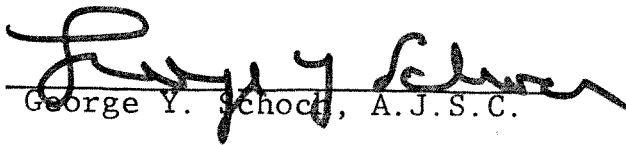
until December 31, 1979. By mutual concurrence of the parties, they may be continued for an additional time period.

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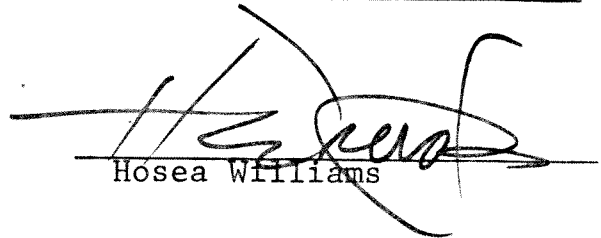
A written notice to terminate or modify this Agreement is required to be given at least 60 days prior to December 31, 1979.

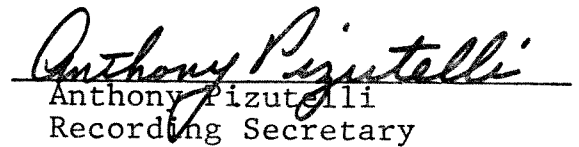
In witness of this Agreement, the parties to it have affixed their signature this 15th day of Oct, 1979.

FOR THE JUDGES


George Y. Schock, A.J.S.C.

FOR THE UNION


Hosea Williams


Anthony Pizutelli
Recording Secretary