

JUVENILE PROSECUTOR AWARDED CASA ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

FIRST TULSA COUNTY JUVENILE ADA TO RECEIVE THIS HONOR



Prosecutor Amber Sweet displays the award: a framed piece of artwork painted by one of the children served by CASA.

Amber Sweet, an Assistant District Attorney specializing in Deprived cases at the Juvenile Bureau, was bestowed the high honor of Attorney of the Year by CASA, the organization of Court Appointed Special Advocates. Unaware that she would be receiving this honor at the annual CASA

Appreciation Event, *Toast to Success*, Ms. Sweet said she was, "So surprised, humbled and honored to be selected."

Having worked at the Juvenile Bureau for almost three years, Ms. Sweet has seen some "truly heartbreaking cases." Deprived cases involve working with children who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Sadly, her caseload has increased every year. "These kids are where my heart's at," she says. "To fight for the innocent, the precious, it makes me want to work harder and harder, despite the caseload."

Ms. Sweet was selected based on her body of work providing outstanding advocacy for deprived children in Tulsa County.

"To show the kids that someone cares about them – to be the one to show hope - that is why I do this. Without that hope, these kids grow up to do the things they saw their parents do. Anytime I can do something to give these kids a chance at a brighter future, I am more than happy to spend my time doing that."

--Assistant District Attorney Amber Sweet