Since January, 28 in-school, law-related presentations were conducted statewide, most of which were completed in conjunction with 2011 Law Day events, traditionally celebrated during the first week in May. More than 1,600 students benefited from these interactive programs.

Participating presenters included: Rep. Damon J. Baldone, Judge Dawn Amacker, Judge Ellis J. Daigle, Judge June Berry Daresnburg, Judge Jules D. Edwards III, Judge Karen K. Herman, Judge Benjamin Jones, Judge Craig O. Marcotte, Judge Mildred E. Methvin, Judge Raymond S. Steib, Jr., Judge Melise Trahan and Judge Zorraine M. Waguespack. Also participating were attorneys Jessica G. Braun, Charles C. Bourque, Jr., Ariel A. Campos, Sr., Susan C. Ciavarella, Sam Flugence, A. Spencer Gulden, Becky Jo Hollen, Jackie M. McCready, Carol L. Michel, Ben R. Miller, DeVonna M. Ponthieu and Angel G. Varnado.

Participating schools included: Bowling Green, Cathedral Carmel Catholic, Church Point Elementary, Coteau Bayou Blue Elementary, E. C. Pittman, Eleanor McMain Secondary, Fair Park High, Folsom Junior High, Hahnville High, Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies, Independence Middle, Lincoln Elementary, Madison James Foster Elementary, Marrero Middle, Morse Elementary, Mulberry Elementary, Our Lady of Fatima, Romeville Elementary, Sarah T. Reed High, University Lab, Warren Easton, Washington Elementary, Westdale Heights Academic Magnet Elementary and Westside Junior High.

The cooperation of school administrators and teachers and the volunteerism of members of the Louisiana legal community make these programs possible. In-class visits are organized, at no cost to educators, by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE), in conjunction with the Lawyers in the Classroom/Judges in the Classroom programs sponsored by the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana District Judges Association and the LCLCE.
Mandeville High Student Receives Civics in Action Award

Samuel Curtis Ingalls, a student at Mandeville High School in St. Tammany Parish, is the recipient of the 2010 Civics in Action Award, presented by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. He received his award from State Rep. Frank A. Hoffmann before a meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education in Baton Rouge.

The award honors a Louisiana middle or high school student who has made a difference or an improvement in the quality of life in their school, home or community through the use of civic engagement.

A transfer student from Chicago, Ingalls enrolled at Mandeville High School and immediately became involved in several school organizations, including Hi-Y. He was elected sophomore class president and maintained a grade point average of 4.7. As a member of Hi-Y, he was elected to the position of Speaker of the House of the Louisiana Youth Legislators Board and won the Monica Oliphant Award for Best Legislator and Delegate at the 2010 Louisiana Legislature Conference. He was selected to be the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership ambassador from Mandeville High School and was chosen to be a representative from Louisiana at the YMCA Conference for National Affairs. He has served as a page in the United States Senate Page Program, nominated by Sen. David Vitter.

The Catholic Bishops of the State of Louisiana and the St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association Invite All Members of the Bench and Bar to the Fifty-Ninth Annual Red Mass in honor of the Holy Spirit, to mark the opening of the Judicial Year and to invoke a Divine Blessing upon our Courts and Legal Proceedings Monday, October 3, 2011 9:30 o’clock am St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, La Assembly for Processing into the Cathedral 9:15 a.m. Reception to follow at the Louisiana Supreme Court For Information (504)899-5555