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The Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education

U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby Sworn In as 2006-2007 President ; (*New Orleans, La., June 15, 2006*)

United States Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby will serve as President of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCE) in 2006 through June 2007. Judge Roby was sworn in to her new position by Associate Supreme Court Justice Bernette Johnson on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at an event held during the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Judge Roby's goals are to expand the LCE's communications efforts statewide to reach more students and educate them about the importance of law and civic education in their daily lives. Judge Roby will also implement "Order in the Court," a statewide justice education program that will bring the Court to the classroom. The program will coordinate efforts currently underway by the Courts and make it available to more students statewide.

"Unfortunately, one of the unintended consequences of the No Child Left Behind Act is that teachers are no longer teaching our students about Civics and American History. Instead, there is added focus on science and math. However, Civics and History are just as important as Science and Math. If our students are not taught during their school years just exactly what it means to be a citizen of the United States, the reasons why our country was form, and its history, then our form of government could be at risk in the long run", Judge Roby.

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