



## LCLCE Summer Institute Brings Back “Order in the Court”

The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) conducted several professional development programs for Louisiana teachers this past summer.

In addition to back-to-school workshops for educators in Lafayette, Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes, the LCLCE held the Louisiana Summer Institute, a four-day teachers’ workshop (provided at no cost to teachers) offering instruction in, and free textbooks for, “We the People, the Citizen and the Constitution,” a nationally acclaimed law-related education course.

As an adjunct to the Summer Institute, the LCLCE brought back “Order in the Court,” taught by a distinguished faculty of Louisiana state and federal judges, administrative law judges and/or hearing officers. The program provided attendees with a better understanding of the various courts in the judicial system and offered further insight into the structure of the government. Twenty-nine teachers representing seven Louisiana congressional districts at the elementary, middle and high school levels participated.

The “Order in the Court” program was hosted at the Louisiana Supreme Court Building in New Orleans. The faculty included Hon. Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., retired chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court; Justice John L. Weimer, Louisiana Supreme Court; Judge Lance M. Africk, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge Michael G. Bagneris, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Judge Peter H. Beer, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge Paul A. Bonin, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal; Judge Frances M. Bouillion, Lafayette City Court; Judge Christopher J. Bruno, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Orleans Parish District Attorney Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr.; Judge Stanwood R. Duval, Jr., U.S. District Court, Eastern

District of Louisiana; Chief Judge Sheral C. Kellar, Louisiana Department of Labor; Judge Madeleine M. Landrieu, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Judge Rebecca M. Olivier, Jefferson Parish First Parish Court; Professor Paul R. Baier, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Jack C. Benjamin, Sr., Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, L.L.C.; and Kim M. Boyle, Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P. Also participating were LCLCE board member Val P. Exnicios, Liska, Exnicios & Nungesser; Valerie S. Willard, Louisiana Supreme Court deputy judicial administrator/community relations; and Georgia D. Chadwick, director of the Law Library of Louisiana.

In addition to expert pedagogy sessions, the “We the People” program included a seminar by constitutional scholar Carl Richard, Ph.D. The programs culminated with the educators creating a simulated U.S.



Louisiana Summer Institute attendees posed before a statue of Edward Douglass White, Jr., the ninth Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, located near the Louisiana Supreme Court Building.

Supreme Court hearing on the 2004 case of *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld*, 542 U.S. 507, and a simulated U.S. Congressional hearing on constitutional rights under Article III of the U.S. Constitution.

For more photos from the Summer Institute, go to: <http://tiny.cc/5g4t3>.

## West Monroe Student Receives Civics in Action Award

Hamilton S. Winters, a sophomore at West Monroe High School, received the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education’s 2011 Civics in Action Award during a July ceremony in conjunction with the Louisiana Summer Institute conducted at the Louisiana Supreme Court Building in New Orleans. Hon. Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., retired chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, presented the award to Winters before an audience of educators, state, federal and administrative law judges, and hearing officers.

The Civics in Action Award honors a Louisiana middle or high school student who has made a difference or an improvement in the quality of life in his/her school, home or community through the use of civic engagement and



Hamilton S. Winters, center, is the 2011 Civics in Action Award recipient. Attending the award presentation were, from left, Judge H. Stephens Winters, Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education board member Val P. Exnicios, Ann Marie Bryant, Winters, Dr. Harry Winters, Hollin and Hallie Winters, Sandie Winters and Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice (Ret.) Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

who exemplifies what it means to be an engaged citizen. Winters was selected from a strong group of applicants for his numerous hours of community service and his extraordinary leadership skills.