

Lawyers/Judges in the Classroom Programs Presented Statewide

In recognition of Law Day, the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) organized 65 presentations throughout the state, reaching 4,451 students. Attorneys and judges volunteered their time to present in-class programs in all six Louisiana congressional districts and at all grade levels.

The LCLCE, working through the Lawyers in the Classroom/Judges in the Classroom programs, endeavors to provide year-round classroom visits with a special emphasis on the celebration of Law Day in schools that may not otherwise have a Law Day event.

Several judges participated in the Judges in the Classroom program, including LCLCE President Judge Randall L. Bethancourt, Judge Marilyn C. Castle, Judge Aisha S. Clark, Judge Charles G. Fitzgerald, Judge J. Hadley Fontenot, Judge Theodore M. Haik III, Judge Sandra C. Jenkins, Judge Donald T. Johnson, Judge Curtis Sigur and Judge Karelia R. Stewart.

Several attorneys participated in the Lawyers in the Classroom program, including LCLCE Board member W. Thomas Angers, Justin S. Brashear, Jessica G. Braun, Paeton L. Burkett, Albert D. Clark, Joshua P. Clayton, Samuel C. D'Aquilla, Jeanette E. DeWitt-Kyle, Claire B. Edwards, Daniel J. Gauthier, Lauren E. Godshall, Courtney H. Guillory, A. Spencer Gulden, Felicia M. Hamilton, Jack P. Harrison, William K. Hawkins, Kenneth P. Hebert, Christine Lipsey, Angel V. Manzanares, Jason R. May, Jackie M.



Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education Board member W. Thomas Angers presented a Law Day program at Comeaux High School in Lafayette.

McCreary, Mark A. Myers, Ebonee R. Norris, Alicia Reitzell, Celeste H. Shields, Susan S. Simon, Philip M. Smith, David A. Szwak, Jason A. Weaver and Adrienne S. Wood.

Schools participating in the Lawyers/Judges in the Classroom programs included Baton Rouge International School, Boyet Junior High School, C.E. Byrd High School, Cedarcrest-Southmoor Elementary School, Comeaux High School, East Feliciana Middle School, FK White Middle School, Glasgow Middle School, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School, LJ Alleman Arts Academy, Loyola College Prep, Martha Vinyard

Elementary School, Meisler Middle School, New Iberia Senior High School, Northdale Superintendent's Academy, Northshore High School, QuesTech Learning, Richwood Middle School, South Louisiana Community College, St. James Parish 4-H Achievement Day, St. Joseph Catholic School, The Net Charter School, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Vanderbilt Catholic High School, Werner Park Career Day and Westgate High School.

The Lawyers in the Classroom/Judges in the Classroom programs are a partnership of the Louisiana District Judges Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association and the LCLCE.



Louisiana elementary, middle and high school educators participated in the 2019 Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute in New Orleans. *Photo courtesy of Louisiana Supreme Court.*

Teachers Participate in 2019 Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute

Louisiana elementary, middle and high school teachers met in New Orleans for the 2019 Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute to learn about mock trials, iCivics, student sexting, student texting, child trafficking and child abuse.

Following training on mock trials, the Haynes Academy mock trial team performed a mock trial demonstration. This team was the second-place finisher at the 2019 Richard N. Ware IV State High School Mock Trial Competition. Serving as judge was Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) Board member and Haynes Academy mock trial coach Val P. Exnicios.

Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Scott J. Crichton and Louisiana Supreme Court Community Relations and Website Coordinator David Rigamer presented a program on “Sexting, Texting and Beyond.” Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Joy Cossich Lobrano addressed teachers on early intervention collaboration among schools, juvenile court and NGO’s on sex trafficking of minors. Stacie Schrieffer Leblanc, CEO of the UP Institute and president-elect of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, spoke on “Beyond Mandatory Reporting Laws: Recognizing, Responding and Reporting.”

Participants were welcomed to the Institute by LCLCE President Judge Randall L. Bethancourt and Louisiana District Judges Association President Judge Lisa M. Woodruff-White. Robert Gunn, Louisiana Supreme Court deputy judicial administrator/community relations, and Miriam D. Childs, director of the Law Library of Louisiana, provided a tour of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Law Library.



Following mock trial training, Summer Institute teachers were given a mock trial demonstration by the Haynes Academy for the Advanced Studies mock trial team. Val P. Exnicios, the Haynes Academy mock trial team coach, served as the mock trial judge for the demonstration. *Photo courtesy of Louisiana Supreme Court.*

Coordinated by the LCLCE, the Summer Institute was made available to educators at no cost with lodging, meals and educational materials for the classroom provided.

Among those attending were elementary school educators Yvette Stevens of Jefferson Terrace School, Lindsay Peterson of St. Mary Margaret, Krystal Critton of Turner Elementary, Christa Watson of Lake Forest Charter School and Kristy Lewis of Woodmere Elementary. Middle school educators were D’Andre Blouin and Karen Watson of Dutchtown Middle; Chris Kourvelas of Elm Grove Middle; and Missy Varnado of Northshore Charter School. High school educators were Mandy Perret and Dirk Schexnaydre of Dutchtown High; Vincent Hoang from Episcopal High; Charles Vidrine, Jade Johnston and Karen Olivier from the Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts; Yulinda Marshall from Istrouma High; Abbie Tucker from St. Amant High; Greg Warren and Larry Williams from Saline High; and Sammi Dunn from Glenbrook School.

Civics in Action Award



Abigail Roberts, a senior at Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport, was the recipient of the 2019 Civics in Action Award, presented by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE). The award recognizes an outstanding middle or high school student who has demonstrated outstanding civic virtue and involvement in his/her community. The plaque was presented by Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Scott J. Crichton at the Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute. *Photo courtesy of Louisiana Supreme Court.*