



Brian D. Lenard, left, is presented with the 2014 McKay Award by 2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe during the Pro Bono Awards Ceremony on May 20 at the Louisiana Supreme Court. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Lenard Receives 2014 McKay Award

Attorney Brian D. Lenard of Hammond received the 2014 Leah Hipple McKay Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. The award was presented during the Access to Justice Department's Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards ceremony in May.

Lenard served as executive director of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services for 36 years, retiring in May 2014.

In 1982, he joined the board of the Southeast Spouse Abuse Program, a non-profit domestic violence prevention and intervention program serving four parishes. He worked with the program for nearly three decades, also serving as the president and treasurer.

Also in 1982, he joined the Tangipahoa Social Services Council, serving in various leadership capacities for nearly 25 years, including as board chair and secretary. He also chaired the agency's United Way Committee and Resource Directory Committee.

Lenard was appointed to the board of the National Center for Survivor Agencies and Justice (CSAJ) in 2009. He currently serves as board president. CSAJ provides technical assistance to the national network of more than 200 legal agencies receiving funding from the Office of Violence Against Women and the U.S. Department of Justice.



From left, Hon. C. Wendell Manning, Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, C. Jefferson Manning III and Mark A. Cunningham. C. Jefferson Manning III was presented with the 2014 Civics in Action Award at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

High School Senior Receives 2014 Civics in Action Award

C. Jefferson Manning III of Monroe received the 2014 Civics in Action Award, presented by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. The award was presented during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in June.

Manning is a 2014-15 senior at St. Frederick Catholic High School in Monroe. His school activities include the National Honor Society, class president for ninth, 10th and 11th grades, Interact Club, state officer of the Future Business Leaders of America and varsity basketball and golf teams. He has won several awards for public speaking.

He was a state finalist for the Richard D. Clanton Scholarship, served on the Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D.C., was the Louisiana delegate for the National Young Leaders Southern Regional Conference, and is a member of the Louisiana All-District Academic Basketball Team.

Manning is a council member for the Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory. He is the creator and chair of "Louisiana's Largest King Cake Fundraisers," which raised funds for a homeless shelter and food pantry. He also chairs the Senior Citizen Pneumonia Awareness Campaign Community Service Project.



From left, 2014-15 LSBA President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Greg G. Guidry, C. Jefferson Manning III and his father Hon. C. Wendell Manning at the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education reception. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.