



Judge Bethancourt Receives 2016 Judges in the Classroom Award

Judge Randall L. Bethancourt with the 32nd Judicial District Court is the recipient of the 2016 Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award. The award was presented at the annual Fall Judges Meeting.

The award honors a member of the judiciary who has contributed to the law-related education of Louisiana youth. It is named in honor of Judge Benjamin Jones who served as a 4th Judicial District Court judge for more than 22 years and who was the driving force in creating the Judges in the Classroom program many years ago.

Since January 2003, Judge Bethancourt has reached more than 17,000 students in classroom and courtroom presentations on civics and law-related education. In hundreds of one- to three-hour interactive presentations, he has shared practical, real world legal experiences with students K-12. When there was a local school bullying situation, he helped organize a team of speakers to talk to the classes involved in the problem and went into action to help the school raise awareness. Judge Bethancourt also has been a Project L.E.A.D. facilitator and presenter and has served as a mock trial judge at the local, state and national levels.

"I hope that by introducing students to the legal system in this fashion, giving them the opportunity to learn about the court, and ask questions and gain a better understanding of the process, we can have them return to the court as a lawyer or judge, instead of someone in trouble with the law," Judge Bethancourt said.



Judge Randall L. Bethancourt with the 32nd Judicial District Court, center, is the recipient of the 2016 Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award. Presenting the award are Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education President Lawrence J. Centola III, left, and 2015-16 Louisiana District Judges Association President Marilyn C. Castle.

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