

Forrester Receives LBF's 2011 Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award

William R. Forrester, Jr., a partner in the New Orleans office of Lemle & Kelleher, L.L.P., is the recipient of the Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) 2011 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. The award was presented during a June 28 ceremony held in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

This award was established through an endowment to the LBF in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. Donations from Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, L.L.P., the Boisfontaine family and friends established the fund.

Forrester received a plaque and \$1,000 was donated in his name to the William Ray Forrester Professorship in Public and Constitutional Law Endowed Fund at Tulane Law School, New Orleans.

Forrester received a BA degree in 1965 from the University of Virginia and his JD degree in 1968 from Tulane University Law School (member of the *Tulane Law Review* board of editors, 1966-68). He was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1968. His practice areas are commercial litigation, business litigation, municipal boards, securities litigation, professional liability, and class actions and complex litigation.

He has taught "Louisiana Practice" at Tulane Law School since 1976 and received the Monte Lemann Award as the outstanding adjunct professor in 1992.

Forrester has served in the LSBA's House of Delegates since

Cunningham Installed as 2011-12 LCLCE President

Mark A. Cunningham, a partner in the New Orleans office of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P., was installed as the 2011-12 president of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) during a reception at the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote, former LSBA president and current judge for the U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana, administered the oath to Cunningham and LSBA Executive Director Loretta Larsen, LCLCE secretary. Joining them as LCLCE officers are John A. Hernandez III, vice president; and Brian J. Engeron, immediate past president.

Cunningham, currently serving as LSBA treasurer, practices in the Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group and represents and counsels national and international companies in their day-to-day business operations and transactions, particularly in the areas of antitrust, export control and regulatory compliance issues. He also maintains an active national trial and appellate practice, and regularly assists clients in responding to grand jury subpoenas, civil investigative demands, cease-and-desist orders, and other compulsory processes from international, federal and state regulators,



William R. Forrester, Jr., right, received the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award from 2010-11 President Herschel E. Richard, Jr. Photo by Emily Thomas.

1978 and in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates from 1998-2000 and 2004-06. He is a member of the New Orleans Bar Association (NOBA), serving as a member of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee since 1974. He also served on NOBA's Executive Committee.

He is a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute Council, serving as reporter for the Civil Procedure Section. He has drafted numerous amendments to the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure to make the litigation process more efficient with fewer traps for the unwary. He also is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Forrester currently chairs the New Orleans Civil Service Commission, serving as a member since 1993. He also served as president of the Louisiana Civil Service League and PATCH (People Attached to Children's Hospital).



Mark A. Cunningham, center, and Loretta Larsen, right, were installed as president and secretary, respectively, of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education by Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote. Photo by Emily Thomas.

including the European Commission, the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission.

