

# Judge Sims Receives Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award



Shreveport City Court Judge Sheva M. Sims, left, is the recipient of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education's (LCLCE) Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award. Presenting the award was LCLCE President Lawrence J. Centola. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Shreveport City Court Judge Sheva M. Sims is the recipient of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education's (LCLCE) Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award. The award was presented by LCLCE President Lawrence J. Centola III during the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting in January.

Judge Sims was elected to the Shreveport City Court (Division D) in 2011 and re-elected in 2014. Her judicial role encompasses jail clearance, evictions, peace bonds, criminal, civil and DWI trials, small claims, traffic, criminal and DWI arraignments and other matters. Before becoming a judge, she was a practicing attorney for more than 17 years, handling civil and criminal litigation, small claims and domestic cases. She received a BS degree in mathematics in 1989 from Dillard University and her JD degree in 1994 from Southern University Law Center.

Because of her focus to improve the community's understanding of the judicial system, she received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Award, the LSBA's Crystal Gavel Award, the SPAR Seminar of Excellence Award and the Dr. Jesse N. Stone Pioneer Award. In October 2017, she was elected as the District 6 director for the National Association of Women Judges.

Judge Sims was host to community informational seminars, "Know Your Legal Rights." Her portrait was recently added to the Southern University Law Center's Wall of Fame for her achievements in the legal profession.

