

FOOTNOTE

1. Review the full Louisiana Supreme Court Rule 10 online at: www.lasc.org/rules/supreme/RuleX.asp. The five specific areas where the Supreme Court can exercise its discretion include: 1) Conflicting Decisions; 2) Significant Unresolved Issues of Law; 3) Overruling or Modification of Controlling Precedents; 4) Erroneous Interpretation or Application of Constitution or Laws; and 5) Gross Departure from Proper Judicial Proceedings.

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my view, the Supreme Court decides a case based on the law (not policy) but its decision becomes the policy of the court. Rule 10 [of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Louisiana]¹ gives you five specific areas where the Supreme Court would exercise its discretion. Those five issues are the issues which you must pound on. Knowing that it's a writ court, you have to approach it like that. People make a major mistake going at it from an error standpoint. You want to go with your errors to the appellate court, but leave that at the door in the Supreme Court. We cannot correct every error. It's going to have to have something to catch our attention. It's going to have to fall under the umbrella of Rule 10."

In closing, Justice Genovese offered an inside look into the collective mind of the Supreme Court. "Things that we look at — the judge makes a difference, the [district] court makes a difference, the circuit court makes a difference. And it goes back to credibility. If you do good work, it's not that you get the

benefit of the doubt, but it casts you in a much better, believable light. We're all human beings and you cannot separate the human element involved. On the district level, you know the attorneys who do good work and they're going to get in and get out quickly. On the appellate level, you know the judges who are very conscientious. It's not that they get a free pass, but they come to the forefront."

Justice Genovese, a Loyola University Law School graduate, spent more than 20 years in practice before being elected to the district court bench in Opelousas in 1995. From 2005 until his recent election, he was a judge on the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal. His 3rd District seat on the Supreme Court was formerly held by retiring Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll.

The leadership of the LSBA's Bench and Bar Section plans to continue offering unique opportunities for interaction between members of the Bar and judiciary and invites all LSBA members to take part in future events.



2017 LSBA Midyear Meeting LCLCE Award Recipients



Kirby Gordon, Jr., second from left, a teacher at Galvez Middle School in Prairieville, received the 2017 President's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Civics Teacher during the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting in Baton Rouge. The award is jointly presented by the LSBA and the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE). From left, Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jefferson D. Hughes III, Gordon, LCLCE President Lawrence J. Centola and LSBA President Darrel J. Papillon. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*



Frederick D'Wayne Bell II, right, a 2015-16 senior at the Math, Science and Arts Academy-East in Iberville Parish, received the 2016 Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education's Civics in Action Award during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Midyear Meeting in January, presented by Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jefferson D. Hughes III. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*