



APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE OUTSTANDING LAW AND CIVIC EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award, established by the President of the Louisiana State Bar Association in partnership with the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, is given annually to one or more Louisiana teachers in recognition of their law related education work.

Recipients of this prestigious award will be recognized at a reception in early 2009 during the Louisiana State Bar Association's annual Mid-Winter Meeting and will receive funds to be used for the purchase of law related educational materials for the classroom.



The application deadline is December 15, 2008. Click [here](#) for more information.

Kenneth L. Lerchie, 2008 recipient of the President's Award for excellence in law and civic education.



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THE RIGHT ACT : VOTE

The Louisiana State Bar Association, in cooperation with the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and Karen Chatman Edutainment, is hosting a series of presentations designed to educate young people about the importance of voting. The goal is to educate students in a fun and interactive way combining rap music with social issues.

Presentations recently held in New Orleans and Baton Rouge were successful and additional events are being organized. For more information, email [Kelly Legier](mailto:Kelly.Legier) or call (504) 619-0129.



STATE HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION AND ESSAY CONTEST

The Young Lawyers Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association will sponsor the Richard N. Ware, IV State High School Mock Trial Competition and the High School Essay & YouTube Contest this year. The problem for the mock trial will be posted to the LSBA website on November 17, 2008 and the competition will be held on March 21, 2009.

Contest submissions are due January 31, 2009. For more information, please visit www.LSBA.org/ylys.

THE LOUISIANA COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE

John Alexander was presented with the Social Studies Life Time Achievement Award at the LCSS October conference. He is pictured here with, from left, Angela Cassimere and LCE's *We the People* District 1 Coordinator, Jamie Staub.



Chris Totaro and Jonnette Jackson attended. Both educators are preparing teams to compete in the upcoming LCE *We the People* mock congressional hearing competition.



"WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION"

The nationally recognized *We the People* program will be hosting its educator workshops. Details to be announced shortly.