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**Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) recognizes 10 Attorneys with 10:1 Blackstone Awards**

Baton Rouge, La. (December 4, 2014) - The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) will honor eight Louisiana attorneys with 10:1 Blackstone Award during the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Justice Albert Tate, Jr. Awards Banquet on December 12, 2014 at the Roosevelt Hotel, located at 123 Baronne St., New Orleans, La.

The eight recipients of the 2014 10:1 Blackstone Award include:

- Jason Chatagnier, Baton Rouge, La.
- Mary Harried, Shreveport, La.
- Jodi Edmonds LeJeune, Baton Rouge, La.
- Joshua Monroe, Lake Charles, La.
- Julian Murray, Metairie, La.
- Richard T. Simmons, Jr., Metairie, La.
- Rickey Swift, Shreveport, La.
- Kelly Tate, Mamou, La.

The 10:1 Blackstone Award recognizes lawyers who implement Blackstone's ratio in the courtroom, reminding judges, jurors and even skeptical prosecutors that it is "better that 10 guilty persons escape than that one innocent suffer."

To learn more about the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Justice Albert Tate, Jr. Awards Banquet and other award recipients, please visit [www.lacdl.org/tatebanquet](http://www.lacdl.org/tatebanquet). To learn more about the 10:1 Blackstone Award and to submit nominations, please visit [www.lacdl.org/blackstone](http://www.lacdl.org/blackstone).

**About LACDL**

LACDL was formed by a group of criminal defense lawyers in 1985. Almost three decades later and with more than 600 members throughout Louisiana, it remains a vital cornerstone of support. Membership in LACDL means joining your fellow defenders in the struggle for liberty, individual rights, the basic principle of due process and the fundamental right to a fair trial. LACDL affords its members the opportunity to network with peers who share in the passion to protect individual rights and those of the accused. For more information, please visit [www.lacdl.org](http://www.lacdl.org), email [lacdl@tatmangroup.com](mailto:lacdl@tatmangroup.com), or call the LACDL office at (225)767-7640.

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