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Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) recognizes Billy Gibbens with Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney Award

Baton Rouge, La. (December 23, 2014) - The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) honored Billy Gibbens, New Orleans, La., with the 2014 Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorney Award during the 29th Annual Justice Albert Tate, Jr. Awards Banquet on December 12, 2014 at the Roosevelt Hotel, located at 123 Baronne St., New Orleans, La.

Gibbens practices criminal defense and commercial litigation at Schonekas, Evans, McGoey & McEachin, L.L.C. in New Orleans, La. He regularly represents individuals and businesses in federal and state criminal matters, and also has extensive experience defending physicians and other medical professionals in disciplinary and peer-review proceedings. He is the Criminal Justice Act panel representative for the Eastern District of Louisiana, a member of the adjunct faculty at Tulane University Law School, a former member of the board of directors of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and the former chair of the New Orleans Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee. Before entering private practice, Billy was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Louisiana, where he handled white collar and public corruption cases, and a law clerk for Judge Edith Brown Clement of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

"Billy embodies everything you could hope for in a CJA panel attorney," said attorney Claude J. Kelly, New Orleans, La. "He brings enormous skill and talent and is committed to leveraging those on behalf of his clients every step of the way. The indigent defender that is assigned Billy Gibbens is truly fortunate."

The CJA Panel Attorney Award is presented to a CJA panel attorney who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment, professionalism and achievement in the appointed representation of clients in the federal courts of Louisiana.

To learn more about the Justice Albert Tate, Jr. Awards Banquet and other award recipients, please visit www.lacdl.org/tatebanquet. To learn more about LACDL awards, please visit www.lacdl.org/lacdlawards.

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, email lacdl@tatmangroup.com, or call the LACDL office at (225)767-7640.

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