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Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) recognizes James “Jay” T. Dixon, Jr. with Public Defender Gideon Award

Baton Rouge, La. (January 8, 2015) - The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) honored James “Jay” T. Dixon, Jr., Baton Rouge, La. with the 2014 Public Defender Gideon 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.

James “Jay” Dixon has held the position of the Louisiana State Public Defender since December 2013. Since graduating from Loyola Law School, New Orleans, La., Dixon has had diverse legal experience. Dixon had a private practice in New Orleans, La. while serving with the Jefferson Parish Public Defender’s Office as contract counsel. Later he joined the St. John Parish Public Defender Office as a full-time line defender and then served as the Attorney General for the Republic of Palau, a small island nation in the Pacific Ocean. Upon his return to the United States, Dixon was the Judicial Administrator for the 12th Circuit Court for the State of Virginia. After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, he and his wife Terri Dixon felt compelled to return to Louisiana. He accepted a position as a contract defender for the Lafayette Parish Public Defender Office. Prior to accepting his current position, he was selected to serve as the Chief Public Defender for Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes.

“As the state public defender, he has brought his deep commitment to public service, his natural talent for collaboration and bringing people with divergent interests and views to the table with remarkable results,” said attorney Jean Faria, Baton Rouge, La. “From a staff perspective, he allowed his personal qualities to shine through to help a fractured staff heal its wounds.”

To learn more about the 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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