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Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) recognizes Honorable Judge Robert J. Burns with Trustee of Freedom Gideon Award

Baton Rouge, La. (December 23, 2014) - The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) honored Honorable Judge Robert J. Burns, New Orleans, La. with the 2014 Trustee of Freedom 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.

Judge Burns was elected District Judge in 1978 for the 24th Judicial District Court in Jefferson Parish. He was re-elected parish wide, without opposition, in 1984 and 1990. Judge Burns served many years on the Louisiana Judicial College Board of Governors by appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Since retiring in 1996, Judge Burns has accepted assignments from the Louisiana Supreme Court in numerous high profile cases, both criminal and civil. Judge Burns is currently a panel member of Perry Dampf Dispute Solutions, a Louisiana mediation and arbitration company. Judge Burns currently serves on the Louisiana Public Defender Board and acts as chairman of the Board of Directors at Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, La.,

“If there is any judge that can make a courtroom or criminal trial a level playing field,” said LACDL President Robert Toale, Gretna, La., “it is Judge Burns.”

The Trustee of Freedom Gideon award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the right to counsel and a concern for clients and criminal justice.

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

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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