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## Justice Jefferson Hughes Inducted into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame

Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jefferson D. Hughes III, and seven other public officials were inducted into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame. The Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame is a public service honor presented by the Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation, an organization which studies public safety and corrections. The ceremony, now in its 11th year, involves a tour of the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola and a visit to its museum which is the home of the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame exhibits.

"It is an honor to be recognized as a Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame inductee and to be included in this distinguished group of public servants who, each in their unique way, have dedicated their professional lives to improving public safety and quality of life for Louisiana citizens," Justice Hughes said.

Justice Hughes received his undergraduate and his law degree from Louisiana State University. He served as a law clerk for Judge Frank Polozola and began private practice in Baton Rouge with the firm Adcock, Dupree and Shows. He later began a solo practice and was the first attorney to practice law in Walker, Louisiana. After 12 years of private practice Justice Hughes was elected to the 21st Judicial District Court in 1990 where he served 14 years. In 2004 he was elected to the Court of Appeal, First Circuit, where he served eight years. He was elected to the Louisiana Supreme Court in 2012.

Other 2015 inductees to the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame include: Fabian Blache, Jr., Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; Warden N. Burl Cain, Louisiana State Penitentiary; Mary Claire Landry, the New Orleans Family Justice Center; the late Charles R. Scott, II, former Caddo Parish District Attorney; Joseph L. Waltz, Jr., Terrebonne Parish District Attorney; and Craig Webre, Lafourche Parish Sheriff.



*Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jefferson Hughes*

## Hammond City Court - Court School

City Court Judge Grace Gasaway visited with students in the City of Hammond's Court School. The Court School Program is currently in its third year of operation. This Tangipahoa Parish Alternative School Program was established under the leadership of Judge Gasaway and the support of Superintendent Mark Kolwe of the Tangipahoa School System. The Hammond City Court Court School is an alternative school program for students who can no longer be educated in their home school or who are under the supervision of Office of Juvenile Justice through the City Court of Hammond. This program is the last stop for many students and with a staff of exceptional teachers and para-professionals, has experienced great success at getting students back into their original school or into a GED program. The Court School provides students with state of the art technology and instructors trained to address their individual needs. For more information on the Hammond City Court School contact Carolyn Davis at 985-542-3465.

*City Court of Hammond Judge Grace Bennett Gasaway*



## Judge Lamz visits Boys and Girls Club Program

Slidell City Court Judge James “Jim” Lamz visited with young people in the Boys and Girls Club of Slidell’s Summer Program. Invited by Club Director Nate Moore to talk with the kids about good citizenship, Judge Lamz also made sure to bring enough of the Slidell City Court coloring book for all of the 130 children in the camp. The coloring book was developed by Judge Lamz to help young people learn how laws are made and the role of courts in the community. For more information on Slidell City Court community education programs contact Ann Barks at 985-260-8304.




Judge Lamz seated left center; Nate Moore seated far right


## FALL JUDGES CONFERENCE NEW ORLEANS OCTOBER 4-6, 2015

The focus of the 2015 Fall Judges Conference in New Orleans will be *Private Influences On Public Opinions*. The annual conference is a program of the Louisiana Judicial College and will take place at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, October 4-6. The three-day program will explore how finance, family, technology as well as other private life areas may influence public opinions. **Co-Chairs Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Roland Belsome and 9th Judicial District Court Judge Patricia Koch** have lined-up a diverse array of speakers including renowned forensic scientist Mary Manheim who is also known as “The Bone Lady.” For more information about the 2015 Fall Judges Conference contact Marie Anders at 504-310-2640 or to stay informed about Judicial College programming by check out their web site at [www.lajudicialcollege.org](http://www.lajudicialcollege.org).

### 2015 FALL JUDGES CONFERENCE



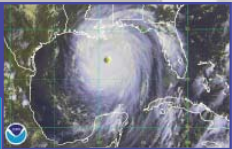





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## Re-Entry Courts

There are currently nine statutorily created Re-Entry Courts in Louisiana. Re-Entry courts are specialized courts that help to reduce an offender's habitual relapse into crime and improves public safety through the use of judicial oversight. The emergence of Re-Entry courts is a relatively new phenomenon.

The responsibilities assigned to Re-Entry Courts include: (1) review offenders' reentry progress and problems; (2) order offenders to participate in various treatment and reintegration programs; (3) use drug and alcohol testing and other checks to monitor compliance; (4) apply graduated sanctions to offenders who do not comply with treatment requirements; (5) provide modest incentive rewards sustained for clean drug tests and other positive behaviors.

Re-Entry Court can take various forms. It can be a case-defined reentry court where a sentencing judge retains jurisdiction over a case during the entire life of the sentence. Or it can be a stand-alone court where the court maintains an exclusive docket of reentry cases.

Louisiana Re-Entry Courts are:

**Orleans Parish Criminal Court - Judge Arthur Hunter and Judge Laurie White**

**11th Judicial District Court - Judge Stephen Beasley**

**15th Judicial District Court - Judge Jules Edwards**

**19th Judicial District Court - Judge Trudy White**

**22nd Judicial District Court - Judge William Knight**

**24th Judicial District Court - Judge Scott Schlegel**

**25th Judicial District Court - Judge Kevin Conner and Judge Michael Clement.**

For more information about Re-Entry Courts contact Valerie Willard at 504-310-2590.



*At the Angola Re-Entry Summit, pictured from left in the front row are Judge Trudy White, Judge Laurie White, Angola Mentor, Judge Rusty Knight, Angola Mentor; in the back row are Angola Mentor, Angola Mentor, Judge Scott Schlegel, Angola Mentor, Angola Mentor, Judge Jules Edwards. (Not pictured are Re-Entry Judges Arthur Hunter, Stephen Beasley, Kevin Conner and Michael Clement.)*

## COURT COLUMN SUBMISSIONS

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