



## LOUISIANA PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

**Bobby Jindal Jr.**  
Governor

**Frank X. Neuner, Jr.**  
Chairman

**Jean M. Faria**  
State Public Defender

**For Immediate Release, May 08, 2009**  
**Contact Jean M. Faria, 225-219-9305**

**BATON ROUGE** - The Louisiana Public Defender Board announces the achievement of one of its Board Members, Samuel S. Dalton, who is being honored on Sunday, May 10, 2009 with the Loyola University New Orleans 2008 *Adjutor Hominum* Award.

This award is the Loyola University's most prestigious honor. It recognizes outstanding alumni who exemplify the following qualities: distinguished moral character, service to humanity and unquestionable integrity. Mr. Dalton attended Loyola University on a GI scholarship in the pre-law program and received his law degree from Loyola University in 1954. In 1994, he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Loyola University New Orleans. He has practiced law as a sole practitioner in Jefferson Parish for the past 55 years.

Mr. Dalton has dedicated his career to protecting and improving the civil rights of the poor and oppressed in Louisiana. He has zealously fought to ensure that the delivery of public defense services guarantee equal justice for all.

Mr. Dalton became the first chairman of the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Indigent Defense Board in 1976. In 1990, Mr. Dalton was appointed Chairman of a committee to study Louisiana's public defense system by Supreme Court Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., and became a board member of Louisiana's first state Indigent Defense Board in 1994.

In 2007, Mr. Dalton was selected as one of 25 'Role Models' by The Young Leadership Council of the City of New Orleans. In 1994, he was awarded the 'Justice Albert Tate Award' by the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for outstanding contributions to Louisiana's criminal justice system. In 1992, the American Civil Liberties Union honored him with its 'Ben Smith Award', recognizing extraordinary lifetime achievement in defense of the Constitution. The Louisiana State Bar Association awarded Mr. Dalton their 'Pro Bono Lifetime Achievement Award' in 1988; the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers honored him with the 'President's Commendation Award' in 1987.

Loyola University supports an endowed annual scholarship in Mr. Dalton's name to support a deserving law student who expressed interest in pursuing a legal career in civil liberties and criminal defense. Since 1994, the Loyola Death Penalty Resource Center has annually awarded the 'Sam Dalton Capital Defense Advocacy Award'.

Mr. Dalton has served on the Louisiana Public Defender Board since January 17, 2008. He is appointed by the Children's Code Committee of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

Mr. Dalton continues to practice law and present to law students at Tulane University, Loyola University and Louisiana State University Law Center.