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## **LACDL Bestows Highest Honor to John Di Giulio**

BATON ROUGE – Local criminal defense attorney John Di Giulio will receive the Justice Albert Tate Jr. Award given annually by the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (LACDL) at its annual banquet in New Orleans on December 7.

Di Giulio has been a full time criminal defense lawyer for most of his forty years since graduating from Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1977. During and after working as an associate with Camille Gravel, he has handled hundreds of felony cases in state and federal courts in Louisiana and many other states, including a number of very high profile cases.

Since 2008 Mr. Di Giulio has been the Trial-Level Compliance Officer for the Louisiana Public Defender Board which has general supervisory authority over public defender offices statewide.

Mr. Di Giulio has lived in Baton Rouge for more than 30 years and is the father of four children. Two of his daughters are attorneys in Louisiana who also practice criminal defense law.

Other public defenders who will receive LACDL honors include E. King Alexander (Calcasieu Public Defender's Office), Gary Clements (Capital Post-Conviction Project of Louisiana), Dwight Doskey (Capital Defense Project of Southeast Louisiana), G. Paul Marx (15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office) and the Innocence Project New Orleans, whose work is supported by the Louisiana Public Defender Board.

LACDL's membership is comprised of private defense attorneys and public defenders from around the state. Their mission is to promote a fair, accurate, and humane criminal justice system through education, advocacy, and the development of effective and professional defense lawyers. In 2010, LACDL combined with the Louisiana Public Defenders Association with the unified purpose to preserve, protect and defend the right to counsel.

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