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2008 LEXISNEXIS COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AWARD WINNERS HONOR FIVE STATE AND LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS

CHICAGO, June 23, 2008 – The National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) Board of Directors will honor five winners of the 2008 LexisNexis Community and Educational Outreach Award at its Annual Meeting Membership Luncheon on Thursday, August 7, at the New York Sheraton and Towers. Co-sponsored by LexisNexis, the awards honor bar associations and bar foundations that are committed to public service.

Let's Do Justice for Texas, a multi-year public education initiative presented by the State Bar of Texas, helps residents better understand their role in maintaining justice and preserving the rule of law. The initiative consists of three primary components: radio spots on jury service, the rule of law and other topics that are broadcast in English and Spanish throughout the state of Texas; a YouTube video contest, *Lone Star Stories: Texans on Justice*; and a series of Web-based animations featuring Texas heroes, e.g. Sam Houston, interviewing everyday heroes who report for jury service or participate in the justice system.

The New Hampshire Bar Association developed a program based on the book *Leapholes* to teach middle-school students the relevance of our legal system, help them realize the importance of making good choices, and show them how to respectfully discuss and debate issues. After reading the story, which is the first novel for young readers ever to be published by the American Bar Association, about time travel with a legal twist, participating students and attorneys then produce an event or project based on what they have learned. The highest-rated event or project receives a visit from the book's author James Grippando.

The *M. Ellen Carpenter Financial Literacy Program* is the result of a partnership between the Boston Bar Association and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts. Participating high school seniors learn about financial independence and responsibility through real-life situations in and out of the classroom. Volunteer lawyers teach a five-part course on personal finance, budgeting, credit and credit cards, auto financing, and the consequences of credit mismanagement. The program concludes with a field trip to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The *Greater Baton Rouge Teen Court* is a voluntary diversion program sponsored by the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation in which teens sentence their peers for first time misdemeanor offenses such as shoplifting, school altercations and minor damage to property. Teen serve as prosecutors, defense attorneys, clerk/bailiff and jurors. Lawyers act as judges. Jury sentencing may include community service, counseling and writing essays and letters of apology.

Sus Derechos is a legal literacy program designed by the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Foundation to educate Hispanic immigrants in Southwest Missouri about the American legal system. The program counteracts challenges immigrants face due to language and cultural barriers that could leave them vulnerable to exploitation, such as being arrested for offenses that are illegal here, but are legal in Mexico or failing to show up for court dates on traffic tickets because they fear deportation. *Sus Derechos* consists of two immigration law seminars for professionals along with public forums on immigration law, Missouri employment law and a citizen's rights in court.

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