

**STATE BAR ASSOCIATION'S LAW, YOUTH AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM  
ANNOUNCES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND ATTORNEY/JUSTICE  
AWARD WINNERS**

*Program seeks nominations for 2008 awards*

ALBANY (Aug. 15, 2008) —The New York State Bar Association's Law, Youth and Citizenship Program today announced the recipients of its annual awards honoring excellence in law-related and civic education. Hon. James C. Hudson of Southold (Acting Suffolk County Supreme Court Justice) received the 2007 Distinguished Attorney/Justice Award and Edward C. Pangburn of Duanesburg received the 2007 Emil Zullo Distinguished Service Award.

Honored for his long history of contributions to law-related and civic education, Judge Hudson has served as a mock trial coach at Patchogue-Medford High School, lectured in the Children in the Courts Program, guest lectured at SUNY Stony Brook, volunteered as a judge for Forensics Science competitions and Law Day activities, and has been a major contributor to the Shiloh Moot Court Competitions involving area elementary schools. He is a board member at the Suffolk County Historical Society and is an assistant adjunct professor at Dowling College, Oakdale, NY.

The 21<sup>st</sup> educator to receive the Distinguished Teacher Award, Mr. Pangburn recently retired as a classroom teacher at Fort Plain High School. He also taught American History at Fulton Montgomery Community College, and has contributed in various ways as a test consultant for the NYS Education Department and the College Board. After 15 years as a Congressional District Coordinator for the "We the People" Program, he inspired his class to participate in the New York We the People hearings this past March. He was the 2005 recipient of the Capital District Council for the Social Studies of New York's prestigious Robert J. Neiderberger Award.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an outstanding attorney or judge and the Emil Zullo Distinguished Service Award is presented to an educator who have made an outstanding contribution to law-related and civic education and whose voluntary service has fostered understanding of the values of our legal and judicial systems; informed and educated students; stimulated a deeper sense of individual responsibility by helping students recognize their duties, as well as their rights; encouraged effective law-related education programs in their communities and in their schools; and increased

communication and understanding among students, educators and those involved professionally in the legal system.

Applications for the 2008 nominations for the Distinguished Educator and Attorney/Justice of the Year Awards are available at [www.lycny.org](http://www.lycny.org). The nomination deadline is September 26, 2008. The 2008 Awards will be given out in Spring 2009.

The 74,000-member New York State Bar Association is the official statewide organization of lawyers in New York and the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. Founded in 1876, NYSBA programs and activities have continuously served the public and improved the justice system for more than 130 years.