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JUDGE MCKIBBEN NAMED OUTSTANDING JUDGE OF THE YEAR BY FLORIDA LAW RELATED EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Circuit Judge Kelly J. McKibben is the recipient of the Florida Law Related Education Association's Outstanding Judge of the Year Award. The award was recently presented to Judge McKibben in front of a packed audience at The Florida Bar's annual meeting at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando.

Florida State University Law Professor and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Janeia Ingram presented the award. Professor Ingram spoke in glowing terms of Judge McKibben's service as a mentor judge and Justice Teaching volunteer. In her remarks, she praised Judge McKibben for her work with teachers throughout the state and with the Supreme Court's Justice Teaching Institute. "As a mentor judge, Judge McKibben helps facilitate discussions on the structure, function, and jurisdiction of the courts. She walks participants through the steps of a trial, including a mock motion to suppress hearing; and helps teachers prepare for their culminating event for the institute, which is a simulated appellate argument," said Professor Ingram. "Her demeanor and professionalism help to build trust and confidence in our courts and the judiciary."

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