

FBA's New Orleans Chapter Honors Two CJA Panel Members with the Camille F. Gravel, Jr. Pro Bono Award

At its annual meeting and luncheon on Friday, August 21, 2009, the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association honored CJA panel members Charles D. Marshall, III and Lindsay A. Larson, III with the Camille F. Gravel, Jr. Pro Bono Award. Over 300 members were in attendance to see the awards presented.

The award is named in honor of the late Camille Gravel, a veteran trial attorney and a champion in the battle for civil rights and equal justice irrespective of financial means. With the avowed intention to have the "ordinary practice of a country lawyer," Mr. Gravel hung out his shingle in Alexandria in the 1940's. Mr. Gravel's career paralleled the tumultuous years of the civil rights movement in the South, and his affinity for helping those in trouble led him to embrace fully the call for equal justice for all races. In 1980, an African American civil rights leader in Alexandria, and a contemporary of Mr. Gravel, wrote the following of him: "I know of no other man in this state who has been more dedicated to the problems of the weak, the oppressed, the downtrodden, the have-nots, and those who are least able to defend themselves than Camille Gravel."

The Camille Gravel Award recognizes an attorney who has done substantial pro bono legal work in keeping with the spirit and values exemplified by Mr. Gravel.

Charles D. Marshall, III received this prestigious award in recognition of his representation of Ronald Letulier in state post-conviction and federal *habeas corpus* proceedings in the Western District of Louisiana. Lindsay A. Larson, III was recognized for his representation of Julius Lucky in state post-conviction and federal *habeas corpus* proceedings in Louisiana 24th Judicial District Court.



Charles D. Marshall, III with Chaffe, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy, L.L.P.



Lindsay A. Larson, III of King, Krebs & Jurgens, P.L.L.C.

New CJA Panel Member Orientation

As you may recall, recently Cate Bartholomew, James Beane, James Carter, Christopher Edwards, Stephen Haedicke, Christine Lehmann, and Gary Proctor were added to the CJA panel. In conjunction with their panel membership, an orientation was held on September 17, 2009. Panel Representative Billy Gibbens, FPD Virginia Schlueter, Panel Administrator Barbara Daigle and Financial Administrator Heather Crain Davis discussed the appointment and voucher process. New panel members were advised that the time required for review and recommendation to the district court judge, approval by the judge and payment is ordinarily one month. Vouchers in excess of the statutory maximums typically require an additional three months for circuit review.

