



## **Honorary Leon Jaworski Award For Teaching Excellence In Law Focused Education**

**Purpose:** To recognize an individual in the field of education or law, who has made an outstanding contribution to law focused education through one or more of the criteria listed below:

- Foster and deepen an understanding of the values of our legal and judicial systems.
- Promote and encourage effective law focused education programs in their schools or communities which promote civic engagement and civic knowledge. Facilitate and increase communication and understanding between students, educators, and those involved professionally in the legal system.

### **Eligibility:**

- Can be a licensed attorney or judge in the state of Texas in good standing or a college or university personnel, paralegal or district level supervisor of social studies.
- Individuals, groups or organizations working on law related education projects are eligible for the award with preference given to those nominees engaged in work supporting LFEI programs.
- Classroom teachers are not eligible since they can apply for the regular Leon Jaworski Award.

### **Nomination packet must include the following:**

- Letter of recommendation by the person nominating the candidate
- Applicant's resume

March 21, 2018

To the Law Focused Education, Inc. Board of Directors and the Law Focused Education Committee Members:

I would like to submit for consideration for the Honorary Leon Jaworski Award for Teaching Excellence in Law Focused Education the name of Mavis Triebel, an outstanding Texas Educator. As I reviewed the purpose of the Leon Jaworski Award, I was reminded again of the service Mavis Triebel has done for decades to further law focused education, to foster an understanding of our legal systems with students and help them understand their role in these systems and develop their individual sense of responsibility and duty, and, overall, to encourage effective law focused education. Her impact in all these areas is felt directly and daily in Texas impacting students and peer educators by encouraging civic engagement and knowledge.

Mavis Triebel deserves the Honorary Jaworski Award for numerous reasons. These include her dedication to the Texas Citizen Bee program stretching back to the time it was sponsored by Close-Up and the *Dallas Morning News*. When the Law-Related Education Department took over the contest for the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation, Mavis was the expert we turned to establish the program across the state. Not only does she serve as the Coordinator for Region 5, she also serves as the proctor for the State Competition held every spring. Mavis goes beyond our expectations for our regional coordinators. Using her connections to the local community, she solicits other sponsors to be sure that her competitors have a quality experience at the contest and the public is aware of this opportunity. Every year, she finds sponsors who donate other awards for the students. She consistently has one of the larger regional contests year after year across the state. As we modernized the website and contest this year, Mavis was an invaluable resource on which we relied. Reviewing her biography you will see many other stellar contributions to Texas education. She is most deserving of this award. It is with great respect and appreciation that I nominate Mavis Triebel for the 2018 Leon Jaworski Award.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara

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**Mavis Triebel**

Instructor of in the Liberal Arts Department at Lamar University

**Education**

Bachelor of Science and Government--Lamar University, 1984

Masters of Public Administration--Lamar University, 1987

**Awards**

- Minnie Stevens Piper Professor of Government 2012
- Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, recognizing Piper Award 2012
- Julie and Ben Rogers Community Service Award, 2004
- Teaching Excellence Awards, 1995, 1996, 1998
- University Excellence Award, 1996, 2000
- Texas Community Colleges Teachers' Association Legislative Committee, 2011-2016
- President Texas State University System Council of Faculty Senate 2000-2017
- Vice President East District Texas Council of Faculty Senates, 2010
- President Department Club of Port Arthur, 2012-2016
- Exceptional Board Leadership Award 2013-2014, American Red Cross
- President, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, Texas Association of College Teachers

**Other Credentials**

- Texas Teacher's Certificate for Secondary Education, Lamar University, 1987

**Memberships**

- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society
- Pi Sigma Alpha Society for Honor Graduates of Political Science
- Texas Association of College Teachers
- Texas Community College Teachers Association
- Sigma Kappa Delta, Lambda Alpha Chapter, National English Society
- Board of Directors, Beaumont Chapter of American Red Cross
- Department Club of Port Arthur
- Symphony Club of Port Arthur