



THE 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 29, 2021
Law Focused Education Committee and Law Focused Education, Inc.
State Bar of Texas
1414 Colorado Street #407
Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Nomination of Dr. James Calvi for the Honorary Award Leon Jaworski Award

Dear Law Focused Education Committee and Law Focused Education, Inc. Board:

I would like to nominate Dr. James Calvi for the 2021 Honorary Leon Jaworski Award for his work with the Law-Related Education program. He has demonstrated his commitment to civic education and engagement by serving as a scholar for the Law-Related Education program and as ESC Region 16 Texas Citizen Bee Coordinator.

Dr. Calvi joined the Law-Related Education team of scholars as a lecturer on Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution. It became evident very quickly that his style and mastery of the material was a crowd pleaser. Since he started, his responsibility has expanded to include the early American documents that influenced the creation of the Constitution; the successful Oyez, Oyez, Oyez webinar series on cases before the U.S. Supreme Court; and his expertise on the structure and function of Texas government. This past year he was instrumental in creating video segments of his presentations so in this virtual world teachers would not miss out on the opportunity to participate fully in our program.

As Texas Citizen Bee Coordinator for Region 16 Education Service Center, he has grown the program from only a few students to a good size competition. Working with the ESC, he has strived to reach rural districts in order to offer them the same opportunities as the larger cities in the area. For example, this year he was able to get the Amarillo area Boys Ranch school and facility to participate in this worthwhile competition. In their very first year of competition, they did well and advanced several students to the top ten.

Dr. Calvi is an asset to the Law-Related Education program and is very worthy of receiving the Honorary Leon Jaworski Award.

Sincerely,
Professor Jerry Perry
Head LRE Scholar

James V. Calvi, Ph.D.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1977
M.A., Political Science, Oklahoma State University, 1974
B.A., Political Science, Oklahoma State University, 1971

Honors/Awards

- Professor and Head, Department of History, Political Science & Criminal Justice, 1994-2001
- WTAMU Teaching Excellence Award, 2002-03
- WTAMU Research Excellence Award, 1995-96

Professional Experience

- Associate Dean, College of Education and Social Sciences, West Texas A&M University, 2009-2016
- Professor, Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice, West Texas A&M University, 1996-Present
- Associate Professor, Department of History, Political Science and Criminal Justice, West Texas A&M University, 1988-1996
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, West Texas State University, 1982-1988
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Georgia Southern University, 1978-1982
- Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, North Texas State University, 1977-1978

Professional

- Chair, Prelaw Advisors National Council, 2005-2007
- Co-Chair, Prelaw Advisors National Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada 2008

Publications

- James V. Calvi and Susan Coleman, *American Law & Legal Systems*, 6th edition, 2008
- Susan Coleman, James V. Calvi and Fred L. Marsh, *Texas Government*, 1996
- James V. Calvi and Susan Coleman, *Cases in Constitutional Law: Summaries and Critiques*, 1994

Community Involvement

- Canyon Lions Club Board of Directors, 2006-2008
- Canyon Kiwanis Club, 1982-2005