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Judge Mike McPhail of Hattiesburg Receives Mississippi Bar Foundation’s 2017 Law-Related Public Education Award

Judge Mike McPhail of Hattiesburg as this year’s recipient of the Law-Related Public Education Award. This award is presented to a lawyer who has displayed excellence in enhancing the public’s understanding of the law and the legal system.

Judge McPhail graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi and received his J.D degree from Mississippi College School of Law. He currently serves as County and Youth Court Judge for Forrest County and is the Presiding Judge for the Forrest County Juvenile Drug Court Program.

He is a passionate advocate for children and has worked tirelessly in the field of juvenile justice. He serves on the Board of Governors of the MS Judicial College; is a member of the MS Commission of Children’s Justice, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and a member of numerous boards, commissions and coalitions addressing juvenile justice issues.

The Bar’s Young Lawyers Division hosted its 34th Annual High School Mock Trial competition this year. Over 200 students from 26 different schools across the state participated. Without the help of nearly 200 volunteer attorneys
serving as judges for the competition, this competition would not be possible. These volunteers give off their time to study the case materials and rules of the competition and judge the rounds of competitions on the regional and statewide levels.

Judge McPhail is being recognized tonight for his voluntary service as a judge for the Mock Trial Competition for 25+ years!

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Judge Mike McPhail of Hattiesburg was recognized as this year’s recipient of the Law-Related Public Education Award from the Mississippi Bar Foundation during their Annual Meeting in April in Jackson.