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**SIX VOLUNTEER LEGAL STALWARTS HONORED
DURING LSEM'S "VOLUNTEERING FOR JUSTICE" DINNER**

ST. LOUIS – Six of the top volunteers from the St. Louis legal community were honored during Legal Services of Eastern Missouri's (LSEM) first "For the Common Good...Volunteering for Justice" dinner on May 21 at the Hilton St. Louis Hotel at the Ballpark.

"Our inaugural 'Volunteering for Justice' dinner was a big success and truly reflected the spirit and passion of the men and women we honored," said Dan Glazier, LSEM Executive Director and General Counsel who delivered the opening remarks. "It was a great evening for the volunteers and Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. I can't thank the legal community enough for their ongoing support."

The awards, which will be presented annually, are named in honor of those who played a pivotal role in the Volunteer Lawyers Program either at LSEM or on a national level. The awards and the 2008 honorees were:

- **The Richard B. Teitelman Distinguished Service Award.**
Suzanne Brown – Law Offices of Suzanne Brown.
- **The John R. Essner Young Lawyer of the Year Award.**
Kristopher Lyle – Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP.
Deron Sugg – Breeze, Roberts, Ponder-Bates & Zimmer L.L.C.
- **The F. Wm. McCalpin Pro Bono Award.**
Elizabeth Christmas – Attorney at Law.
Mark Kaltenrieder – Thompson Coburn LLP.
- **The Gerald R. Ortvals Outstanding Law Firm Award.**
Carmody MacDonald PC.

Jim Guest, LSEM's Director of the Volunteer Lawyer Program, presided over the awards presentations. Each honoree received a plaque honoring them for their commitment to volunteer work.

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Capping off the dinner was Sister Helen Prejean, who served as keynote speaker. An internationally known author and tireless campaigner against the death penalty, Sister Prejean is the author of “Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States.” The book became a best seller and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and spawned an Oscar-winning movie.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri is an independent, non-profit organization that has provided high quality legal assistance in civil cases to the low-income community for more than 50 years. In 2007, LSEM represented over 7,100 clients in 21 counties.

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