

Windsor Teacher Receives OJEN's Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educator Award

The recipient of OJEN's 2012 Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educators Award is Norm Innocente, an educator recently retired from the Windsor- Essex Catholic District School Board. Mr. Innocente was recognized for his contributions to teaching secondary school Law over a remarkable career which spanned 37 years. The award was presented at a reception at Osgoode Hall on August 28th, 2012 in front of an audience of his colleagues, justice professionals, and approximately 100 educators attending OJEN's Toronto Summer Law Institute.



The award is named after two of the original members of OJEN's Board of Directors. Allan Hux, represented the Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association and Justice Fran Kiteley, represented the Superior Court of Justice and was OJEN's first Chair. This annual award commemorates their foundational role in the establishment of OJEN. Mr. Hux and Justice Kiteley presented the award. Norm Innocente taught for 37 years in the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board during which he taught Law for 34. For the past 22 years he taught at F.J. Brennan Catholic High School and also taught Law for 25 years at the Mason Centre, an adult high-school. Always innovative in his teaching style, he utilized a wide range of teaching resources and introduced his students to guest speakers representing every facet of the justice community. From judges and lawyers to individuals who had been convicted of crimes, Mr. Innocente opened his classroom to those who offered different perspectives and first-hand experiences that would bring his Law lessons to life. Over his teaching career he brought over 200 speakers into his classroom.

Outside the classroom Mr. Innocente continued to pursue his interest in Law by volunteering at Crime Stoppers and St. Leonards House, a halfway house for adult offenders.

Not only did he continually strive for professional development himself, he was generous in helping his colleagues. He mentored eight new Law teachers in the Windsor-Essex area, sharing the wealth of experience he had gained through his many years in the field.

For his outstanding leadership in promoting justice education in the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, Norm Innocente is a deserving recipient of the 2012 Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educator Award.