

Pat Noble Receives Inaugural OJEN Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educator Award

The inaugural recipient of OJEN's Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educators Award is Pat Noble, an educator with the Peel District School Board. Ms Noble has been a trailblazer in the promotion of justice education in Peel Region, developing strong relationships between school and justice communities that support the success of students. The award will be presented at a reception at Osgoode Hall on August 30, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in front of an audience of her colleagues, justice professionals, and 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 will present the inaugural award.

Pat Noble was both an elementary and secondary school teacher before becoming a vice-principal in 1998 and a principal in 2002. This month she assumed the role of Superintendent of Education for the Peel District School Board with responsibility for ten secondary schools and over twelve thousand students. As a member of the OJEN Committee in the region since 2002 Pat was active in organizing the first Mock Trial Tournament at the Brampton Court House for local high school students in 2003. Due to her strong networking and advocacy skills the event attracted widespread support both from the Peel District School Board and the legal community. Next year, the tournament celebrates its tenth anniversary, one of the very successful OJEN Mock Trial events in the province.

Pat also helped launch OJEN's Adopt-a-School program in Peel, matching lawyer volunteers to law teachers, and also established an annual Law Institute for local teachers.

As principal of Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary School in Brampton, Pat was influential in establishing a Specialist High Skills Major in Justice, offering specialized programs on the Canadian legal system, for students interested in pursuing careers in the justice sector.

For her outstanding leadership in promoting justice education in Peel Region, Pat Noble is a deserving recipient of the 2011 Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educator Award.

