

Texas Lawyers Auxiliary, an organization affiliated with the State Bar of Texas, is proud to announce the winner of the **2010 Texas Lawyers Auxiliary Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Award**. The recipient was chosen from applications submitted throughout Texas by public and private high school teachers. The winner was selected based on their innovation, dedication and inspiration in the field of law-related education. Judges were chosen from attorneys throughout the state. Each year the winner is presented a \$1,000 cash (check) award and framed certificate at the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in June.

Congratulations to the 2010 Teacher of the Year!

Joseph P. Wicker, a teacher at Skyline High School in the Dallas Independent School District, received the prestigious **2010 TLA LRE TOY Award**. He is a law, business and education professional who has combined his legal and professional experience with teaching skills. Following his retirement as a practicing attorney and General Counsel of a public company, he went back to school, received his teaching certificate, and for the last several years has been teaching a comprehensive law curriculum to urban-based, minority high school students. His four-year curriculum emphasizes student understanding of the U. S. and state court systems, agencies, and various other aspects of the legal profession. He also teaches a course in Constitutional Law in which students recognize their duties as well as their rights.



In addition to serving as the Learning Director in the “Man and His Environment” Advanced Social Sciences Magnet Program at Skyline High School, Joe is the proud sponsor of the award-winning Skyline High School Mock Trial Team. His team was the 2009 Texas State Champion; the 2009 and 2010 Dallas Regional Champions; the Texas State semi-finalists in 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2010; and the Texas State finalist in 2006. The team placed fifth in State in 2010. Joe’s students have achieved either Valedictorian or Salutatorian status out of senior classes of approximately 1,000 students for each of the last five years. His former students are now attending or have graduated from national universities such as the University of Pennsylvania, Rice University, the U. S. Naval Academy, Georgetown University, U. C. L. A., the University of Texas and Texas A & M University. Those students have also become true citizens of their communities, participating in various political campaigns and community service projects.

Joe is also the coordinator of the YMCA Youth and Government District and State judicial teams. He was named the 2008 International Educator of the Year by the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth and the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary 2009 Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year.

TLA is thrilled to honor this caring and dedicated teacher!