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Former and Present Civil Service Commissioners Receive Monte M. Lemann Award

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State Civil Service is pleased to recognize Commissioner D. Scott Hughes and former Commissioner Kenneth Polite, Jr. on the honor of being selected as recipients of the Monte M. Lemann Award.

This prestigious award is given to five individuals outside of the state classified service who have made the greatest contributions to the advancement of Louisiana's merit system of public employment. The award is named for Monte M. Lemann, a longtime supporter and defender of civil service in Louisiana.

"These hardworking, dedicated Louisiana citizens are committed to upholding the principles of the merit system and I am honored to have them serve on the State Civil Service Commission," said Shannon S. Templett, Director of State Civil Service.

Mr. Hughes is a current member of the State Civil Service Commission, having served in that capacity since 2010. He is also the Association Executive of the Northwest Louisiana Association of Realtors. Mr. Polite served on the Commission from 2010 until his appointment as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana in Sept. 2013. Messrs. Hughes and Polite were nominated for the award as a result of their exemplary service on the Commission.

Other present members of the Commission who are previous recipients of the Monte M. Lemann Award are David L. Duplantier (2010), Chairman; John McLure (1995), Vice-Chairman; and G. Lee Griffin (2008), Member.

The other recipients of the 2014 Monte M. Lemann Awards were Mr. M. Craig Colwart of New Iberia, Dr. Abdalla Darwish of Kenner, and Ron Henson of Baton Rouge. The award ceremony was held on October 24, in New Orleans.

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To provide human resource services and programs that enable state government to attract, develop and retain a productive and diverse workforce that excels in delivering quality services to the citizens of Louisiana.