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Constitutional Rights Foundation Honors OCSC Volunteers

Orange County's Constitutional Rights Foundation recently recognized Hon. Lance P. Jensen, Felony Trial Panel Judge and Lori Maze, Juvenile Court Staff Counsel for their volunteer work in civic engagement programs of the Foundation.



“To be recognized for my 16 years of volunteer work with the Constitutional Rights Foundation-Orange County is an honor,” said Judge Jensen. “My role as a judge transcends outside what happens in my courtroom every day. The opportunity to give back by working with schools and allowing students to experience how our judicial system works fulfills my role as a judge, a citizen.”

The six programs offered by CRF-OC are Mock Trial, Peer Court, The Orange County Career Forum, Law Day, Constitution Day, and Middle School Moot Court and are made available to all high school students in Orange County at no cost to participating youth. Orange County Superior Court is supporting all programs of the Foundation.

“The awards that Judge Jensen and I received show that the Orange County Superior Court is more than just a building where people come to file lawsuits, pay traffic tickets, or perform jury service,” said Ms. Maze. “Court employees and Judicial officers truly care on a deeper and more personal

level, about the people in the community, the impact that the court has on their daily lives, and their access to justice.”

The programs that CRF-OC offers work together to improve civic awareness, learning, and engagement in California and help to foster local teens' understanding and appreciation of our democratic and judicial institutions and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, develop

academic and leadership skills, instill an interest in contributing to the larger community, and aspire to professional careers.

“I was raised by parents who never let me forget that the opportunities I have had in my life come with an obligation to give back,” Judge Jensen said.

The Constitutional Rights Foundation, Orange County (CRF-OC) is a local non-profit, non-partisan education organization dedicated to promoting civic literacy, youth leadership, and career awareness among Orange County teens.

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