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Judge D. Nicole Sheppard Receives 2024 Civil Rights Outstanding Leadership Justice By Action Award



(Pictured L to R) NOBLE President Rodney Bryant, Judge Sheppard, Professor Linda Williams & NOBLE Director Ceasar Ruffin

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Civil Rights Committee was thrilled to name Orleans Parish Civil District Court Judge D. Nicole Sheppard as their 2024 Civil Rights Outstanding Leadership Justice By Action Award recipient for her tireless work in serving the community through education and access to justice. The award was presented recently at NOBLE's annual training meeting in New Orleans.

The Civil Rights Outstanding Leadership Justice By Action Award is presented to a leader who has demonstrated a high degree of dedication, proven by their commitment to addressing discrimination and the challenges of prejudice while serving as a community advocate. Judge Sheppard has devoted most of her life to public service and youth engagement in various capacities. Over the past fifteen years, she has expanded her community service efforts by coordinating criminal justice symposiums at local universities and organizing, sponsoring, and facilitating an annual free, open-access domestic violence conference. She also developed New Orleans' first Traffic Court Warrant Amnesty Day, benefiting over 1,100 citizens, and established the city's first HIV Clergy Testing Day.

Judge Sheppard expressed deep gratitude and was honored to accept the award. She stated, "I am immensely humbled and grateful to receive this award, knowing that I stand on the shoulders of my mother, Celesia Perry Ferrand, and my grandmother, Evelyn Brooks Alexander, who are no longer with us. I am very thankful to God for such an awesome blessing to be recognized for doing the work He has called me to do.

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