

ED LANGE LEGACY AWARD

NOMINATION



The Ed Lange Legacy Award will recognize and honor a mock trial teacher who shows outstanding devotion to their students, a commitment to professionalism, and a desire to instill a love for law and learning in their classroom while pushing students to their full potential.

About Ed Lange

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior reach demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.” – William Arthur Ward

There is no better reflection of this quote than the career of Jacksonville law studies teacher Ed Lange. Ed began teaching at Fletcher High School in 1983. By 1989, he had already left a lasting impact on the school by developing the curriculum for his law studies class and building a courtroom with his own hands through community financial support.

But Ed Lange built much more than a courtroom. He constructed an incredible program where students would flourish and find their love for law and learning. He established a reputation as a teacher who was respected, cherished, and loved for challenging students and pushing them to their full potential. He created lasting and meaningful relationships with his students, colleagues, and the community.

Outside of classroom B-2 at Fletcher High School, there is a sign that reads “This room is dedicated to Edward Lange, Mock Trial Coach, Teacher, and Mentor.” The sign marks an incredible legacy in legal education in the State of Florida. Thousands of students would pass through his law class and leave inspired, motivated, and better for knowing Ed Lange. Since 1989, 6500 students have taken Ed Lange’s law classes, 150 have graduated from law school, and more than 35 students went on become law enforcement officers including careers with the FBI, U.S. Marshal’s Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, and other state law enforcement agencies.

After 32 years in the classroom, or more appropriately, courtroom, Ed retired. As you looked around his courtroom, it was clear that he had a successful career. Among his many accolades and awards were two Florida High School Mock Trial State Finals championships, 12 top ten finishes at state finals, and 3 top ten finishes in national and international mock trial programs. In the final week of his teaching career he had learned that he would be recognized as the Justice Teaching Teacher of the Year, an award he was humbled to receive. As his final day in the classroom concluded, he was greeted with the faces of students, friends, and colleagues from the past, all who came to pay tribute to the immeasurable contribution he made to their lives. Just four days later, on June 10, 2015 Ed Lange passed away.

It is impossible to convey the depth with which Ed Lange will be missed, but his legacy lives on in each of his students, and all who knew him, who learned invaluable lessons about life, the law, and themselves through his inspired teaching.

Ed Lange Legacy Award Nomination Form

CRITERIA AND QUALITIES FOR THE ED LANGE LEGACY AWARD:

- Current mock trial sponsor
- Current teacher at a Florida High School
- An outstanding devotion to his/her students
- Teaches professionalism to his/her students by words and by example
- Finds potential in his/her students and pushes them to meet that potential
- Demonstrates a respect and love for the law and mock trial

Please type or print. Please provide a separate form for each nominee.

NOMINEE (TEACHER)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Position / Title _____ Email Address _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

NOMINATOR (STUDENT OR ATTORNEY COACH)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Position / Title _____ Email Address _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

SELECTION CRITERIA:

In 500 words or less, please describe why you feel your nominee should be considered for the Ed Lange Legacy Award. Please include the nominee's qualifications such as length of service/participation in the Florida High School Mock Trial competition; the extent of that participation; the importance or significance of the nominee's contribution/s; and how they have embodied the qualities listed above.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: Please send completed nomination form with no more than three (3) letters of support e-mailed not later than March 17, 2017 to staff@flrea.org or ewatson@flrea.org.

QUESTIONS?

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