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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, RICHARD A. NIELSEN, RECEIVES 2011 ABRAHAM LINCOLN AWARD

The Honorable Richard A. Nielsen was presented the Abraham Lincoln Award by The Tampa Bay American Inn of Court on June 14, 2011. The award is presented annually to the member who best exemplifies the goals of the Inn in promoting legal excellence, civility, professionalism, and ethics in the practice of law. Judge Nielsen joined the Tampa Bay Inn of Court in 1994 and was the President Elect 2002-2003, and President 2003-2004. He is also a member of The Florida Bar Civil Rules Committee (2007 – present), Co-Chairman of the Thirteenth Circuit Professionalism Committee (2009 – present), and American College of Business Court Judges (2007-present). Judge Nielsen has been active in Florida judicial education for the past eight years. From 2002-2008 he served as an instructor or a department head for the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies for Florida judges. The Abraham Lincoln Award is accompanied by a contribution to the Hillsborough County Bar Association Foundation, which supports and promotes programs and projects which encourage assistance to the poor and disadvantaged, primarily with regard to their legal needs and to educate the public about the legal system. Judge Nielsen's name will be placed on the Lincoln Award plaque in the lobby of the Chester H. Ferguson Law Center, and a brick in his name will be placed in the commemorative brick walkway outside the Law Center. He has served as a circuit court judge since 2000 when appointed by Governor Jeb Bush.



Judge Richard A. Nielsen, winner of 2011 Abraham Lincoln Award,
along with the Honorable Lisa Campbell, President of The Tampa Bay
American Inn of Court