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Judge Claudia Isom Receives First Lincoln Award from Tampa Bay American Inn of Court

The Tampa Bay American Inn of Court* announces the establishment of the Abraham Lincoln Award, an annual award given to the member who best exemplifies the goals of the Inn in promoting legal excellence, civility, professionalism, and ethics in the practice of law. The first recipient of the award was the Honorable Claudia Rickert Isom, circuit judge, a founding member of the Inn who has served as its president. The 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. The names of the award recipients will be placed on a plaque that will be displayed at the Chester H. Ferguson Law Center, and a brick in the name of the recipient will be placed in the commemorative brick walkway outside the Law Center.

* For more information about the American Inns of Court, please see

<http://www.innsofcourt.org/>

** <http://www.hillsbar.com/Hillsborough%20County%20Bar%20Foundation/AboutUs.aspx#>



Officers of the Tampa Bay American Inn of Court pictured with Judge Isom, from left to right David C. Banker, Executive Director; Judge Isom; Hon. Ralph C. Stoddard, Counselor; Hon. John N. Conrad, President; and J. Meredith Wester, Treasurer