

Greg Peterson to receive 2011 Distinguished Service Award from New York State Law, Youth and Citizenship Committee

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Gregory L. Peterson, president of the Robert H. Jackson Center, has been selected by the Law, Youth and Citizenship Committee of the New York State Bar Association for their 2011 Distinguished Service Award.

The award recognizes someone from the legal profession who has made an outstanding contribution to law-related education and whose voluntary service has: fostered understanding of the values of our legal and judicial systems; informed and educated students as to the roles in society of the law, the courts, the law enforcement agencies and the legal profession; stimulated a deeper sense of individual responsibility by helping students recognize their duties, as well as their rights; encouraged effective law-related education programs in their communities and in their schools; and increased communication and understanding among students, educators and those involved professionally in the legal system.

Mr. Peterson will be presented with his award by representatives from the Law, Youth and Citizenship committee on February 28 at a program which will be free and open to the public. The event will take place concurrently with the Robert H. Jackson Center's Young Reader Program with Phillip Hoose, award-winning author of "Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice" and "We Were There, Too! Young People in U.S. History."

The public is invited to attend a pasta dinner at 6:00 pm at a cost of \$10.00 per person, and reservations may be made by calling the Jackson Center at 483-6646 or e-mailing info@roberthjackson.org. At 7:00 pm, the free event will include the awards presentation and discussion with the author.

Greg Peterson is president and founder of the Robert H. Jackson Center. He is a partner in the law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP and resides in Lakewood. He received his Juris Doctor in 1976 from Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, PA, and Bachelor of Arts in 1973 from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. He is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court, American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Jamestown Bar Association and Bar Association of Northern Chautauqua County. He sits on the board of many County organizations including the Board of Directors at S.U.N.Y., the Fredonia Foundation and the Board of Directors of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, Inc. Mr. Peterson has received many awards including the "Service to Mankind Award" presented to him by the Jamestown Sertoma Club in 1994; the Community Service Award presented to him by three separate organizations in 2000; and the Chautauqua Leadership Award in 2001.

John A. Jackson, Peterson's fellow board member at the Jackson Center, remarked, "It is hard to imagine a person who fits more closely in the criteria established for this award. It is also significant that these criteria are so relevant to the wellbeing of our society."

The Robert H. Jackson Center's mission is to advance the legacy of Robert H. Jackson-U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Chief U.S. Prosecutor of the major Nazi war criminals following WWII at the

International Military Tribunal (IMT) trial at Nuremberg-through education and exhibits, and by pursuing the relevance of his ideas for future generations. The Center is located at 305 East Fourth Street, Jamestown, NY. Tours are available from 10 a.m. 4 p.m., Monday Friday and from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Visit www.roberthjackson.org for additional information or contact the Robert H. Jackson Center at (716) 483-6646. The Center can also be found on Facebook (Robert H. Jackson Center fan page) & Twitter (follow RHJCenter).