



Newport Beach, CA, April 10, 2014 – Edmond Connor was presented with the Marcus M. Kaufman Jurisprudence Award by the Anti-Defamation League at its annual dinner reception at the Island Hotel. Since 1993, ADL has bestowed the Award on attorneys who have made exceptional contributions to both the community and the legal profession. Recipients of the Award exemplify ADL’s goals of safeguarding human rights and fighting bigotry of all kinds.

Jennifer Keller, one of Orange County’s most distinguished trial attorneys, presented the award to Mr. Connor in front of an audience of 400 of his peers. Ms. Keller described some of Mr. Connor’s many accomplishments, including a \$60 million settlement on behalf of two school districts comprised of low-income students for the purpose of constructing new schools to reduce severe overcrowding. Moreover, Ms. Keller described Mr. Connor current efforts to curb pollution emanating from a waste transfer facility next to an elementary school attended by low-income students.

After accepting the Award from Ms. Keller, Mr. Connor gave a short speech in which he thanked his wife, Sue Connor, and his law partners who had fought for ADL’s priorities along the way. Mr. Connor highlighted the very real sacrifices endured by judges who have taken unpopular positions, and thanked them for their commitment to protecting the civil rights and human dignity of all persons. Mr. Connor also spoke to the ADL’s goal of combating stereotypes.

This year, the ADL also bestowed the Award upon Don Martens, the founding partner of one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States, and Arnold Pinkston, the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Allergan, Inc.

Prior to forming Connor, Fletcher & Hedenkamp, Mr. Connor served as the managing partner of the litigation department in Morrison Foerster’s Orange County office. In addition, Mr. Connor served as the Chairman of the Orange County Public Law Center and as President of the Orange County Bar Association. Mr. Connor previously was awarded the ABA Pro Bono Publico Award, the OCBA Liberty Bell Award, and the Public Law Center’s Attorney of the Year Award.