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You are invited to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> annual

## LEA Legislative Awards Banquet

**Thursday, February 21, 2013 -- At the Kelly Inn, St. Paul**  
161 St. Anthony Avenue (near Rice Street next to Sears, free parking on site)

PRESENTING AWARDS TO 2012 REPORT HONOREES

Representatives: Mark Buesgens, Keith Downey, Steve Drazkowski, Sondra Erickson, Kathy Lohmer, Duane Quam,  
Linda Runbeck, Peggy Scott, Doug Wardlow

**Social Hour and Registration Begins at 5:30 P.M. -- Dinner 6:30 P.M.**

With Featured Speaker:

Lee McGrath (Executive Director of the Institute for Justice, Minnesota Chapter)

"Our Constitution and the Battle for Economic Freedom"

*Lee McGrath is the Executive Director of the Institute for Justice, Minnesota Chapter. Under McGrath's leadership, the IJ Minnesota chapter has launched a successful campaign to restore economic liberty as a basic civil right under both the Minnesota State and U.S. Constitutions. From hairbraiders to advertisers to property owners, IJ has defended private property and the fundamental right to make an honest living. Lee received his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul, where he was the president of the local Federalist Society chapter. Lee also holds an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University. Lee was also a Policy Fellow at the Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota.*

Come join us for an evening with champions of constitutional government from across Minnesota as we gather to hear from LEA's legislative honorees and present LEA award-plaques to those who earned honors in our 2012 report.

There will also be tributes to Walter Klaus and K.J. McDonald, two long time LEA activists and Minnesota statesmen who passed away during the past year. They will both be sorely missed.

Our gathering consists of an annual awards banquet and LEA members' meeting. The terms of five board members are ending, and some have indicated they will not be standing for re-election. Those whose 2013 dues payments of \$10 have been received or at least postmarked by February 14 may participate in the business meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact the LEA Nominating Committee, no later than February 14, by calling, or sending an e-mail to: [secretary@lea-mn.org](mailto:secretary@lea-mn.org).

Reserve your dinner and pay your 2013 dues of \$10 (if you haven't already done so) using the form on the following page. Advance reservations should be received by Friday, February 15th. The cost per dinner is \$30 if paid in advance, and \$35 at the door. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet!

  
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After forty years, LEA dues remain modest at only \$10 per person. Note that the annual dinner is not a fundraiser. To encourage attendance, we charge only what it costs for us to host the dinner and purchase awards for our honorees. Thank you to everyone who has submitted their dues early for this year.

In addition to producing the annual LEA report, we have been active with outreach activities. Our work should be presented to as wide an audience as possible to have maximum impact. John Augustine has spoken to numerous civic groups and rallies, and we have had tables at a number of events. Your membership dues and donations make our activities possible. Please consider this when paying our very modest dues. Your donation could make a huge difference in our reach, and possible expansion in areas such as on-line content. To those of you who have already donated, your generosity is greatly appreciated. As an all-volunteer, citizen-run organization with no paid staff, you can be sure that your contributions are well spent.

If you are interested in helping the LEA track legislation for inclusion in our 2013 report by serving on one of our committees or advisory boards, or if you know of any of your friends and neighbors who should be added to our distribution and membership lists, please e-mail us or include a note with your dues/dinner payment.

*CREDO - The Legislative Evaluation Assembly of Minnesota is a non-profit organization established to keep the citizens of Minnesota informed of both important legislation and the voting performance of each Senator and Representative in the Minnesota State Legislature. LEA bases its evaluation on the traditional American principles of constitutionalism, limited government, free enterprise, legal and moral order with justice and individual liberty and dignity. The LEA encourages the use of the material in its reports in whole or in part, by any group or individual.*

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## LEA DINNER RESPONSE FORM

Please return the form below along with your payment

Enclosed are:

- Annual dues for 2013 (\$10 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Reservation(s) for 2013 Annual Dinner (\$30 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*This year we will be having a deluxe buffet with lemon-pepper cod and hand-carved roast sirloin beef.*

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to LEA, and remit to:**

Legislative Evaluation Assembly, P. O. Box 25803, Woodbury, MN 55125

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other dinner guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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