



## Temple and Hogsette Law Group Celebrates 21 Years of Recognizing Florence School District One's "Teachers of the Year"



Temple and Hogsette Law Group is proud to mark 21 years of supporting and celebrating the educators of Florence School District One through its annual "Teachers of the Year" recognition. This event honors the incredible dedication, innovation, and commitment that these teachers demonstrate as they shape the minds of our community's youth.

The recognition event, established by the law firm in 2005, has become a hallmark of recognition for exceptional educators who go above and beyond to inspire and empower students. Over the years, the Florence community has gathered to celebrate these remarkable educators, acknowledging their commitment to academic excellence, student development, and community service.

Senator Hugh Leatherman hosted the inaugural "Teachers of the Year" event and did so until his death. The recognition continues today with the support of the Florence County Legislative Delegation, including Representatives Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Phillip D. Lowe, Robert Williams, Roger Kirby, and Senator Mike Reichenbach. These leaders help host the event at the South Carolina Statehouse, where teachers are celebrated through a private tour, legislative recognition, and the presentation of commemorative certificates during a luncheon with Florence County's legislative delegation.

"Celebrating our teachers is one of the most important things we can do as a community," said E. Hood Temple, Founding Partner of Temple and Hogsette Law Group. "The dedication, hard work, and passion these teachers show daily create lasting impacts that resonate far beyond the classroom. We are honored to continue this tradition, ensuring that their contributions do not go unnoticed."

The Teachers of the Year include:

Advantage Academy - Kayla Iseman

Alfred Rush Academy- Pansy Ezekiel

Briggs Elementary - Janet "Dee" Stone

Brockington Elementary - Tammy Adams

Carver Elementary - Paige Newton

Delmae Elementary- Carson Kleinknecht

Dewey L. Carter Elementary - Tiffany Golden

Florence 1 Adult Education - Katrina Powell

Greenwood Elementary- Sherri Keefe

Henry Timrod Elementary- Pamola McKeever

John W. Moore Middle School - Krystal Fuentes

Lucy T. Davis Elementary - Elizabeth McCall

McLaurin Elementary- Marjorie Henry

North Vista Elementary- Tamika Bacchus

RN Beck Child Development Center- Tsahai Russell

Royall Elementary- Erin Poston

Savannah Grove Elementary- Candice Heyward

Sneed Middle School - Alisha E. Spears

South Florence High School- Shawn Armstrong

Southside Middle School - Natarsha Bivens

Theodore Lester Elementary - Meredith Scott

Wallace Gregg Elementary - Latonya Brown

West Florence High School- Abby Sullivan

Williams Middle School- Orain Knight

Wilson High School- Angelica McDonald

Woods Road Child Development Center - Casey Jordan

Dr. Carson Kleinknecht is Florence School District 1's teacher of the year for the entire district. Dr. Kleinknecht said she was inspired by the teachers who threw their traditional textbook style of teaching out the window and met her with a hands-on approach which allowed her to meet her fullest potential. She attended Delmae Elementary School where she currently works and is a product of Florence 1 Schools.

"This award is a celebration of much more than teaching excellence; it recognizes the unwavering commitment of educators who go beyond the classroom to inspire, mentor, and shape the future of our students," said Alec Hogsette, Partner at Temple and Hogsette Law. "These teachers set a high standard for all, and their influence extends far beyond their classrooms, enriching the entire Florence 1 Schools community. We are honored to carry on this tradition that was first established by Hood Temple and Senator Hugh Leatherman."

In addition to honoring the teachers, Temple and Hogsette Law also takes this opportunity to recognize the outstanding leadership of Dr. Richard O'Malley, the current Superintendent of Florence School District One. Dr. O'Malley has been a true asset to both the district and the Florence community, consistently working to strengthen the educational foundation for all students. His leadership, innovative initiatives, and tireless dedication have greatly contributed to the district's success and the personal growth of its students. Under his guidance, Florence School District One has continued to excel in academic achievement, student support services, and fostering an environment where both students and teachers thrive.

"We are privileged to work alongside leaders like Dr. O'Malley who are committed to fostering an environment of growth and excellence," added Temple. "His impact on this district and the Florence community as a whole cannot be overstated, and we look forward to seeing even greater strides made under his leadership."

Temple and Hogsette Law Group, a respected personal injury law practice, remains dedicated to supporting the Florence community not only through exceptional legal services but also through continued philanthropic efforts. The firm actively supports local initiatives and strives to create positive change through community involvement.

As the "Teachers of the Year" event continues to grow in its 21st year, Temple and Hogsette Law is proud to stand alongside the district in honoring those who shape the future and contribute to the educational success of our community.

### **About Temple and Hogsette Law Group**

Temple and Hogsette Law Firm is a highly respected personal injury law firm based in Florence, South Carolina. With a commitment to providing exceptional legal services, the firm is equally devoted to philanthropic efforts that make a meaningful impact in the community. Known for its client-first approach and unwavering support of local initiatives, Temple and Hogsette Law continues to serve the needs of individuals and organizations in Florence County and beyond.