On April 26, 2008, the Community Leadership Association bestowed upon Superior Court judge Gregory A. Adams the Distinguished Leadership Award. The award was presented at the 28th Annual Leadership Conference that was held in Denver, Colorado. The Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have made significant and notable contributions for the betterment of their communities. Judge Adams was nominated for this award by the Board of Directors of Leadership DeKalb. He is a 1990 graduate of Leadership DeKalb.

AJA member Linda Strite Murnane received the American Bar Association’s Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award for 2008 at the ABA annual meeting in New York. The award is named after the first woman to practice law in the United States and is presented to women who have achieved professional excellence in their field and influenced other women to pursue legal careers, opened doors for women lawyers in a variety of job settings that historically were closed to them, or advanced opportunities for women within a practice area or segment of the profession. Judge Murnane is a retired U.S. Air Force judge who is currently serving as the senior legal officer, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague, Netherlands. In addition she is a former member of the AJA House of Delegates.

Former AJA president Bonnie Sudderth was honored twice in 2008. Texas Wesleyan University Law School named her Outstanding Adjunct Professor on May 19. She has taught law there since 1999. The Tarrant County Young Lawyers also presented her with the Outstanding Mentor Award at a ceremony on May 1.

Bonnie Sudderth has served as a judge for the 352nd District Court in Texas since 1996. She was chief judge of the Fort Worth Municipal Courts from 1990 to 1996, and AJA president from 2001 to 2002. She holds a BS (1982, magna cum laude) in public administration from the University of Southern California and a law degree (1985) from the University of Texas Law School.

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