

DSCS General Counsel, Robert Boland



DSCS Director, Shannon S. Templet, congratulates Robert Boland on his years of service to the state

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Mr. Boland considers himself lucky to have been able to serve the public while earning a living for his family. He developed a fondness for public service during his early years as a staff attorney at the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR; now the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of Children and Family Services). Mr. Boland began his career by litigating collections cases for charity hospitals, and spent the rest of his five years with DHHR providing advice to the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and helping staff to implement state and federal laws. Mr. Boland came to realize the value and personal rewards of public service because he found that the work he performed was making a difference in people's lives.

Mr. Boland is driven by an intrinsic sense of responsibility "to get things done right." This personal philosophy has motivated him throughout his career and in 2009 he was recognized as a Dunbar Award winner. The Dunbar Award is the highest honor a classified state employee can receive for providing service to the citizens of Louisiana. When asked if he has any legal advice for state employees and state agencies, Mr. Boland says, "To be on legally sound ground, treat all people as you would want to be treated." Although Mr. Boland is retiring from the classified service this year, he intends to continue serving the public by pursuing volunteer work after his retirement.