



James J. Coleman, Sr.



James Julian Coleman, Sr., was a founding member of Crimestoppers in New Orleans and an active philanthropist and businessman. Mr. Coleman and members of the business community adopted the Crimestoppers program in the 1970s and officially incorporated Crimestoppers in 1981. Mr. Coleman's involvement in the development of Crimestoppers, both as a leader and benefactor, allowed the program to grow into what it is today.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Mr. Coleman earned both his B.A. and J.D. from Tulane University. He was senior partner of Coleman, Johnson, Artigues, and Jurisich, a firm he established in 1937. Mr. Coleman also served as president of the World Trade Center in New Orleans, the New Orleans Symphony, the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, and the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce. In 1980, the *Time Picayune* awarded him its Loving Cup Award for outstanding community leaders. The American Red Cross named him Humanitarian of the Year in 1981. He was awarded Junior Achievement of New Orleans's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2001.