

LSBA honors exceptional Louisiana pro bono work

The Louisiana Supreme Court hosted the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 30th Annual Pro Bono Awards Ceremony on May 19. LSBA 2014-15 President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. and justices of the Supreme Court presented the awards to the 2015 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Award recipients, recognizing attorneys, law students and public interest legal professionals for providing exceptional pro bono services to Louisiana's indigent residents.

Also in attendance were LSBA 2014-15 President-Elect Mark A. Cunningham, Justice Marcus R. Clark, Justice Jefferson D. Hughes III, Justice John L. Weimer and Justice Scott J. Crichton.

The awards and 2015 recipients include:

Career Public Interest Award

Joseph R. Oelkers III, Lafayette

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Jay M. Jalenak, Jr., Baton Rouge

Children's Law Awards

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation's Teen Court

Kathleen C. Gasparian, New Orleans

Pro Bono Publico Awards

Joseph R. Ballard, Baton Rouge

Valerie B. Bargas, Baton Rouge

Roy K. Burns, Jr., Covington

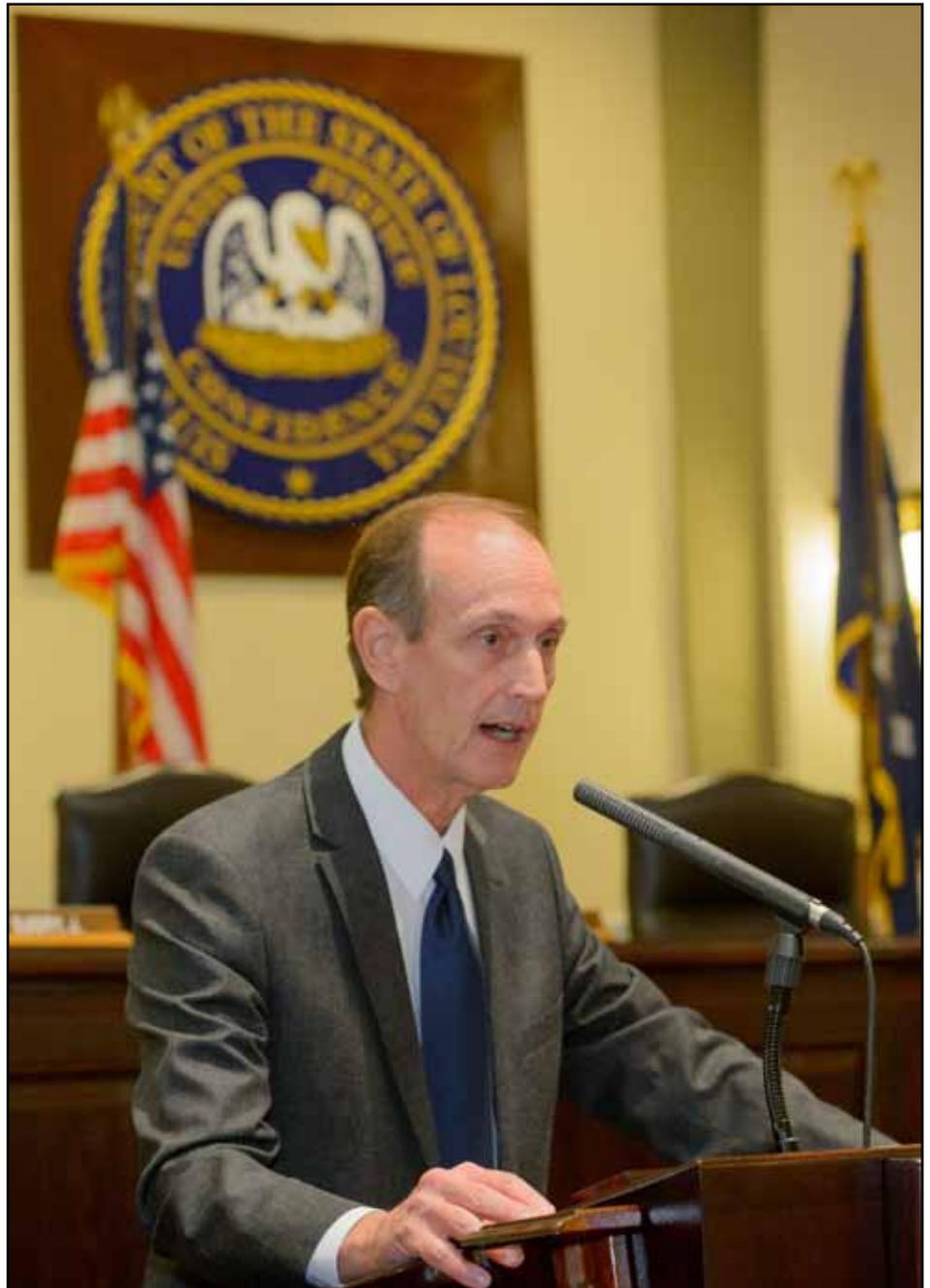
La'Gretta R. Fortune, Baton Rouge

Valerie G. Garrett, Lafayette

J. Spencer Hays, Bossier

Benjamin W. Kadden, New Orleans

Gregory A. Koury, Lafayette



Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John L. Weimer presented opening remarks at the 2015 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards ceremony in May. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

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Louisiana State Bar Association 2014-15 President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. addressed recipients of the 2015 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Michael W. Magner, New Orleans
 Charles W. Montz, Jr., Lafayette
 Wendy Hickok Robinson, New Orleans
 Sophia D. Rosado, Kenner
 Michelle M. Rutherford, New Orleans
 Dwazendra J. Smith, Lafayette
 Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann,
 L.L.C., New Orleans
 K. Wade Trahan, Lafayette

Law Student Pro Bono Awards

Gabrielle Alessi-Friedlander-Bowersox,
 Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert
 Law Center
 Sophia Mire, Loyola University College
 of Law
 Christopher Kubacki, Southern
 University Law Center
 Brittany Wolf, Tulane University Law
 School

Friend of Pro Bono Awards

Kay E. Donnelly & Associates, New
 Orleans
 Dwayne M. Murray, Baton Rouge

Century Club Awards

Amy M. Bernadas, New Orleans
 Mandi A. Borne, Lafayette
 Philip H. Boudreaux, Jr., Lafayette
 Marianna Broussard, Lafayette
 William G. Cherbonnier, New Orleans
 Jeffrey K. Coreil, Lafayette
 L'Reece David, Lafayette
 Elizabeth H. Emmett, New Orleans
 Matthew R. Emmons, Mandeville
 Bradford H. Felder, Lafayette
 Valerie G. Garrett, Lafayette
 Irain J. Gonzalez, Metairie
 Catharine O. Gracia, New Orleans
 Valerie V. Guidry, Lafayette
 Jane A. Jackson, New Orleans
 Amythist L. Kearney, Slidell
 Gregory A. Koury, Lafayette
 Cliff A. Lacour, Lafayette
 Craig D. Little, Lafayette
 Seth T. Mansfield, Lafayette
 Jason A. Matt, Lafayette
 Alysson L. Mills, New Orleans
 Charles W. Montz, Jr., Lafayette
 Jason T. Reed, Lafayette
 Wendy Hickok Robinson, New Orleans
 Dwazendra J. Smith, Lafayette
 Hugh R. Straub, New Orleans
 Mark C. Surprenant, New Orleans
 K. Wade Trahan, Lafayette
 Danielle E. Treadaway, Metairie



Louisiana State Bar Association 2014-15 President-Elect (now President) Mark A. Cunningham addressed the award recipients and guests at the 2015 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards ceremony. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

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Re: Lawyers in Libraries

Dear Colleagues,

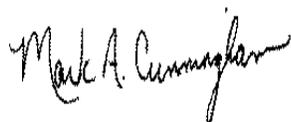
The LSBA has become an “Access to Justice” leader by taking proactive approaches to meeting the legal needs of the public, but this would not be possible without the active support and engagement of our members. To help better connect the public with legal information, and also make attorneys more visible in their communities, the LSBA Access to Justice Program has partnered with public libraries throughout the state to form the Legal Education & Assistance Program (LEAP), a component of which is the “Lawyers in Libraries” project.

LEAP provides specialized legal resources for libraries, training for library staff on how to respond to legal inquiries, and direct access to attorneys for limited consultations through “Lawyers in Libraries.” During last year’s LSBA “Lawyers in Libraries Day of Service,” 125 attorneys representing every parish in the state volunteered their time and provided assistance to the public inside a local library.

This year’s day of service is scheduled for **Thursday October 29th** during National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. We hope even more attorneys will participate and meet with more individuals seeking help. LSBA Access to Justice Staff will again provide a number of helpful resources to make participation as easy as possible, and will assist with scheduling an event at your local library. To sign up, or for more information, please visit, www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org or contact Nicole.Louque@lsba.org.

Cordially,

Mark Cunningham



2015-2016 President
Louisiana State Bar Association