

## Nominations being accepted for two diversity/inclusion awards through Feb. 28, 2017

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Member Outreach and Diversity Department will open the nomination period for two awards beginning in October. The nomination period will end on Feb. 28, 2017.

### ▶ LSBA's Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award

The Trailblazer Award recognizes individual attorneys and judges who champion the ideals set forth by Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, the first African-American chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, who has exhibited an unwavering commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. The award will be presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting in June 2017.

Lawyer nominees must be admitted to practice in Louisiana. Judge nominees must have been elected or appointed to a state or federal court in Louisiana. Lawyers and judges can be on active or inactive status and from any practice setting. Lawyers and judges cannot be a current member of the LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession.

The award recipient should demonstrate a unique blend of experience, skills and accomplishments which translate into successful diversity and inclusion efforts which include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ supporting and encouraging attorneys who are members of an unrepresented group within the legal profession to reach their career and personal potential;
- ▶ ensuring opportunities for the advancement of diverse people through mentoring efforts and diversity outreach;
- ▶ addressing issues of equality, fairness and injustice in the legal profession; and

▶ participating in community service activities which promote and broaden the diversity pipeline to the legal profession.

For more information on the award, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx>. Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards."

### ▶ LSBA's Guardian of Diversity Award

The award recognizes non-profit groups, local and specialty bar associations, and public interest organizations that implement and advance diversity programs to promote and support diversity in the legal community. The award will be presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting in June 2017.

Nominees may be a bar association, court, law firm/department, or community organization (including non-profits and public interest organizations).

Award recipients should demonstrate the following diversity and inclusion efforts:

- ▶ creating and implementing innovative strategies to promote and advance the concept and spirit of diversity and inclusion in society;
- ▶ making a significant impact on diversity issues in the legal profession;
- ▶ enhancing access and equality in employment, economic and educational opportunities;
- ▶ advocating and promoting an understanding and awareness of diversity;
- ▶ improving and bridging the relationship between diverse groups; and
- ▶ proving commitment to creating a culture of diversity and inclusion.

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## Broussard elected president of the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association

Travis J. Broussard, an associate in the Lafayette firm of Durio, McGoffin, Stagg & Ackermann, will be the first male African-American president of the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association and the second African-American president of the association. He will be sworn in on Sept. 29.



Travis J. Broussard

Broussard joined the Durio McGoffin firm in 2011. He is an active member of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and is an adjunct professor of law at Southern University Law Center. He is a 2010 graduate, *cum laude*, of Southern University Law Center.

He was named a *Louisiana Super Lawyers* Rising Star in business litigation in 2016. He recently received the 2016 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award at the Lafayette Bar Association's Hall of Fame Gala. 



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