

# Focus on Diversity

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## Participation sought from law firms, judges for high school summer internship program

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is partnering with the Just the Beginning Foundation to present the inaugural “Suit Up for the Future” High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program.

High school juniors and seniors interested in the legal profession will participate in a five-week legal internship from June 20-July 25 at the Louisiana Bar Center (601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans) and at participating New Orleans area firms. The program consists of one week of lectures with law school professors, practicing lawyers and law students, and four weeks of shadowing attorneys in law firms. Students also will

have the opportunity to meet attorneys and judges during field trips to New Orleans area courts and other legal venues. Student participants can earn a stipend valued up to \$250.

The organizers are actively seeking New Orleans law firms and law departments to host the students three days a week for two to four weeks of shadowing (June 27-July 22). Students will shadow for three days and attend scheduled field trips on the other two days with LSBA program coordinators and volunteers. During their time at the firm/organization, organizers ask that the students observe practical legal events, such as depositions, hearings, client meetings, mediations, arbitrations,

etc. Each firm is asked to assign an attorney to host for the student. The attorney host is asked to coordinate the shadowing opportunities for the student.

This program allows LSBA members the opportunity to place into practice the principles of diversity and inclusion by fostering the pipeline of diverse students into the profession. Firms and organizations interested in participating in the program should respond by Friday, May 20, to LSBA Member Outreach and Diversity Director Kelly McNeil Legier, (504)619-0129 or e-mail [kelly.legier@lsba.org](mailto:kelly.legier@lsba.org).

## Life and career of A.P. Tureaud to be discussed at June 1 CLE

The professionalism, courage, diligence and excellence exemplified by the life and legal career of Alexander Pierre Tureaud will be examined in a free CLE presentation on Wednesday, June 1, in the Louisiana Supreme Court’s fourth floor courtroom, 400 Royal St., New Orleans.

Featured speakers are Dr. Rachel Emanuel and A.P. Tureaud, Jr., authors of the recently released book, *A More Noble Cause: A.P. Tureaud and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Louisiana*. The program has been approved for one hour of CLE professionalism credit.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by welcoming remarks

from Justice Bernette J. Johnson, Louisiana Supreme Court; Donna D. Fraiche, Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society; and Barry W. Ashe, Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter. The CLE presentation begins at 6:15 p.m., followed by a reception and book signing in the Louisiana Supreme Court Museum. (No books will be available for sale the evening of the event, so participants are encouraged to purchase books prior to arrival.)

For more information, call or e-mail Georgia Chadwick, (504)310-2402, [gchadwick@lasc.org](mailto:gchadwick@lasc.org). Or, go to: [www.lasc.org/law\\_library/library\\_information.asp](http://www.lasc.org/law_library/library_information.asp).

## Diversity Resources on the Web

- ▶ LSBA Diversity Resources Page  
[www.lsba.org/diversity/resources.asp](http://www.lsba.org/diversity/resources.asp)
- ▶ ABA Report: “Diversity in the Legal Profession: The Next Steps”  
[http://new.abanet.org/centers/diversity/PublicDocuments/Diversity\\_Summary\\_Report.pdf](http://new.abanet.org/centers/diversity/PublicDocuments/Diversity_Summary_Report.pdf)
- ▶ 2010 Beyond Diversity: Inclusiveness in the Legal Workplace Resources  
[www.legalinclusiveness.org/](http://www.legalinclusiveness.org/)
- ▶ ABA Disabilities News and Resources  
<http://new.abanet.org/disability/Pages/default.aspx>

# in the SPOTLIGHT

## Liskow & Lewis, P.L.C.

For several years, Liskow & Lewis, P.L.C., has recognized Black History Month by inviting African-American leaders from within the community to address the firm. These community leaders each year speak on unique aspects of African-American history, including highlighting the many contributions of the African-American community. These presentations are rewarding experiences for members of the firm, as they often examine social issues and historical events that may go untold.

Past speakers have included Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Bernette J. Johnson; Louisiana State Police Col. Henry Whitehorn; jazz trumpeter Irvin Mayfield; Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club

historian Clarence A. Becknell; Dr. Rachel Emmanuel, creator of "Journey for Justice: The A.P. Tureaud Story," a documentary on the life of the late New Orleans civil rights leader Alexander Pierre Tureaud, Sr.; Urban League of Greater New Orleans President Nolan Rollins; and Dryades Savings Bank co-founder Dr. Charles Teamer.

This year, the firm was honored to host Calvin Moret, a member of the famed World War II Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American military aviators in the United States armed forces. In all, 996 pilots were trained in Tuskegee, Ala., from 1941-46; approximately 445 airmen were deployed overseas, and 150 airmen lost their lives in

accidents or combat. On March 29, 2007, approximately 300 Tuskegee Airmen (or their widows) received the Congressional Gold Medal at a ceremony in the U.S. Capitol rotunda. It is believed that only 50 members of the original 996 pilot crew are still alive today.

Moret trained at the Tuskegee Institute in 1943 and 1944 and was commissioned as a flight officer in November 1944. He presented an interesting and informative talk relating to his military service and other life experiences. Moret is the great uncle of Tiffany Davis, an associate with the firm's New Orleans office. The special family connection made the firm especially proud of Moret's many accomplishments.

Through this and many other initiatives, Liskow & Lewis is committed to enhancing the racial, cultural and gender diversity within our firm, our profession and our community. Through our small part, we are able to highlight that our celebration of Black history is at its very essence a celebration of American history.

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