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## LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT WEBSITE GETS A NEW LOOK AND ADDS A NEW RESOURCE

**New Orleans** - Today the Louisiana Supreme Court announced the launch of a new and improved website with expanded digital technology for a more user-friendly experience across a range of devices such as laptops, desktops as well as mobile devices. The website, **www.lasc.org**, is used by the Court to share information of interest to Louisiana citizens.

"I am pleased to unveil this new and improved website which better leverages today's technology to present to the public a cleaner, more efficient display of information on the work of the Court," said Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson.

The Court's website provides information on the Supreme Court's work in the form of News Releases containing Opinions and other actions of the Court, links to the Clerk of Court's Office, the Court's docket, access to live-streaming of oral arguments, press releases, court publications, as well as links to the Justices' biographies, legal resources via the Law Library of Louisiana, Court Rules, and information on Court programs such as Drug and Specialty Courts, Children and Families Division, Office of Language Access, and the Louisiana Protective Order Registry.

The new website also now includes a searchable page containing judicial financial disclosure statements. Pursuant to <u>Part N, Rule XXXIX</u> of the Rules of the Louisiana Supreme Court, all elected judges, except for Justices of the Peace, are required to annually file a financial disclosure statement ("Statement") with the Office of the Judicial Administrator of the Supreme Court of Louisiana. This rule has been in effect since January 1, 2009. Financial disclosure

statements are public records and have always been available to the public through the Office of the Judicial Administrator. However, starting with statements for active judges filed in 2019 for the tax year 2018, these forms will now be available as well on the Supreme Court's website and are searchable by name and court. Statements for future years will be added as they are received. The Statements can be found on the Louisiana Supreme Court's website at <u>www.lasc.org</u> or directly at <u>www.lasc.org/JudicialFinancialDisclosure</u>. Copies of prior years' Judicial Financial Disclosure Statements can be obtained by contacting Staff Attorney Caitlin Morgenstern at <u>cmorgenstern@lasc.org</u> or (504) 310-2550.

The Court's new website was designed by staff of the Supreme Court's Information Technology Department in coordination with the Court's Community Relations Department.

## REMINDER FOR ALL MEDIA:

In response to the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Louisiana Supreme Court is posting Orders and information from Louisiana's courts on its website, <u>www.lasc.org</u> and <u>www.lasc.org/COVID19</u>. We ask and encourage all who are seeking information on Louisiana courts and the COVID-19 pandemic to visit the Supreme Court's website for information.

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