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Awards Presented to 8 LSBA Members, Martinet Society at LSBA Annual Meeting

NEW ORLEANS—Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members and a Martinet Society chapter received various awards during the association's 2018 Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla., June 3-8. Award recipients and profiles are listed below.

• President's Awards

Three LSBA members received 2018 President's Awards. Recipients were chosen by 2017-18 LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar and were recognized for services to the association. Recognized were attorneys **Raymond P. Ladouceur**, Abita Springs; **David W. Leefe**, New Orleans; and **Lynn Luker**, New Orleans.

Raymond P. Ladouceur, a member in the Ladouceur Law Firm, L.L.C., in Abita Springs, was recognized for his exemplary contributions as a speaker at several LSBA Trust Accounting Schools and Solo, Small Firm and Tech Conferences. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University College of Law and was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1989. He is a board-certified estate planning and administration specialist through the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization and is a Louisiana licensed certified public accountant. He is a member of the St. Tammany and American Bar Associations, the Society of Louisiana CPAs (president, 2003-04) and the Association of Attorney-CPAs (president, Louisiana Chapter, 1995-97). He is the author of *Estate and Gift Taxation (A Louisiana Perspective)* and *Tax and Other Aspects of Marriage and Divorce (A Louisiana Perspective)*, both published by Continuing Education Publishers, New Orleans; and a contributing author of *Guide to Litigation Services*, Practitioners Publishing Company, Fort Worth, Texas.

David W. Leefe, a shareholder in the New Orleans office of the law firm Liskow & Lewis, A.P.L.C., was recognized for his exemplary accomplishments and contributions as chair of the LSBA's Client Assistance Fund Committee. A former member of Liskow's board of directors, he has practiced with the firm for 35 years and currently serves as chair of the 20-member Maritime, Oilfield and Insurance Practice Group. He received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University and his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University College of Law. He has served in the LSBA's House of Delegates for more than 20 years and on the Board of Governors from 2014-17. He is the longtime chair of the Client Assistance Fund Committee, a

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group of attorney volunteers whose mission is to reimburse individuals victimized by fraudulent or dishonest conduct by lawyers licensed to practice in Louisiana.

Lynn Luker, of counsel in the New Orleans law firm Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, L.L.C., and a mediator and arbitrator with Perry Dampf Dispute Solutions, was recognized for her exemplary accomplishments and contributions as a LSBA Section leader and a member of the LSBA's CLE, Diversity and Legislation Committees. She received a BA degree in psychology in 1978 from the University of New Orleans, her Juris Doctor degree in 1981 from Tulane University Law School (Order of Barristers), an LLM (with distinction) in admiralty law in 1985 from Tulane Law School and an LLM in energy and environmental law in 1992 from Tulane Law School. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1981 and in Massachusetts in 2007. She is an at-large member on the LSBA's Board of Governors. She chairs the LSBA's Civil Law and Litigation Section and is a member of the LSBA's Committee on the Profession and the CLE Committee. She is an adjunct professor at Tulane Law School and co-director of the Trial Advocacy and Civil Pre-Trial Boot Camp.

• Catherine D. Kimball Award for the Advancement of the Administration of Justice

Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Guy P. Holdridge of Gonzales received the 2018 Catherine D. Kimball Award for the Advancement of the Administration of Justice. He began his judicial service on the 23rd Judicial District Court bench in 1991, holding the position of chief judge in 1991, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2006 and 2014. He earned a BA degree in 1974 from Louisiana State University and his Juris Doctor degree in 1978 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center (Order of the Coif, *Louisiana Law Review*). He is a member of the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame. He serves on the adjunct faculty of LSU Law Center, teaching Louisiana Civil Procedure I and II. He is currently serving as assistant director of the Louisiana State Law Institute Council. He is a member of the Law Institute's Children's Code, Child Custody, Expropriation, Prescription, Bail Bonds, Summary Judgment, Civil Procedure and Adult Guardianship committees. He is currently serving as acting reporter for the Criminal Law and Procedure Committee which is revising the Post-Conviction Relief articles. He is a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Strategic Planning Committee and Jury Instructions Committee.

• Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award

Michael J. Moran of Metairie received the 2018 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, the LSBA's bimonthly magazine. He was recognized for his article, "Louisiana Collateral Source Rule," published in the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, December 2017/January 2018, Volume 65, Number 4. He is a director, the vice president and a mediator for Mediation Arbitration Professional Systems, Inc. (maps.) Over his 45-year legal career, he has focused his practice in the areas of litigation-personal injury, commercial, banking, real estate, bankruptcy and general civil cases. He received a BS degree in 1969 from the University of Louisiana-Monroe and his Juris Doctor degree in 1972 from Loyola University Law School. He received training in basic and advanced mediation techniques from U.S. Arbitration and Mediation, Appropriate Dispute Resolution, Attorney-Mediators Institute, the International Academy of Mediators and Pepperdine University School of Law's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. He is an adjunct professor in negotiation and mediation at Tulane University Law School. He is a charter fellow of the International Academy of Mediators and the American College of Civil Trial Mediators.

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- **John A. “T-Jean” Hernandez III Memorial Award**

James H. Domengeaux of Lafayette received the 2018 John A. “T-Jean” Hernandez III Memorial Award, presented for achievements in Francophone leadership. A partner in the Lafayette law firm Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards, L.L.C., he currently serves as treasurer for the LSBA’s Francophone Section and is a former board member of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. He is a former board member of the Lafayette Bar Association and served on the Board of Governors for the Louisiana Association for Justice. He authored an article, “Native Born Acadians and the Equality Ideal,” published in the *Louisiana Law Review* (1986). He is a 1981 graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he co-founded the UL Law Club, and earned his law degree in 1986 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He is admitted to practice in Louisiana and Texas.

- **Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award**

Pamela W. Carter of New Orleans received the 2018 Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award. A partner in the Carter Law Group, L.L.C., in New Orleans, she has represented clients in federal and state courts in Louisiana and Texas for more than 25 years. She has litigated and mediated complex disputes, including insurance claims for corporate clients and race/gender discrimination cases. She was an extern for Judge Freddie Pitcher, Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, in 1994 and a judicial law clerk in Orleans Parish Civil District Court from 1995-96. She is a member of the Leadership Council for the DRI Diversity Committee (former chair) and of the Claims Litigation Diversity Committee. She has championed inclusion by supporting scholarships for minority high school students and by assisting in law firm recruitment of diverse lawyers. She is a contributor/co-author of more than 50 articles on the topic of diversity and inclusion.

- **Guardian of Diversity Award**

The **Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.** received the 2018 Guardian of Diversity Award. The organization (GNO Martinet) was recognized for its annual “Pathways and Pipelines to Success” Program. In 2016, the GNO Martinet hosted its inaugural “Pathways” program to address racial disparities in the legal profession. The professional development program assisted minority students from the state’s four law schools with networking and career-building skills. In 2018, the GNO Martinet hosted its third program at Tulane University Law School. More than 70 students, representing all four Louisiana law schools, participated. More than 200 students have participated since the program’s inception. The GNO Martinet wants to expand this program in the future and is seeking opportunities to partner with other diversity bar associations, including the Louisiana Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Louisiana.

- **Louisiana Bar Foundation’s Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award**

Patrick S. Ottinger of Lafayette received the 2018 Louisiana Bar Foundation’s Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. A partner in the Lafayette law firm Ottinger Hebert, L.L.C., he has been in private practice since 1973, concentrating in oil and gas (onshore and offshore), renewable energy projects, and corporate, banking and commercial matters. He received a BS degree in 1971 from the University of Southwestern

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Louisiana and his Juris Doctor degree in 1973 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He also is admitted to practice in Texas. An experienced arbitrator and mediator in oil and gas matters, he is affiliated with The Patterson Resolution Group and is listed on the AAA Energy Panel and on the Energy Arbitrators List of the Institute for Energy Law. He completed formal mediation training through the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law. He is a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation and served on its board of directors from 2003-07. He served as president of the LSBA in 1998-99. He is a member of several Louisiana State Law Institute committees, chairs the Advisory Council of the Institute on Mineral Law, is an adjunct professor at LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center and was recognized as a 2014 Distinguished Achievement Honoree by the Law Center. He has authored and/or contributed to several books and articles, including *A Course Book on Louisiana Mineral Rights* in 2011, *Louisiana Mineral Law Treatise* in 2012 and *Louisiana Mineral Leases: A Treatise* in 2016.

Photos of award recipients are available online at:

<https://www.lsba.org/NewsAndPublications/PressPhotos.aspx?PRPA=57>

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