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LSBA Young Lawyers Division's 2015-16 Officers and Council Installed

NEW ORLEANS—The Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division's (LSBA YLD) 2015-16 officers and council members were installed June 8, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla.

Erin O. Braud of Metairie was installed as 2015-16 Division chair by Judge Karelia R. Stewart, 1st Judicial District Court, Shreveport. Braud is staff counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. (Law Offices of Robert E. Birtel) in Metairie.

Also sworn in as officers were Chair-Elect **Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.**, an assistant district attorney for the 18th Judicial District and a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Saunders & Chabert (he will assume the chair's position in 2016-17); Secretary **Bradley J. Tate**, tax manager for the Lafayette firm of Prejean Romero McGee; and Immediate Past Chair **J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr.**, a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Hoffoss Devall, L.L.C.

Judge Stewart also installed members of the 2015-16 YLD Council.

District 1: Dylan T. Thriffley, an associate in the New Orleans office of Kean Miller, L.L.P.; and Scott L. Sternberg, an associate in the New Orleans office of Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, L.L.C.

District 2: Jason M. Baer, a partner in the New Orleans firm of Pandit Law; and Jeffrey D. Hufft, an assistant attorney general (Criminal Division) with the Louisiana Department of Justice.

District 3: Kassie L. Hargis, a law clerk for Judge John R. Walker, 32nd Judicial District Court, Houma (Terrebonne Parish).

District 4: Adam P. Johnson, an attorney in the Lake Charles firm of Johnson & Vercher, L.L.C.

District 5: Kristi W. Richard, a senior associate in the Baton Rouge office of McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C.; and Carrie LeBlanc Jones, an associate in the Baton Rouge firm of Shows, Cali & Walsh, L.L.P.

District 6: Christie C. Wood, an associate in the Alexandria firm of Faircloth, Melton & Keiser, L.L.C.

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District 7: Ashley L. Smith, an attorney in Monroe.

District 8: Allison C. Foster, an associate in the Shreveport firm of Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway, A.P.L.C.

At-Large Representative: Kellen J. Mathews, an associate in the Baton Rouge office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P.

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Representative: Graham H. Ryan, an associate in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker LLP.

Young Lawyer Member/American Bar Association House of Delegates: Ryan M. McCabe, an associate in Steeg Law Firm, L.L.C., in New Orleans.

*Full profiles of YLD officers and Council members are available online at:
<http://www.lsba.org/YLD/YLDCouncil.aspx>*

*Photos of YLD officers and Council members are available online at:
<http://www.lsba.org/NewsAndPublications/PressPhotos.aspx?PRPA=47>.*

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