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LSBA Members, Bar Association Honored with 2018 Young Lawyers Division Awards

NEW ORLEANS—Four Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members and the Baton Rouge Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section received 2018 LSBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) awards, presented by 2017-18 YLD Chair Bradley J. Tate during a June 7 ceremony at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

Loren D. Shanklin of Baton Rouge received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.

Kristi Wagley Richard of Baton Rouge received the Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award.

Stuart R. Breaux of Lafayette received the Hon. Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award.

Jonathan T. Jarrett of Lafayette received the Pro Bono Award.

The **Baton Rouge Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section** received the Service to the Public Award for its Trunk or Treat project and the Service to the Bar Award for its 19th JDC Civil Law Day CLE.

Award recipient profiles below.

• **Outstanding Young Lawyer Award: Loren D. Shanklin, Baton Rouge**

Loren D. Shanklin is a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm Smith Shanklin Sosa, L.L.C. She received a BS degree in secondary education (concentration in history) in 2005 from Louisiana State University and her Juris Doctor/GDCL degree in 2010 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2010. She currently is serving as one of the District 5 representatives on the LSBA's YLD Council. She served as the 2017 chair of the Baton Rouge Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section and helped create new events during her term — Brews with Barristers, the 19th JDC Civil Law Day CLE and the Southern University Law Center panel discussion. She is a member of the Louisiana Association for Justice. In law school, she received the LSU Law Center's 2006 Exceptional Volunteer Award and was recognized in 2010 for volunteering more than 100 hours of pro bono services. She is a volunteer and Legal Compliance Committee member for the K.I.D.S. (Karing is Doing Something) Program.

• **Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award: Kristi Wagley Richard, Baton Rouge**

Kristi Wagley Richard is a member in the Baton Rouge office of the law firm McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C., and an adjunct instructor of business law and sports law at Louisiana State University. She received a BS

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degree in management, *summa cum laude*, in 2004 from LSU, a master's degree in business administration in 2009 from LSU, and her Juris Doctor/BCL degree, *magna cum laude*, in 2009 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2009. She currently is serving as one of the District 5 representatives on the LSBA's YLD Council. She was a member of the Leadership LSBA 2012-13 Class and served as co-chair of the Wills for Heroes Program in 2014-16. She served as chair of the Young Lawyers Professional Development Seminar in 2017 and as chair of the Awards Committee this year. She was a member of the 2015 class of the Baton Rouge Area Leadership Program. She received the Dermot S. McGlinchey Commitment to Pro Bono Award in 2016.

• **Hon. Michaele Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award: Stuart R. Breaux, Lafayette**

Stuart R. Breaux, an associate in the Lafayette law firm Becker & Hebert, L.L.C., and the assistant city-parish attorney for the Lafayette Consolidated Government, focuses his practice on local, municipal and governmental law, planning, zoning and land use law, commercial real estate and business transactions. He received a BA degree in political science in 2008 from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and his Juris Doctor degree in 2011 from Tulane University Law School (certificate in civil law, Order of Barristers, Moot Court Board). He is the editor of the Lafayette Bar Association's (LBA) publication, *The Promulgator*. He is 2017-18 treasurer of the LBA's Young Lawyers Section. He has been involved with the Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers since 2012. He is a barrister in the American Inn of Court of Acadiana. He is current co-chair of the Leadership Institute of Acadiana's Intro Lafayette Program and was a 2016 graduate of the Institute's Leadership Lafayette Class XXIX.

• **Pro Bono Award: Jonathan T. Jarrett, Lafayette**

Jonathan T. Jarrett founded The Jarrett Firm in 2014 in Lafayette. He practices in the areas of family law, estate planning and successions, criminal defense, personal injury and real estate. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 2012 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He participated in the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education's Judges and Lawyers in the Classroom Program and judged the LSBA's Regional High School Mock Trial Competition. He created a mock trial program at Carencro High School and continues to serve as team coach. He is vice president of the Lafayette Bar Association's (LBA) Family Law Section, the recipient of the Lafayette Bar Foundation's Outstanding Attorney Award in 2015, 2016 and 2017, and a volunteer for the LBA's Counsel on Call Program. His pro bono service consists largely of litigating protective orders for abused women. In 2017, he spent more than 100 hours on protective order cases, receiving many of the cases through the Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers Program.

• **Service to the Public Award: Baton Rouge Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section**

Trunk or Treat Project

The Baton Rouge Bar Association's (BRBA) Young Lawyers Section (YLS) partnered with the BRBA's Volunteer Committee and the Children's Hospital Outpatient Center in Baton Rouge for the inaugural Halloween Trunk or Treat event for patients and their families in October 2017. As this event was an unbudgeted project for the BRBA YLS, the YLS and the other groups gathered donations of candy and prizes and secured the use of personal vehicles. On the day of the event, the parking lot of the Children's Hospital Outpatient Center featured 15 Halloween-themed vehicles loaded with candy, prizes and games. More than 100 community members and patients participated, going car to car for treats. The event also featured a hayride, face painting

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and a cake walk. The project was successful because of its ability to bring together diverse groups to serve the community. The event allowed the young lawyers to interact and mentor children in a fun way outside the typical classroom setting.

• **Service to the Bar Award: Baton Rouge Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section 19th JDC Civil Law Day CLE**

The Baton Rouge Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section hosted its first 19th JDC Civil Law Day CLE at the 19th Judicial District courthouse in September 2017. At the event, 35 young lawyers from Baton Rouge and surrounding areas gathered for a half-day of learning and networking with colleagues and 19th JDC judges and received 2 hours of CLE credit. The program began with “CLE with Law Clerks: The Day-to-Day Operations in the 19th JDC.” Judge Janice Clark led a tour of the courthouse and explained the history and inner workings. Judge R. Michael Caldwell, Judge Todd W. Hernandez and Chief Judge William A. Morvant presented a panel discussion, “Rule Day Do’s and Don’ts.” The program was successful as it provided an opportunity for young lawyers to interact with judges and their staff members in an informal setting and to learn about the practice of law in the judges’ individual courtrooms.

Photos of individual award recipients are available online at:

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

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