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We Want to #SeeYouInDestin

Lawyers and judges from across the state have joined together with the LSBA leadership for a video invitation to the combined 74th LSBA Annual Meeting and LSBA/Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School! Will we #SeeYouInDestin? Enjoy the video at: <http://www.lsba.org>.

Louisiana Rising: Great Rates Still Available for Annual Meeting/Summer School

Take advantage of great registration rates through the next pricing level (ending April 24) for the combined 74th LSBA Annual Meeting and LSBA/Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School. The events, with the theme of "Louisiana Rising: Lessons in Leadership, Innovation and Balance," are scheduled for Sunday through Friday, June 7-12, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla. The housing request deadline is Thursday, May 14; housing forms must be sent directly to Sandestin. Review programming, register online, download a registration form or review housing information: <http://www.lsba.org/annualmeeting>.

LSBA to Mail Postcards in Mid-May with 2015-16 Dues, Assessment Collection Information

The LSBA will again utilize electronic billing for the collection of LSBA dues and Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB) assessments. The collection method will allow payment of fees either by an ACH electronic check or credit card, and will also include a component for members to download their Attorney Registration Statements and mail checks for the payment of fees. In lieu of mailing a statement to each member, in mid-May, the LSBA will mail to each member a 4x6 postcard with payment instructions and information on completing the Trust Account Form. This is the only mailing members will receive prior to the July 1, 2015, due date; attorney registration statements will NOT be mailed. Read more: <http://www.lsba.org>.

Supreme Court Issues Order Allowing Lawyers to Earn CLE Credit for Pro Bono Work

Effective May 1, every lawyer who does pro bono work can earn up to three hours of CLE credit each year, under an order signed by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson. Under the new rule, attorneys who provide pro bono legal representation can earn one hour of CLE credit for every five hours of pro bono representation, up to a maximum of three hours of CLE credit per year.

Review the court order:

http://www.lasc.org/rules/orders/2015/RULE_XXX_Rule_3_Regulation_3_21.pdf.

House of Delegates Resolution Deadline is May 12 for Annual Meeting

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the next LSBA House of Delegates meeting is Tuesday, May 12. The House will meet on Thursday, June 11, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla. Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary Barry H. Grodsky, c/o Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. All resolutions proposed to be considered at the meeting **must be received** on or before May 12. Resolutions must be signed by the author. Also, copies of all resolutions should be emailed (in MS Word format) to LSBA Executive Assistant Mindi Hunter at mindi.hunter@lsba.org.

2015-16 LSBA Committee Preferences: Respond by this Friday, April 17

Committee assignment requests for the 2015-16 Bar year will be accepted through this Friday, April 17. LSBA President-Elect Mark A. Cunningham will make all committee appointments. Review all committees and download a preferences form: <http://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/Committees.aspx>.

LSBA Legislation Committee's April 25 Meeting is Open to Members and the Public

The LSBA Legislation Committee's second meeting is set for Saturday, April 25, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd. This meeting is open to the membership and the public. The LSBA reminds members that timely input will be accepted on proposed legislation which falls within the LSBA's purview. Fewer potentially relevant bills are expected because the upcoming session is dedicated primarily to fiscal issues. For more information, go to: <http://www.lsba.org/Legislation/>.

LIFT Program Application Deadline is April 15

Coordinators for the Legal Innovators For Tomorrow (LIFT) Program are now accepting applications for the second class of LIFT Fellows. The application deadline is April 15. Operated by the Louisiana Civil Justice Center in collaboration with the LSBA, LIFT is an incubator and accelerator program to help new attorneys build viable and sustainable solo and small law practices that offer affordable legal services to low- and moderate-income clients. Read more: <http://www.liftincubator.org>. Or, contact LCJC Program Director Amy E. Duncan at (504)355-0980 or email amy.duncan@laciviljustice.org.

LBF to Honor Award Recipients at Annual Dinner

The 29th annual Louisiana Bar Foundation Fellows Gala is Friday, May 1, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. The Gala is in honor of the Distinguished Jurist John W. Greene, Distinguished Attorney Allen L. Smith, Jr. (posthumously), Distinguished Professor Gail S. Stephenson and Calogero Justice Award recipient Marta-Ann Schnabel. For Gala ticket information: <http://www.raisingthebar.org>. Or, contact Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

Of Interest to the Legal Profession

• Advances and Innovations in Law

The *ABA Journal's* article "100 Innovations in Law" lists the technological, intellectual and practical innovations that have fundamentally changed the way law is practiced. Read the full list: <http://tinyurl.com/o56y8ph>.