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Nominating Committee to Meet Aug. 21 to Nominate President-Elect, Treasurer

The LSBA's Nominating Committee will meet on Friday, Aug. 21, in New Orleans to nominate a president-elect for the 2016-17 term and a treasurer for the 2016-18 term. The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2017-18. Read more about the president-elect and treasurer rotations, election process dates and other positions open in this year's election cycle: <http://www.lsba.org>.

Avoid Penalties and Ineligibility: Pay Dues, Assessment; File Statement, Trust Account Form

The 2015-16 LSBA membership dues, the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board assessment, the Attorney Registration Statement and the Louisiana Supreme Court Trust Account Disclosure and Overdraft Notification Authorization Form were all due on July 1. Delinquency notices will be mailed the first week of August to members who have not complied. Attorneys who fail to timely pay their assessment and dues and file their registration statement and trust account form will ultimately be subject to monetary penalties and certification of ineligibility to practice law, pursuant to the Association's By-Laws and the Supreme Court's Rule XIX. For guidelines on the online payment/filing procedure: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/MemberDuesInfo.aspx>.

Volunteers Sought for 2015 Law School Professionalism Orientations

The LSBA's Committee on the Profession is seeking lawyers and judges to lead discussion groups in the next round of law school professionalism orientations in August — Southern, Aug. 13; LSU, Aug. 14; Loyola, Aug. 17; and Tulane, Aug. 18. To participate, contact LSBA Associate Executive Director Cheri Cotogno Grodsky at (800)421-5722, ext. 107, (504)619-0107; fax (504)598-6753; or email cgrodsky@lsba.org.

Deadline Aug. 3: Sponsors Sought for 2015 Law School Professionalism Orientations

Sponsors are being sought for the LSBA Committee on the Profession's 15th annual professionalism orientations at the state's law schools. Sponsor response deadline is Monday, Aug. 3. Sponsors are needed for the August orientations at Southern University Law Center (Aug. 13), Loyola University College of Law (Aug. 17) and Tulane Law School (Aug. 18). For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard at (504)619-0105, (800)421-5722, ext. 105, or email crichard@lsba.org.

2015 Legislative Recap: Status of Bills Supported/Opposed by LSBA

The 2015 Louisiana legislative session brought 847 House bills and 285 Senate bills. Through its Legislation Committee and its Board of Governors, the LSBA supported six bills and opposed 19 bills. The LSBA lobbyist's final report on bills which drew a position from the LSBA is posted at: <http://files.lsba.org/documents/Legislation/2015LSBABillSlate.pdf>. Relevant deadline and meeting dates for the 2016 state legislative session have been posted on the LSBA's Legislative Advocacy webpage at <http://www.lsba.org/Legislation>.

2 New LBLs Certification Designations Approved

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLs) received approval from the LSBA House of Delegates and the Louisiana Supreme Court to revise the LSBA Plan of Legal Specialization and the LBLs Rules and Regulations to provide for two new certification designations, specifically "inactive" and "senior." A copy of the amended LSBA Plan, the LBLs Rules and Regulations and relevant forms may be downloaded at: <http://www.lascmcle.org/specialization>. For more information, email LBLs Executive Director Barbara Shafranski at barbara.shafranski@lsba.org.

Louisiana Civil Justice Center Launches Online Legal Resources

The Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) announces the launch of its new website and online legal resources at: <http://www.laciviljustice.org>. Via the website, community members can benefit from better access to legal services, including an online legal intake form, mobile-friendly formatting and links to helpful resources to assist them in resolving their legal issues. Interactive tools also allow residents to locate nearby legal clinics and enables attorney volunteers to sign up to help at various legal clinics.

LBF Lists 2015-16 Grants for Social Justice Initiatives

The Louisiana Bar Foundation has awarded 2015-16 grants to nonprofit organizations (grant awards as of 7-7-15). The grants help agencies and organizations address the legal needs of indigent citizens, provide a basic understanding of the law and assist with improvements to the justice system. Read more: <http://www.raisingthebar.org>.

Of Interest to the Legal Profession

• 25 Important Marketing Tools

The *Cordell Parvin Blog* shares a list of the most effective websites, apps and personal skills that can be used to market your legal services in "Client Development: 25 Incredibly Important Tools for Your Tool Kit." To read the full article, go to: <http://bit.ly/1FwEofK>.

• 50 Lawyers to Follow on Twitter

Legal Productivity blog shared a list of lawyers on Twitter who consistently post useful information about what's shaping the legal profession. To read "50 Lawyers You Should Be Following on Twitter," go to: <http://bit.ly/1FTDSvX>. Don't forget to follow @LouisianaBar as well!