

Inside the LSBA Member Benefits



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LSBA President Cunningham Encourages Participation in "Citywide Day of Service"

LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham is encouraging Bar members to volunteer their time and participate in projects in conjunction with the City of New Orleans' "Citywide Day of Service: Katrina 10." In the 10 years since Hurricane Katrina devastated Louisiana, thousands of volunteers have demonstrated an extraordinary spirit of service. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and the City of New Orleans are celebrating this collective impact by supporting volunteer activities from Aug. 22-29, aiming to meet a goal of engaging more than 10,000 volunteers over seven days. On Saturday, Aug. 29 (the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina), the "Citywide Day of Service: Katrina 10" will engage thousands of volunteers and focus service on seven specific regions of the city. Volunteers will support more than 100 individual projects. This event is open to volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and levels of experience. To review the Day of Service schedule, available projects and/or to volunteer:

<http://katrina10.org/serve/>.

Mark Your Calendars for Participation in October "Day of Service"

Louisiana lawyers are being encouraged to recognize Thursday, Oct. 29, as a "Day of Service" to the public by volunteering for the LSBA's "Lawyers in Libraries" initiative. The initiative advances both the LSBA's Legal Education and Assistance Program (LEAP) and Louisiana's participation in the National Pro Bono Celebration Week (Oct. 25-31). "Lawyers in Libraries," an important component of LEAP, was designed in partnership with the Louisiana Library Association to deliver legal information, referrals and helpful resources through public libraries. Last year, more than 125 attorneys from throughout the state participated in the Day of Service. For more information on the event or to volunteer, contact Nicole Louque at (504)619-0106, email nicole.louque@lsba.org.

Best Post from Our Partners

- @LexisNexis tweeted: Launching your solo firm: 3 do's/3 don'ts as told by solo attorneys- <http://bit.ly/1KjO7ZR>.
- @Business_of_Law (LexisNexis Software) tweeted: Six Business Metrics Every Law Firm Should Measure- <http://bit.ly/1MqqEfV>.

Fastcase Conducting Twitter Contest Through August

Fastcase has designed a Twitter competition to help spread the word about its unique legal research tools. To enter the contest, members must tweet about their favorite Fastcase feature with the hashtag #SearchSmarter, and mention the LSBA's Twitter handle, @LouisianaBar. The prizes include a \$100 Amazon gift card and a mystery "Swag Pack" that includes Fastcase items like a thermos, playing cards and t-shirts. The contest officially ends Aug. 31.

Reminder: CLE Compliance for Board-Certified Specialists

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS), as set forth in the individual Specialty Standards for each field of legal specialization, board-certified attorneys in a specific field of law must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2015. CLE credits are computed on a calendar-year basis and all attendance information must be delivered to the Louisiana Supreme Court's Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education no later than Jan. 31, 2016. Failure to earn and/or timely report specialization CLE hours will result in a penalty assessment. Preliminary specialization transcripts will be mailed in November to specialists who are delinquent in their specialization CLE hours. To review specialty requirements or to obtain copies of

specialization transcripts, go to: <http://www.lascmcle.org/specialization>. For more information, contact LBLS Executive Director Barbara Shafranski, (504) 619-0128, email barbara.shafranski@lsba.org.

For the Members: Projects and Programs

• **SOLACE Network.** The LSBA/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee coordinates the SOLACE program (Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel — All Concern Encouraged), which assists legal professionals in large and small ways. Want to become a SOLACE volunteer? Email Hon. Jay C. Zainey at jay_zainey@laed.uscourts.gov. Need assistance? See SOLACE contacts on the Coordinators' Roster: <http://www.lsba.org/Members/solace.aspx>.

• **LSBA Video-Conferencing (Blue Jeans) System.** The LSBA Video-Conferencing (Blue Jeans) System is a cloud-based, video-collaboration service, requiring no additional hardware or software. Users just need video-enabled devices and Internet access. Video-enabled devices include PCs or laptops with cameras and microphones, using a browser; an IPad or Android tablet or a Smart Phone, using the App; or a full IP room system. For training videos, video-conferencing tips and other information: <http://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/vc.aspx>.

Spotlight: Business Services

• **LawPay.** The LawPay solution is designed to correctly separate earned and unearned fees to avoid commingling funds when accepting credit card payments. LawPay contractually protects your client funds by restricting the ability of any third-party from debiting monies from a Trust or IOLTA account. LawPay works in partnership with more than 90 bar associations across the country. Learn more: <https://lawpay.com/lsba/>.

• **LSBA Career Center.** To view all available jobs: <http://www.lsba.org/goto/careercenteralljobs>.

• **Review All Services.** <http://www.lsba.org/Members/DiscountBusinessServices.aspx>.

Early-Bird Deadline Sept. 11: 2016 Expert Witness, Consultant & Legal Services Directory

The LSBA is currently accepting advertising for the 2016 Expert Witness, Consultant & Legal Services Directory. The directory will be mailed with the December 2015/January 2016 Louisiana Bar Journal. The directory also will be accessible online via the LSBA's website for a full year. Early-bird pricing is available through Sept. 11. As an added bonus, all advertisers purchasing space in the directory will receive a free text listing in the December/January Journal's Service Directory. For more information: <http://www.lsba.org/newsandpublications/expertwitness.aspx>.

Legal Secretaries Group to Meet Aug. 25

The Legal Secretaries of New Orleans and the River Region will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at WeGeaux Café, 745 Westbank Expressway, Westwego. To RSVP, call (504)328-3458 or email nproper@hhklawfirm.com.

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