

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**11:00 A.M. Friday, September 20, 2019**  
**Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles, New Orleans, LA**

***Attendance:***

**Jeffrey Coreil**, Co-Chair, Neuner Pate  
**Dona Kay Renegar**, Co-Chair, Veazey Felder & Renegar LLC  
Stephanie Beagh, Louisiana Appleseed  
Talya Bergeron, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services  
Danielle Borel, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP  
Micah Fincher, Jones Walker LLP  
Robert Lancaster, LSU Law Center  
Monique Metoyer, Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office  
Luz Molina, Loyola University College of Law  
Joe Oelkers, Acadiana Legal Service Corp., Lafayette  
Elena Perez, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services  
Sara Pic, Law Library of Louisiana  
Graham Ryan, Jones Walker LLP  
Lisa Stansky, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services  
Tina Suggs, Frederick A Miller & Assoc.  
Ranie Thompson, Crescent Care Legal Services  
Laura Tuggle, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

***Staff:***

Amy Duncan, ATJ Projects and Training Counsel  
Monte Mollere, ATJ Director  
Linda Johnson, ATJ Technology Counsel  
Rachael Mills, ATJ Project Counsel  
Joanna Laidler, ATJ Assistant

***Guests:***

Amanda Brown, Lagniappe Law Lab  
Amber Barlow, LSBA Leadership Class  
Jeremy Bazile, LSBA Leadership Class  
Rachel Caluda, LSBA Leadership Class  
Jennifer Lampton, LSBA Leadership Class  
Kelsey Meeks, LSBA Leadership Class

- I. Welcome and Introductions** – The co-chairs welcomed members and guests, including members of the LSBA Leadership Class who were present.
  
- II. Consent Calendar** – The consent calendar was adopted as written.

### III. ATJ Committee Subcommittee and Initiatives Reports

- a. **Disaster Response Subcommittee** – Rachael Mills discussed the subcommittee’s response during Hurricane Barry, which offered the opportunity to test the hotline and new implementation procedures. The test run was successful. Laura Tuggle also noted that on September 17, 2019, the Legal Services Corporation Disaster Task Force released a report which addresses civil legal aid disaster preparedness and response. The report includes a toolkit, best practices, and recommendations to help LSC grantees improve effectiveness and disaster response times. The executive summary is available [here](#) and the full report is available [here](#).
- b. **IFP Subcommittee** – With the approval of the LSBA Board of Governors, the committee developed a resolution for the Louisiana legislature which would request that the Louisiana State Law Institute (LSLI) examine inconsistencies in application of IFP procedures in courts across the state. The resolutions were approved by the House and the Senate. Jeffrey Coreil reported that LSLI Director Judge Guy Holdridge conveyed his interest in this issue, plans to form a committee to study the issue, and has asked Jeff to be a member. Jeff provided Judge Holdridge with the IFP white papers created by Louisiana Appleseed.
- c. **Pro Bono Subcommittee** – Rachael reported on the Senior Lawyers Division’s proposed revisions to the Emeritus Rule, which were approved by the House of Delegates at the LSBA Annual Meeting and were presented to the Supreme Court for approval. The ATJ Pro Bono Subcommittee will provide comment to the court staff as it reviews the resolution.
- d. **Louisiana Justice Community Conference** – Amy shared the agenda for the upcoming conference, scheduled for Oct. 10-11. Judy Perry Martinez will be the keynote speaker and Joyce Raby from the Florida Justice Technology Center will be a featured speaker.
  - i. **Justice For All Grant** – Amy announced that the ATJ Commission was one of three commissions nationwide to recently be awarded a 2019-2020 Justice For All grant by the National Center for State Courts. The grant supports the engagement of traditional and non-traditional partners to ensure meaningful access to justice for all people with civil legal needs. The grant work will include a broad assessment of the current resources and the development of strategies to address issues identified in the statewide assessment. The JFA Grant kick-off event will be held on Friday, October 11 at the Louisiana Justice Community Conference.
- e. **Lawyers in Libraries** – Jordan Maier reported on the progress of Lawyers in Libraries, which is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year and takes place Oct 21-26, 2019 in concurrence with National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. Jordan and Joanna Laidler are seeking volunteer in the parishes listed below in order to reach the goal of providing an event in every parish in the state during Celebrate Pro Bono Week. Those parishes include: Ascension, Beauregard, Bienville, Claiborne, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Madison, Red River, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, Union, Vermilion, Washington, and Webster. Co-chairs Jeff and Dona offered to personally cover Iberia and St. Landry parishes. Jordan requested assistance from Committee members in identifying attorney volunteers and, later, in sharing the list of confirmed events once it is published.

### IV. Access to Justice Commission Committee Reports

- a. **Building Bridges Committee** – In 2015, the Louisiana legislature created a Provisional Driver’s License (PDL) which would allow formerly incarcerated people to access a license for 1 year despite certain suspensions. Through a coordinated effort with the Louisiana Department of Corrections and Office of Motor Vehicles, the Building Bridges Committee recently released a pamphlet outlining how someone can apply for this type of license. Next, the Committee will record an instructional video to accompany the pamphlet on

LouisianaLawHelp.org. Additionally, the Committee is working with OMV to make Temporary Provisional Driver's Licenses available as well for formerly incarcerated people who have never had a license.

- b. **Funding Committee** – Jeff Coreil reported that the Commission recently achieved its goal of having a member of the legislature become a member of the ATJ Commission, as Senator Beth Mizell was added to the 2019-2020 roster. Additionally, the funding committee advisory group has met monthly since the end of the last legislative session to develop a plan for the 2019-2020 Bar Year. The Committee continues to work to secure state appropriations for future years after LSC programs received a \$500K appropriation for 2019. Jeff requested that ATJ Committee members continue to promote civil legal aid to their legislators.
- c. **Modest Means Committee** – Amy and Professor Listach reported on the Modest Means Directory's current membership, which has increased to 65 attorneys. Despite the increase, attorney membership is still far outnumbered by the 2,500+ requests for assistance from the public. The Committee is putting together a mailer to local bars encouraging them to promote the directory to their attorneys as an opportunity to build their practice. Professor Listach requested that ATJ Committee members continue to promote the directory as well.
- d. **ATJ Pro Bono Distinguished Fellows Program** – The ATJ Pro Bono Distinguished Fellows is seeking fellows for the 2020 program. Those who would like to host a Distinguished Fellow or know someone who would like to be a Distinguished Fellow should contact Monte Mollere at [mmollere@lsba.org](mailto:mmollere@lsba.org). In particular, the program is seeking Fellows outside the New Orleans area.

## V. Justice Community Conversations

- a. This October 16, SLLS is hosting a night of trivia at the Three Roll Estate distillery in Baton Rouge. Tickets are \$25 online and at the door (\$15 for students), and all proceeds go to funding much-needed legal services for Louisiana's poor. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit [www.slls.org](http://www.slls.org).
- b. Professor Molina noted that in accordance with Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 192.2, the courts must now pay for a professional interpreter if an individual requests one. Appendix 5.1B is the form that may be used to request an interpreter. Any questions/issues with engaging interpreters can be directed to the Language Access Committee (Staff Liaison Linda Johnson, [ljohnson@lsba.org](mailto:ljohnson@lsba.org)).
- c. Amy noted that Laura Tuggle was recently recognized as a 2019 City Business Woman of the Year.

## VI. Adjournment – next meeting January 17, 2020, at the Mid-Year Meeting in Baton Rouge