

**Louisiana State Bar Association's  
Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee  
Virtual Meeting**

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Attendees:**

- Debbie Weinberg, Disability Rights Louisiana – Co-Chair
- Chris Edmunds, Attorney at Law – Co-Chair
- Derek Warden, Louisiana Supreme Court
- Blake Allen, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
- Hannah Adams, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
- Joshua Holmes, CrescentCare Legal Services
- Jesse Lind, CrescentCare Legal Services
- Jodi Hill, Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center
- Josef Ventulan, Louisiana State Law Institute
- Kate Thorstad, Disability Rights Louisiana
- Joseph Barbie, Disability Rights Louisiana
- Sarah Bacot, Disability Rights Louisiana
- Melanie Bray, Disability Rights Louisiana
- Quinn Brown, Attorney at Law
- Sean Morrison, Attorney at Law

**LSBA Staff:**

- Stephanie Beagh, ATJ Projects Counsel
- Monte Mollere, ATJ Director
- Mariarenee Contreras. ATJ Projects Counsel

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Introductions & 5.19.22 Meeting Minutes:**

- Committee Members briefly introduced themselves. Minutes were moved by Chris Edmunds. Seconded by Melanie Bray.

**II. Lawyers in Libraries 2022:**

- Stephanie provided a brief overview about this years Lawyers in Libraries Program. Each year, the program puts together various Ask Your Lawyer events throughout different libraries across the state of Louisiana. Additionally, Lawyers in Libraries hosts 1.0 Hour

Virtual “Know Your Rights” webinars on Facebook via Zoom every day during National Pro Bono Week (October 24-29, 2022). This year, the LSPD Committee has been invited to host a “Know Your Rights” session and is currently looking for potential attorneys that can present on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon. The Webinar is geared towards the general public and can touch on any topic related to disability law or issues that affect persons with disabilities. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Stephanie Beaugh at [stephanie.beaugh@lsba.org](mailto:stephanie.beaugh@lsba.org) or you can call her at (504) 619-0106 by Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

i. To learn more about Lawyers in Libraries, [click here](#).

ii. To see examples of presentations, [click here](#).

### III. Disability Law Series (Hybrid Training):

- **Date: December 16, 2022, from 8:45 AM – 12:30 PM**
- **Location: LSBA Bar Center – New Orleans, Louisiana**
- Members confirmed that they would like to hold the event at the LSBA to provide a hybrid model to all interested attendees. Event location and date were confirmed. This training will offer 3 -Hours’ worth of CLE credit, including 1.0 Ethics Hour. The event is geared to both the LSPD Committee and members of the bar in private practice.
- Potential Topics: No topics have been confirmed, but ideas have been proposed:
  - i. A 3-part primer on reasonable accommodation with an overview of the state and federal protections in favor of persons with disabilities. Chris Edmunds and Melanie Bray have volunteered to present on these topics.
  - ii. Sean Morrison and Joshua Holmes have offered to be part of the planning committee and provided potential CLE topics on:
    - 1. Litigation and Protecting Client Benefits
    - 2. Employment Discrimination
  - iii. Presenters are eligible for CLE teaching credit. To learn more about this, please email Mariarenee Contreras at [Mariarenee.contreras@lsba.org](mailto:Mariarenee.contreras@lsba.org).
- Non- Committee members are also open to present if there are any suggestions from the Committee, the LSBA is happy to help provide presenter invitations. Planning meeting will begin to meet at the end of September again.

### IV. Legal Updates:

- **U.S. Supreme Court –Regarding Private Right of Action**
  - i. **Cummings v. Premier Rehab Keller:** [20-219 Cummings v. Premier Rehab Keller \(04/28/2022\) \(supremecourt.gov\)](#)
- **5<sup>th</sup> Circuit – Recent Concurrent Decision referencing [Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 \(1999\)](#)**
  - i. **Harrison v. Young:** [19-10874-CV0.pdf \(uscourts.gov\)](#)
- **Covid-19: Reasonable Accommodations**
  - i. If there are any materials in the future, they will be shared at the next meeting.

### V. Committee Workgroups: Will begin to meet again in the Spring. If anyone is interested, please email, [Mariarenee.contreras@lsba.org](mailto:Mariarenee.contreras@lsba.org).

- Judges Training Planning Group
- Court Accessibility Workgroup

**VI. Open Business:**

- **“Buck v. Bell: What have we learned” Ethics Training – Sept. 19, 2022**
  - i. *Register for in-person:* Email [CLE@lasc.org](mailto:CLE@lasc.org)
  - ii. *Register for Zoom:* [https://lasc-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_OWK8Og0jStebpYBuMvTsdA](https://lasc-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_OWK8Og0jStebpYBuMvTsdA)
  
- **Disaster Law Collaboration Summit** – November 3-4, 2022, at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
  - i. Registration Link: [SLLS & LSBA Disaster Law Collaboration Summit \(google.com\)](#)
  - ii. Agenda Link: [DLCSAgenda.pdf \(lsba.org\)](#)
  - iii. Up to 4 hours of CLE credit opportunities, including 1-hour of ethics.

**1. Next Meeting:** Tentative Date - Thursday, November 17, 2022 (Virtual Meeting *Only*)