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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

9 a.m. Saturday, January 20, 2018 Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

MINUTES

President Dona K. Renegar called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

Prior to convening the House of Delegates meeting, the following awards were presented:

- LSBA Citizen Lawyer Awards presented by President Dona Kay Renegar
 - o Hon. Scott U. Schlegel
 - o Meredith S. Grabill
 - o Benjamin W. Kadden
 - o Walter J. Leger, Jr.
 - o Pamela A. Stewart
 - o Adrienne D. White
- LCLCE Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award presented by LCLCE President Lawrence J. Centola III
 - o Hon, Sheva M, Sims

President Renegar also recognized members of the Leadership LSBA 2017-2018 Class:

- Brittany O. Rosenbloom, Co-Chair
- Micah C. Zeno, Co-Chair
- Bethany A. Blackson
- Kristian B. Dobard
- Shanerika M. Flemings
- Gerald J. Hampton, Jr.
- R. Gary Higgins, Jr.
- Kathleen M. Legendre
- J. Reed Poole, Jr.
- Anna Brown Priestly
- Alexander L. Reed
- Christopher J. Sellers, Jr.
- Elizabeth Fontenot Shea

- Todd C. Taranto
- Arielle L. Young
- Betty Ann Maury

I. Certification of Quorum by the Secretary

Secretary John E. McAuliffe, Jr. certified that a quorum was present. A copy of the attendance roster is attached as an addendum to these Minutes.

II. Recognition of Deceased Members of the House of Delegates

There were no deceased members.

General Session

III. Reports of Standing Committees of the House *

There were no oral reports from Standing Committees of the House.

IV. Reports of Officers, Board of Governors, Standing Committees and Sections of the Louisiana State Bar Association *

- 1. Dona K. Renegar, President
- 2. Barry H. Grodsky, President-Elect
- 3. H. Minor Pipes III, Treasurer
- 4. John E. McAuliffe, Jr., Secretary

All officers waived their reports. Committee reports were emailed in advance of the House meeting.

V. Reports of Special Committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association*

Committee reports were emailed in advance of the House meeting.

VI. Other Reports*

There were no other reports.

Activities of the House of Delegates

VII. Old Business

There was no old business to come before the House.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting of the House of Delegates, held in Destin, Florida.

Upon motion by Robert Kutcher and second by Sandra Cosby, both of the 24th Judicial District, the House unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

IX. Elections

1. Election of one member to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee, to commence at the conclusion of the 2018 Annual Meeting and end at the

conclusion of the 2021 Annual Meeting. This member shall be elected from House of Delegates members representing the 20th through 42nd Judicial Districts.

After being nominated by Mr. Kutcher and seconded by Sandra Cosby, Shayna Beevers Morvant of the 24th Judicial District was elected by acclamation.

2. Election, from the three Liaison Committee members, of a Chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2018-2019, whose term will commence at the conclusion of the 2018 Annual Meeting. The Chair of the Liaison Committee is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

President Renegar announced that the three members of the committee were Sandra Cosby of the 24th Judicial District, Jeffrey Riggs of the 15th Judicial District and Shayna Beevers Morvant of the 24th Judicial District. Upon motion and second, Ms. Cosby was elected by acclamation.

X. **Resolutions**

Committee Resolution

1. Resolution from the Committee on the Profession to amend the Code of Professionalism.

Committee on the Profession Co-Chair Barry H. Grodsky introduced the resolution. Mr. Kutcher moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Jack K. Whitehead, Jr. of the 19th Judicial District. Michael E. Holoway, 22nd Judicial District and Committee on the Profession Co-Chair, spoke in favor of the resolution, after which the House unanimously approved the resolution.

Section Resolution

2. Resolution from the Labor Relations and Employment Law Section to amend the Section's Bylaws.

Section Chair Kathryn M. Knight introduced the resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Michael W. McKay of the 19th Judicial District and unanimously approved by the House.

Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Resolution

3. Resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend Tax Law Standards.

Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Chair Melanie C. Lockett introduced the resolution. Mr. McKay moved its approval, which motion was seconded by Mr. Kutcher and approved by the House.

Member Resolutions

4. Resolution from Francis Barry and Glenn Adams (both of the 41st Judicial District) requesting that the House of Delegates:

- suspend implementation of the current standards for specialization in Employment Law; and
- request that the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization conduct further study on the Employment Law Standards.

Francis J. Barry, Jr. of the 41st Judicial District introduced the resolution and moved its adoption. Glenn Adams seconded.

The following spoke in support of the resolution:

- Mark N. Mallery, 41st Judicial District
- Glenn B. Adams, 41st Judicial District
- Jeffrey A. Riggs, 15th Judicial District

The following spoke against the resolution:

- Melanie C. Lockett, Chair, Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization
- Steven J. Farber, Government and Public Law Section Chair
- William Corbett, Committee to Review Labor and Employment Law Specialization Chair
- Jack K. Whitehead, Jr., 19th Judicial District

Mr. Barry made closing remarks

After being unable to determine the outcome from a voice vote, President Renegar requested a vote by show of hands, by which the House approved the resolution by a vote of 102 to 66.

- 5. Resolution from Francis Barry and Glenn Adams (both of the 41st Judicial District) requesting that the House of Delegates:
 - suspend implementation of the current standards for specialization in Labor Law; and
 - request that the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization conduct further study on the Labor Law Standards.

Mr. Adams introduced the resolution and moved its adoption, noting it was a companion to Resolution 4. Upon motion and second, the House voted unanimously to close debate. The House approved the resolution by voice vote

- 6. Resolution from Dan M. Boudreaux to amend the LSBA Bylaws to create a dues waiver procedure for those lawyers who complete at least 20 hours of approved pro bono legal services per fiscal year of the LSBA.
 - In Mr. Boudreaux's absence, Ms. Morvant moved to table the resolution, which motion was seconded by Ms. Cosby and unanimously approved by the House.
- 7. Resolution from Ben E. Clayton (22nd Judicial District) for the LSBA to establish and maintain a section dedicated to the study, evaluation, consideration and other aspects of both the United States and Louisiana constitutions.
 - Mr. Clayton withdrew his resolution.

- 8. Resolution from R. Bradley Lewis (22nd Judicial District) that the LSBA:
 - supports the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I of the Louisiana Constitution, and freedom of speech and the freedom of religion;
 - urges the repeal of all laws and municipal ordinances, regulations, rules, executive orders and other practices that prohibit or impair the freedom of speech or the freedom of religion;
 - urges the repeal of all laws that discriminate against persons because of their faith, their free exercise thereof, or because of their expression of their religious or political views;
 - urges the adoption of laws which protect freedom of speech and freedom of religion; and
 - sends a copy of the resolution to the Louisiana Governor, the Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, the President of the Louisiana Senate, and to the Louisiana Municipal Association.

Mr. Lewis Introduced the resolution and moved for adoption, which motion was duly seconded.

Ms. Renegar recognized Bar Governance Committee Chair Darrel J. Papillion, who advised that the committee had met and reached the following conclusions:

- The LSBA should not be on record in support of only one aspect of the Constitution: and
- The LSBA should not be taking position on social, political or religious issues.

Minority Involvement Section Chair Damarcus Gordon and Civil Law & Litigation Section Chair Lynn Luker spoke against the resolution, and Ben E. Clayton of the 22nd Judicial District spoke in support of the resolution

Mr. Lewis gave closing comments, after which the resolution failed by a voice vote.

XI. Other Business

Consideration of any other business to come before the House of Delegates.

President Renegar recognized Evan J. Bergeron of the 41st Judicial District, who had circulated a resolution "To Express the Sentiment of the House and Urge and Request the Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors to Select an Alternative Location for the Annual Louisiana State Bar Convention and Judicial Summer School outside the State of Florida based on that State's Governor's recent statements against the State of Louisiana and forthcoming efforts to harm Louisiana's economic interests," and who had advised the House of his intent to request a suspension of the rules in order to consider the resolution.

Mr. Bergeron announced that he had spoken with President Renegar in advance of the meeting and decided not to ask for a suspension of the rules, but to instead attempt to work within mechanisms available to address his concerns.

President Renegar thanked House members for their service and for their commitment to the LSBA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

John E. McAuliffe, Jr.,

Secretary

APPROVED BY HOUSE OF DELEGATES JUNE 7, 2018 DESTIN, FLORIDA

ADDENDUM 2017-2018 HOUSE OF DELEGATES ATTENDANCE · 2018 MIDYEAR MEETING

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (14 seats) Parish of Caddo

Louis R. Avallone

PRESENT Claude W. Bookter, Jr.

Joseph A. Cannatella, Jr.

James L. Fortson, Jr.

PRESENT Stephen Christopher Fortson

PRESENT Daryl Gold BY PROXY TO Shanerika Flemings

PRESENT W. James Hill III BY PROXY TO Anna Brown Priestley

PRESENT Amy Michelle Perkins

PRESENT Nyle A. Politz
PRESENT Joseph L. Shea, Jr.

PRESENT Kenneth Craig Smith, Jr.

PRESENT Scott R. Wolf PRESENT Paul L. Wood

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne & Jackson

Tammy G. Jump

PRESENT Yumeaka Robinson Washington

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Lincoln & Union

Addison K. Goff IV

Shelley Ann Goff

PRESENT Tyler G. Storms

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (11 seats) Parishes of Morehouse & Ouachita

PRESENT Martin Shane Craighead

John Albert Ellis

PRESENT Lakeisha J. Johnson

PRESENT Ramsey L. Ogg

Lavalle B. Salomon

PRESENT Arthur L. Stewart

PRESENT William Michael Street

PRESENT Peggy J. Sullivan

David J. Summersgill, Jr.

Jessica Welch Williams

PRESENT Thomas G. Zentner, Jr.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parishes of Franklin, Richland, & West Carroll

PRESENT John Clay Hamilton

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Carroll, Madison & Tensas

PRESENT George F. Fox, Jr.

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of Catahoula & Concordia

PRESENT Joseph A. Boothe PRESENT Ann S. Siddall

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Winn

PRESENT Justin Keith Gates

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (7 seats) Parish of Rapides

Marcus Augustine

Bradley L. Drell

PRESENT Harold A. Murry

PRESENT Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.

PRESENT Stephen Wheelis

PRESENT David M. Williams

PRESENT Zebulon M. Winstead

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Natchitoches

Cloyd Benjamin

PRESENT Keenan K. Kelly

ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Sabine

PRESENT Rebecca Riall

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Avoyelles

PRESENT Douglas L. Bryan PRESENT Dan B. McKay, Jr.

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Evangeline

Abby Bergeron Landreneau

FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parish of Calcasieu

PRESENT Theresa A. Barnatt BY PROXY TO Daniel L. Lorenzi

PRESENT Cade R. Cole BY PROXY TO Elizabeth F. Shea

PRESENT Brian Lee Coody BY PROXY TO Alexander Reed

L. Paul Foreman

PRESENT Thomas L. Lorenzi

Robert C. McCorquodale

PRESENT Chantell Marie Smith

PRESENT Kenneth M. Wright

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (13 seats) Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette & Vermillion

Loretta Bianca Chretien

Steven G. Durio

PRESENT Chase J. Edwards

PRESENT Scott F. Higgins

PRESENT Matthew J. Hill, Jr. BY PROXY TO Vanessa Anseman

Katherine L. Hurst PRESENT Andrew B. Mims **PRESENT** Donovan J. O'Pry II **PRESENT PRESENT** Joseph R. Oelkers III Jeffrey A. Riggs PRESENT Michael D. Skinner **PRESENT** Dwazendra Smith **PRESENT** Juliette B. Wade **PRESENT**

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (8 seats) Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin & St. Mary

PRESENT Adolph B. Curet III **PRESENT** Eric P. Duplantis Pamela A. Lemoins **PRESENT** Marsha McNulty **PRESENT PRESENT** Andrew Reed Maggie T. Simar **PRESENT PRESENT** Anne G. Stevens Dennis R. Stevens **PRESENT**

SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Lafourche

PRESENT William N. Abel
PRESENT Daniel A. Cavell
PRESENT Marla Mitchell
PRESENT Robert M. Pugh
PRESENT Nicholas J. Zeringue

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee & West Baton Rouge

PRESENT J. Lane Ewing, Jr.
PRESENT Stephen Philibert Jewell
PRESENT Deidre Deculus Robert
PRESENT David M. Tubbs

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (21 seats) Parish of East Baton Rouge

PRESENT B. Scott Andrews
PRESENT Kelly E. Balfour
PRESENT Jesse H. Bankston, Jr.
Valerie B. Bargas
PRESENT James E. Boren
PRESENT Dans B. Brewn BV Bl

PRESENT Dana B. Brown BY PROXY TO Parker DeAgno

PRESENT Donald J. Cazayoux, Jr. PRESENT Douglas J. Cochran

PRESENT Jean M. Faria BY PROXY TO Bethany Blackson

PRESENT Frank A. Fertitta
PRESENT C. Frank Holthaus
PRESENT Jay M. Jalenak, Jr.

PRESENT Michael W. McKay Rusty M. Messer **PRESENT** Adrian G. Nadeau **PRESENT** Julie Baxter Payer **PRESENT** Mary E. Roper Amanda S. Stout **PRESENT David Abboud Thomas PRESENT** Mary Ann M. White **PRESENT PRESENT** Jack K. Whitehead, Jr.

TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parishes of East Feliciana & West Feliciana

Samuel Christopher D'Aquilla **PRESENT**

Stewart B. Hughes **PRESENT**

TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (9 seats) Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena & **Tangipahoa**

PRESENT Mary E. Heck Barrios

Erik L. Burns **PRESENT**

Anthony Todd Caruso PRESENT

PRESENT Steven J. Farber **PRESENT** Colt Justin Fore Ivy Landry Graham **PRESENT PRESENT** D. Blayne Honeycutt

Amanda L. Huff Brown

PRESENT Robert W. Morgan

TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (12 seats) Parishes of St. Tammany & Washington

PRESENT Clayton J. Borne IV **PRESENT** Ben E. Clayton Debra Kay Henkels **PRESENT** Waldon M. Hingle **PRESENT PRESENT** Michael E. Holoway **PRESENT** Robert C. Lehman R. Bradley Lewis **PRESENT** L. Jay McCreary **PRESENT** Sean M. Morrison

Patrice W. Oppenheim **PRESENT**

PRESENT Todd C. Taranto

TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parishes of Ascension, Assumption & St. James

PRESENT Christopher J. Bridges

Lana O. Chaney

PRESENT Michael J. Poirrier

Timothy E. Pujol

TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (19 seats) Parish of Jefferson

PRESENT Simone B. Boustead
PRESENT Thomas C. Cerullo
PRESENT David L. Colvin
PRESENT Sandra K. Cosby
PRESENT S. Guy deLaup

PRESENT Michael R. Delesdernier PRESENT Edwin R. Fleischmann, Jr.

PRESENT Paul C. Fleming, Jr. PRESENT Michael R. Gelder

PRESENT Christy M. Howley BY PROXY TO Robert A. Kutcher

PRESENT Adrian F. LaPeyronnie III

PRESENT Richard K. Leefe
PRESENT Betty Ann Maury
PRESENT Scott W. McQuaig

PRESENT Shayna Beevers Morvant

PRESENT Bryan A. Pfleeger PRESENT Roy A. Raspanti PRESENT George B. Recile PRESENT Tina Louise Suggs

TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Plaquemine

PRESENT S. Jacob Braud

PRESENT Dominick Scandurro, Jr.

TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (6 seats) Parishes of Bossier & Webster

PRESENT John Zachary Blanchard, Jr.

PRESENT Amanda J. Hulett

Patrick R. Jackson

PRESENT Ross E. Shacklette

John B. Slattery, Jr.

PRESENT David L. White

TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (4 seats) Parish of St. Landry

PRESENT Scherri N. Guidry PRESENT Francis A. Olivier III

Ogden L. Pitre

PRESENT Randy Wagley

TWENTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of LaSalle

Kamra S. Craig

TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. Charles

PRESENT Steven F. Griffith, Sr.

PRESENT Don Paul Landry

Robert L. Raymond

THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of Vernon

Wesley R. Bailey

PRESENT Mary K. Beaird

Mark H. Kramar

THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Jefferson Davis

THIRTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of Terrebonne

Charles C. Bourque, Jr.

PRESENT Teresa D. King

Patricia P. Reeves-Floyd

THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Allen

PRESENT Mary Hebert Holmes
PRESENT Michael Bruce Holmes

THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (5 seats) Parish of St. Bernard

PRESENT Roberta L. Burns

Tracy Helen Duplantier

PRESENT Gregory J. Noto PRESENT Gregory W. Rome

Paul A. Tabary III

THIRTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Grant

PRESENT Scott M. Prudhomme

THIRTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of Beauregard

THIRTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Caldwell

Brian E. Frazier

THIRTY-EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Cameron

PRESENT Robert James Sheffield, Jr.

THIRTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (1 seat) Parish of Red River

Luke D. Mitchell

FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (3 seats) Parish of St. John the Baptist

PRESENT Geoffrey M. Michel PRESENT William D. O'Regan III

FORTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (32 seats) Parish of Orleans

PRESENT Donald R. Abaunza BY PROXY TO Stephanie Skinner

PRESENT Glenn B. Adams
PRESENT Francis J. Barry, Jr.
PRESENT Ashley L. Belleau

PRESENT Alicia M. Bendana BY PROXY TO Barry H. Grodsky

PRESENT Jack C. Benjamin, Jr. PRESENT Evan J. Bergeron

PRESENT Thomas A. Casey, Jr. BY PROXY TO Micah Fincher

PRESENT Lawrence J. Centola, III

PRESENT Justin M. Chopin

Thomas Louis Colletta, Jr.

Richard B. Eason, II

PRESENT Judith A. Gainsburgh
PRESENT James C. Gulotta, Jr.
PRESENT Philip K. Jones, Jr.
PRESENT Tracy O. Joseph

Mark D. Latham

PRESENT David W. Leefe

PRESENT Chadwick J. Mollere

PRESENT André J. Mouledoux BY PROXY TO Mark Mallery PRESENT Brian P. Quirk BY PROXY TO Christopher Sellers

PRESENT Christopher K. Ralston PRESENT Louis Gravois Schott

PRESENT Karen B. Sher
PRESENT Ronald J. Sholes
John A. Stassi II
PRESENT Patrick A. Talley, Jr.

PRESENT Patrick A. Talley, Jr. PRESENT Irving J. Warshauer

PRESENT Craig R. Webb BY PROXY TO Micah Zeno

Edward D. Wegmann Phillip A. Wittmann Jay C. Zainey, Jr.

FORTY-SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (2 seats) Parish of DeSoto

PRESENT Dick D. Knadler PRESENT Adrienne D. White

SECTION CHAIRS

Alyson V. Antoon, Animal Law

Richard J. Arsenault, Insurance, Tort, Worker's Comp & Admiralty Law

Philip O. Bergeron, Administrative Law

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PRESENT Jeffrey S. Wittenbrink, Family Law James Randy Young, Public Utility

RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROFESSION OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the LSBA Committee on the Profession ("Committee") is charged as part of its mission, "to support and encourage lawyers to exercise the highest standards of integrity, ethics and professionalism in their conduct; to examine systemic issues in the legal system arising out of the lawyer's relationship and duties to his/her clients, other lawyers, the courts, the judicial system and the public good; to provide the impetus and means to positively impact those relationships and duties; to improve access to the legal system; and to improve the quality of life and work/life balance for lawyers"; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is comprised of LSBA members from all geographic areas of the state and practice groups;

WHEREAS, the Committee believes the Code of Professionalism should be amended;

WHEREAS, Amendments have not been made to the Code of Professionalism since January 10, 1992;

WHEREAS, a Subcommittee of the Committee on the Profession was appointed to study and make recommended changes to the Committee on the Profession;

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee furnished its recommendations to the Committee and after careful consideration, the Committee on the Profession recommended adoption of the aspirational Code of Professionalism as proposed in Exhibit A (Attached).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LSBA House of Delegates approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Profession as set forth above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the LSBA House of Delegates respectfully recommends approval of same by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

LSBA Committee on the Profession

Barry H. Grodsky, Co-Chair

Michael E. Holoway, Co-Chair

Monique M. Edwards, Vice-Chair Christy M. Howley, Vice-Chair

Honorable Carl J. Barbier

Robert A. Barnett

Honorable Roland L. Belsome, Jr.

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Scott R. Bickford

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This 6th day of December, 2017.

THE CODE OF PROFESSIONALISM (PROPOSED)

The legal profession is a learned calling. As such, lawyers should act with honesty and integrity and be mindful of our responsibility to the judicial system, the public, our colleagues, and the rule of law. We, as lawyers, should always aspire to the highest ideals of our profession.

- · My word is my bond.
- I will conduct myself with honesty, dignity, civility, courtesy and fairness and will not engage
 in any demeaning or derogatory actions or commentary toward others.
- I will not knowingly make statements of fact or law that are untrue or misleading and I will clearly identify for other counsel changes I have made in documents submitted to me.
- I will be punctual in my communication with clients, other counsel and the court. I will honor scheduled appearances and will cooperate with other counsel in all respects.
- I will allow counsel fair opportunity to respond and will grant reasonable requests for extensions of time.
- I will not abuse or misuse the law, its procedures or the participants in the judicial process.
- I will cooperate with counsel and the court to reduce the cost of litigation and will not file or
 oppose pleadings, conduct discovery or utilize any course of conduct for the purpose of undue
 delay or harassment of any other counsel or party.
- I will not engage in personal attacks on other counsel or the court or use the threat of sanctions as a litigation tactic.
- I will support my profession's efforts to enforce its disciplinary rules and will not make unfounded allegations of unethical conduct about other counsel.
- I will work to protect and improve the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public.
- I will endeavor to improve our system of justice.
- I will use technology, including social media, responsibly. My words and actions, no matter how conveyed, should reflect the professionalism expected of me as a lawyer.
- I will seek opportunities to be of service to the bench and bar and assist those who cannot afford legal help.
- I will be supportive of new members in the profession.
- I will stay informed about changes in the law, communication, and technology which affect the practice of law.

CODE OF PROFESSIONALISM

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- I will clearly identify for other counsel changes I have made in documents submitted to me.
- I will conduct myself with dignity, civility, courtesy and a sense of fair play.
- ~ I will not abuse or misuse the law, its procedures or the participants in the judicial process.
- I will consult with other counsel whenever scheduling procedures are required and will be cooperative in scheduling discovery, hearings, the testimony of witnesses and in the handling of the entire course of any legal matter.
- I will not file or oppose pleadings, conduct discovery or utilize any course of conduct for the purpose of undue delay or harassment of any other counsel or party. I will allow counsel fair opportunity to respond and will grant reasonable requests for extensions of time.
- I will not engage in personal attacks on other counsel or the court. I will support my profession's efforts to enforce its disciplinary rules and will not make unfounded allegations of unethical conduct about other counsel.
- I will not use the threat of sanctions as a litigation tactic.
- I will cooperate with counsel and the court to reduce the cost of litigation and will readily stipulate to all matters not in dispute.
- I will be punctual in my communication with clients, other counsel and the court, and in honoring scheduled appearances.



Signature, Louisiana State Bar Association Member

Following approval by the Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates and Board of Governors at the Mid-Year Meeting, and approval by the Supreme Court of Louisiana on Jan. 10, 1992, the Code of Professionalism was adopted for the membership. The Code originated out of the Professionalism and Quality of Life Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THE LABOR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the current bylaws of the Labor Relations Law Section as approved by the House of Delegates do not reflect the rules under which the Section has been operating for several years, which such rules were approved by a majority of the Section members during the annual meeting that took place on June 5, 2014.

WHEREAS, at the annual meeting of the Section that took place on June 6, 2017, and after notice duly given, revisions to the bylaws were unanimously approved by those Section members present and voting, to effect the following changes: to reflect in Article I, Section 1 that the Section shall be known as the "Section of Labor Relations and Employment Law" and to reflect in Section 2 of that article a corresponding change in the statement of the Section's purpose; to modify Article IV, Qualification and Election of Officers, to shorten the time period required for eligible members to notify the Chairman of his or her intent to run for election office and/or counsel position (Section 1); to amend the minimum qualifications necessary to hold an office for a position on the council (Section 2); to expand the number of members from a particular law firm who may serve as officers or councilmembers (Section 3) in keeping with the goal of encouraging greater participation of the members of the Labor and Employment Section; and to provide that the annual Section meeting shall be held during the annual meeting of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

WHEREFORE, the Section requests that the LSBA House of Delegates approve the revised bylaws of the Labor and Employment Section. The revised bylaws, in both clean and redline format, are attached to this Resolution.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th day of September, 2017, by the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations and Employment Law through its undersigned chairman, Kathryn M. Knight.

/s/ Kathryn M. Knight

Kathryn M. Knight
Chairman, LSBA Section of Labor
Relations and Employment Law

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LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS OF THE SECTION OF LABOR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

ARTICLE I.

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MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- Section 1. <u>Membership</u>. There shall be two classes of members of the Section, namely, Active and Associate, as follows:
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office, or receive Section publications. Members of the judiciary shall not be obligated to pay dues. The association shall advise the Officers of the Section of the names and addresses of all persons who become Active or Associate members of the Section; such advice shall constitute compliance with Article XI, Section 2 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Association.

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OFFICERS

- Section 1. Officers and Successorship. The general officers of this Section shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected annually from the Active membership in the manner and subject to the limitations hereinbelow provided; subject to the exception provided below in Section 5 of this Article. The Secretary-Treasurer shall automatically succeed to the office of Vice-Chairman for the term following the one for which he was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and the Vice-Chairman for any particular term shall automatically succeed to the office of Chairman for the following year.
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- Section 3. <u>Term.</u> The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer shall hold office for a term beginning at the close of one Annual Meeting of the Association and ending at the close of the next succeeding Annual Meeting of the Association, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.
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the unexpired term shall be filled by a person chosen by the remaining members of the Council from among persons who would have been eligible for election to the said office for that term; if the remaining members of the Council are unable to agree, then a special meeting of the Section will be held, upon at least ten days written notice to all members of the Section, on a Saturday morning in New Orleans; at said meeting, nominations shall be made from the floor; nominees must be Active Members from the same segment of the labor relations bar as the person whose vacancy is to be filled; the election shall be by a majority vote of those personally in attendance at the meeting (no proxies), and shall be by a raised hands ballot, unless otherwise ordered by a resolution duly adopted by the Section at the meeting at which the election is held. The Secretary-Treasurer selected to fill an unexpired term shall not automatically succeed to the office of Vice-Chairman; instead, an election must be held for a Vice-Chairman at the same time as the election for a Secretary-Treasurer, at the Annual Meeting, following the procedure set forth in Article IV hereinbelow. A vacancy in one of the at-large Council positions shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person chose by the remaining members of the Council. If said members are unable to agree, then a special meeting of the Section will be held, upon at least ten days' written notice to all members of the Section, on a Saturday morning in New Orleans; at said meeting, nominations shall be made from the floor; election shall be by a majority vote of those members personally in attendance at the meeting (no proxies) and shall be by raised hands ballot, unless otherwise ordered by a resolution duly adopted by the Section at the meeting.

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Section 1. <u>Adoption</u>. These By-Laws may be amended during the Annual Meeting of the Section by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Section personally present and voting (no proxies), or may be amended at any special meeting of the Section, called for that specific purpose, by a majority of the members of the Section personally present and voting (no proxies), provided that no amendment so adopted shall become effective until approved by the Board of Governors of the Association. However, no amendment can be considered unless the members are provided at least ten days' notice of the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.

Adopted, June 6, 2017.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations and Employment Law, adopted revised By-Laws for the Section on June 6, 2017, by vote of more than two-thirds of the Section's members present at a meeting held that date for said purpose;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 4 of the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Bar Association provides that the By-Laws of each Section and amendments to same shall become effective only upon the approval of the House of Delegates;

WHEREAS, a copy of the newly revised By-Laws of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations and Employment Law is attached hereto for the review and approval of the House of Delegates;

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached revised By-Laws of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations and Employment Law, adopted by the Section on June 6, 2017, be hereby approved by the Louisiana State Bar Association, House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of September, 2017, by the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations and Employment Law through its undersigned Chairman, Kathryn M. Knight.

LSBA SECTION OF LABOR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT LAW KATHRYN M. KNIGHT, CHAIRMAN

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- Section 5. <u>Printing</u>. All printing for the Section or for the Council or any committee of the Section shall be done under the supervision of the Executive Director of the Louisiana State Bar Association.
 - Section 6. Term Limitation. Unless made necessary to fill a vacancy in the next higher

office pursuant to Article III, Section 5 hereof, no officer shall serve in the same capacity for more than one Section year, that year to begin on the date of each annual Section meeting and end on the date of the next annual Section meeting.

Section 7. <u>Non-Partisan Party</u>. The Section and its officers as spokespersons for the Section shall not adopt, endorse, or otherwise advocate any partisan political or legislative position or policy and shall adhere to any similar by-law or policy statement adopted by the Association.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. <u>Adoption</u>. These By-Laws may be amended <u>at any during the Annual</u> Meeting of the Section by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Section personally present and voting (no proxies), or may be amended at any special meeting of the Section, called for that specific purpose, by a majority of the members of the Section personally present and voting (no proxies), provided that no amendment so adopted shall become effective until approved by the Board of Governors of the Association. However, no amendment can be considered unless the members are provided at least ten days' notice of the meeting at which the amendment will be considered.

Adopted, August 27, 1988 June 6, 2017.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations <u>and Employment</u> Law, adopted revised By-Laws for the Section on <u>August 27,1988June 6, 2017</u>, by vote of more than two-thirds of the Section's members present at a meeting held that date for said purpose;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 4 of the By-Laws of the Louisiana State Bar Association provides that the By-Laws of each Section and amendments to same shall become effective only upon the approval of the House of Delegates;

WHEREAS, a copy of the newly revised By-Laws of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations <u>and Employment</u> Law is attached hereto for the review and approval of the House of Delegates;

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached revised By-Laws of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations and Employment Law, adopted by the Section on August 27, 1988 June 6, 2017, be hereby approved by the Louisiana State Bar Association, House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted this <u>26th day of October</u>, <u>1988</u> <u>day of September</u>, <u>2017</u>, by the Louisiana State Bar Association, Section of Labor Relations <u>and Employment Law</u> through its undersigned Chairman, <u>Melanie A. Leavitt</u>Kathryn M. Knight.

(original signed by Melanie A. LeavittKathryn M. Knight)

LSBA SECTION OF LABOR RELATIONS AND

EMPLOYMENT LAW MELANIE A LEAVITTKATHRYN M. KNIGHT, CHAIRMAN



RESOLUTION OF THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION TO AMEND TAX LAW STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization is empowered under Section 3.1C of the Louisiana State Bar Association Plan of Legal Specialization to make recommendations to the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association with respect to reasonable and non-discriminatory standards concerning education, experience, proficiency and other relevant matters for granting certificates of special competence to lawyers in defined and designated fields of law;

WHEREAS, a determination was made by the Tax Law Advisory Commission that an amendment to the Standards is in order to revise Section III (A)(3) of the Tax Law Standards, which presently reads:

3. Program content should be current and 70% or more of the program must be devoted to tax law subjects. No specialization CLE credit will be awarded for attending a program which does not satisfy the 70% requirement contained herein.

WHEREAS, a determination was made by the Tax Law Advisory Commission that the requirement of 70% should be reduced to 50% of a program that must be devoted to tax law subjects to grant tax law specialization credit; and furthermore, that if the program does not meet the 50% requirement, that individual sessions will qualify for tax law credit if 50% or more of the content of the individual session is devoted to tax law; and that Section III(A)(3) of the Tax Law Standards should be amended as follows:

3. Program content should be current. Tax law specialization CLE credit will be granted for an entire program if 50% or more of the program is devoted to tax law subjects. If the program in its entirety does not meet the 50% requirement, individual sessions within the program will qualify for tax law specialization CLE credit if 50% or more of the content of the session is devoted to tax law.

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization that it would be appropriate to amend Section III(A)(3) of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Tax Law Standards to grant tax law specialization CLE credit for an entire program if 50% or more of the program is devoted to tax law subjects. If the program in its entirety does not meet the 50% requirement, individual sessions within the program will qualify for tax law specialization CLE credit if 50% or more of the content of the session is devoted to tax law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization does hereby resolve that there should be an amendment to Section III(A)(3) of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Tax Law Standards to grant tax law specialization CLE credit for an entire program if 50% or more of the program is devoted to tax law subjects. If the program in its entirety does not meet the 50% requirement, individual sessions within the program will qualify for tax law specialization CLE credit if 50% or more of the content of the session is devoted to tax law;

FURTHER, be it resolved that this Resolution be submitted to the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie C. Lockett, Chair

Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization

December 12, 2017 New Orleans, Louisiana

APPROVED HOUSE OF DELEGATES & BOARD OF GOVERNORS JANUARY 20, 2018 BATON ROUGE , LA

RESOLUTION OF THE LSBA HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO URGE THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS FOR SPECIALIZATION IN EMPLOYMENT LAW

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2017, the Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates ("House") was presented with a resolution regarding the implementation of a specialty certification in Employment Law by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization ("LBLS");

WHEREAS, the resolution before the House, as presented by the LBLS, represented that there had been adequate opportunity for members of the bar to comment on the proposed Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Employment Law Standards;

WHEREAS the resolution failed to disclose that a survey obtained to assess support for the Employment Law Standards demonstrate opposition at a rate of 2-to-1 AGAINST adoption of such standards:

WHEREAS the resolution also remained silent regarding the fact that there remained significant opposition to the proposed specialization standards from affected members of the Louisiana State Bar Association;

WHEREAS a group of affected practitioners issued a joint letter dated January 20, 2017 to the entire House, and attempted to contact various Officers and individual Delegates by telephone to discuss the problems with the resolution;

WHEREAS there were numerous problems with the Employment Law Standards noted in this letter, including potentially discriminatory effects against women, potential competitive disadvantages for small firms and solo practitioners, and poorly conceived application practitioners who practice in the area of employee benefits and/or the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA");

WHEREAS opponents of the Employment Law Standards also noted that these standards were largely duplicative of proposed Labor Law Standards, which were adopted simultaneously, and would therefore force many practitioners to accept the burdens of dual certification, and the attendant costs;

WHEREAS the January 20, 2017 letter to the House, which set forth many of these grounds for opposing the Employment Law Standards, was made available at the January 2017 House meeting, with the intention of giving certain Delegates the opportunity to speak in opposition to the Employment Law Standards;

WHEREAS the resolution approving the Employment Law Standards was approved as part of a package of similar resolutions, with no debate as to the merits of the Employment Law Standards, nor any discussion of the substantial opposition among affected practitioners, nor the various reasons for said opposition;

WHEREAS the Delegates who had been prepared to speak in opposition to the proposed standards were thus deprived of an opportunity to address the House; and

WHEREAS the House resolution adopting the Employment Law Standards was passed without debate or discussion of any of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS the House desires that any significant resolutions, such as those adopting the Employment Law Standards, represent the product of thoughtful, well-informed debate and deliberation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

This Resolution shall be presented to the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association shall suspend implementation of the current standards for specialization in Employment Law, as approved on January 21, 2017, for further study and consideration; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association, requests that the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization conduct further study on the Employment Law Standards, including (i) whether a majority of affected practitioners actually support the standards, in light of prior survey data demonstrating greater opposition than support; and (ii) whether concerns over discriminatory effects and unfair competitive advantages can be adequately addressed.

/s/ Francis Barry

Francis Barry, Member

Judicial District: Orleans Parish

/s/ Glenn Adams

Glenn Adams, Member

Judicial District: Orleans Parish

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APPROVED HOUSE OF DELEGATES & BOARD OF GOVERNORS JANUARY 20, 2018 BATON ROUGE, LA

RESOLUTION OF THE LSBA HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO URGE THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS FOR SPECIALIZATION IN LABOR LAW

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2017, the Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates ("House") was presented with a resolution regarding the implementation of a specialty certification in Labor Law by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization ("LBLS");

WHEREAS, the resolution before the House, as presented by the LBLS, represented that there had been adequate opportunity for members of the bar to comment on the proposed Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Labor Law Standards;

WHEREAS the resolution failed to disclose that a survey obtained to assess support for the Labor Law Standards demonstrate opposition at a rate of 2-to-1 AGAINST adoption of such standards:

WHEREAS the resolution also remained silent regarding the fact that there remained significant opposition to the proposed specialization standards from affected members of the Louisiana State Bar Association;

WHEREAS a group of affected practitioners issued a joint letter dated January 20, 2017 to the entire House, and attempted to contact various Officers and individual Delegates by telephone to discuss the problems with the resolution;

WHEREAS there were numerous problems with the Labor Law Standards noted in this letter, including potentially discriminatory effects against women, potential competitive disadvantages for small firms and solo practitioners, and poorly conceived application practitioners who practice in the area of employee benefits and/or the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA");

WHEREAS opponents of the Labor Law Standards also noted that these standards were largely duplicative of proposed Employment Law Standards, which were adopted simultaneously, and would therefore force many practitioners to accept the burdens of dual certification, and the attendant costs;

WHEREAS the January 20, 2017 letter to the House, which set forth many of these grounds for opposing the Labor Law Standards, was made available at the January 2017 House meeting, with the intention of giving certain Delegates the opportunity to speak in opposition to the Labor Law Standards;

WHEREAS the resolution approving the Labor Law Standards was approved as part of a package of similar resolutions, with no debate as to the merits of the Labor Law Standards, nor any discussion of the substantial opposition among affected practitioners, nor the various reasons for said opposition;

WHEREAS the Delegates who had been prepared to speak in opposition to the proposed standards were thus deprived of an opportunity to address the House; and

WHEREAS the House resolution adopting the Labor Law Standards was passed without debate or discussion of any of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS the House desires that any significant resolutions, such as those adopting the Labor Law Standards, represent the product of thoughtful, well-informed debate and deliberation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

This Resolution shall be presented to the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association shall suspend implementation of the current standards for specialization in Labor Law, as approved on January 21, 2017, for further study and consideration; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association, requests that the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization conduct further study on the Labor Law Standards, including (i) whether a majority of affected practitioners actually support the standards, in light of prior survey data demonstrating greater opposition than support; and (ii) whether concerns over discriminatory effects and unfair competitive advantages can be adequately addressed.

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/s/ Glenn Adams

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APPROVED HOUSE OF DELEGATES & BOARD OF GOVERNORS JANUARY 20, 2018 BATON ROUGE, LA

RESOLUTION FROM LSBA MEMBER DAN M. BOUDREAUX REGARDING ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Louisiana State Bar Association currently provide a mechanism for consideration of dues waivers for "those members experiencing financial hardship, illness or other extraordinary circumstances," and

WHEREAS, Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct promulgated by the Louisiana Supreme Court provides that "Every lawyer should aspire to provide legal services to those unable to pay. A lawyer should aspire to render at least fifty (50) hours of pro bono publico legal services per year," and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bar Association should provide a dues waiver procedure for those lawyers who complete at least twenty (20) hours of approved pro bono legal services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Article I, Section 2 of the LSBA Bylaws be amended to add the following paragraph:

"The Board of Directors shall establish a dues waiver procedure for members of the LSBA who complete at least twenty (20) hours of approved pro bono legal services per fiscal year of the LSBA."

Submitted by LSBA Member:

Dan M. Boudreaux Baton Rouge, LA December 8, 2017

TABLED HOUSE OF DELEGATES & BOARD OF GOVERNORS JANUARY 20, 2018 BATON ROUGE, LA

RESOLUTION OF LSBA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WHEREAS, the articles of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) provides that the object and purpose of the Association includes promoting the administration of justice;

WHEREAS, the promoting the administration of justice includes support for basic and fundamental human rights including the human rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion;

WHEREAS, the human rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion are protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and by Sections 7 and 8 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, in recent years, there has been attacks in our State and Nation on the fundamental rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion;

WHEREAS, in recent years, the rights of free speech and freedom of religion have been threatened in the State of Louisiana by the arrests and threat of arrest of Christian preachers simply for speaking about their faith in public places;

WHEREAS, there have been other threats to these rights throughout the state and nation including a denial of justice to persons being threatened with arrest, imprisonment or the loss of their livelihood or denial of license to practice their profession simply because of the expression of their faith or their refusal to engage in acts prohibited by their religion;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the LSBA to support the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and §§ 7 and 8 of Article I of the Louisiana

Constitution and to support the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion and oppose

laws, regulations, rules and practices that prohibit or impair such freedoms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Bar

Association supports the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution and §§ 7 and 8

of Article I of the Louisiana Constitution, and freedom of speech and the freedom of

religion and urges the repeal of all laws and municipal ordinances, regulations, rules,

executive orders and other practices that prohibit or impair the freedom of speech or the

freedom of religion or that discriminates against persons because of their faith, their free

exercise thereof, or because of their expression of their religious or political views and

urge the adoption of laws which protect freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the

Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Speaker of the Louisiana House of

Representatives, the President of the Louisiana State Senate, and to the Louisiana

Municipal Association.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

R. BRADLEY LEWIS, MEMBER

22nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEFEATED

HOUSE OF DELEGATES & BOARD OF GOVERNORS

JANUARY 20, 2018

BATON ROUGE, LA