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House of Delegates Jan. 20 Meeting: Resolutions, Liaison Committee, Award Recipients, Leadership Class

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates considered resolutions and other business items at its meeting on Jan. 20.

Regarding the resolutions, the House:

► Unanimously approved the resolution from the Committee on the Profession to adopt an aspirational Code of Professionalism.

► Unanimously approved the resolution from the Labor Relations and Employment Law Section to amend the Section's bylaws.

► Approved the resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend Tax Law Standards.

► Approved by a hand vote (102 to 66) the resolution from Francis Barry and Glenn Adams (both of the 41st Judicial District) requesting that the House of Delegates: 1) suspend implementation of the current standards for specialization in Employment Law; and 2) request that the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization



Louisiana State Bar Association President Dona Kay Renegar presides over the House of Delegates meeting on Jan. 20 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel during the LSBA Midyear Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

conduct further study on the Employment Law Standards.

► Approved by a voice vote the resolution from Francis Barry and Glenn

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LSBA members certified elected; 2 runoffs underway

More Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members were certified elected for leadership positions following the close of first-round voting on Dec. 11.

Runoff elections are needed to fill the LSBA Board of Governors' Sixth District seat and the second seat for Nominating Committee District 2A. Runoff balloting (online only) will continue through Feb. 5.

Listed below are candidates who have been **Certified Elected** for their races and the two **Runoff Races**.

Certified Elected

Board of Governors

► Seventh Board District: Paul Loy Hurd.

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Nominating Committee

- ▶ District 1B: Kelly M. Rabalais.
- ▶ District 2A: Edward J. Walters, Jr.
- ▶ District 2B: Erin O. Braud and Raymond S. Steib.
- ▶ District 2C: Daniel A. Cavell.
- ▶ District 3A: Blake R. David.
- ▶ District 3C: Robert L. Bussey.
- ▶ District 3D: Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr.

Young Lawyers Division Council

- ▶ Third District: Megan E. Reaux.
- ▶ Fifth District: Loren D. Shanklin.

American Bar Association House of Delegates

- ▶ Michael W. McKay and John H. Musser IV.

Runoff Races

Board of Governors (three-year term)

Sixth Board District (1 position)


- William M. Ford
- Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.

LSBA Nominating Committee

(one-year term)

District 2A (1 position)


- Kelly E. Balfour
- Valerie B. Bargas

For more information on the election procedures and the schedule, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/elections. 


Interested in an appointed LSBA House of Delegates position? 7 seats remain

Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates seats received no qualifiers by the Oct. 16 qualifying deadline and will be filled by presidential appointment. Members interested in being considered for appointment to these positions should email LSBA Executive Assistant Mindi Hunter at mindi.hunter@lsba.org as soon as possible. Only eight seats remain in the following districts.

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- ▶ Second Judicial District (2 appointments pending).
- ▶ Fourth Judicial District (2 appointments pending).
- ▶ Sixth Judicial District (1 appointment pending).
- ▶ Tenth Judicial District (1 appointment pending).
- ▶ Thirteenth Judicial District (1 appointment pending). 

IRS sets 2018 mileage rate for business

The Internal Revenue Service has set the 2018 mileage rate for business purposes at 54.5 cents per mile. This rate became effective Jan. 1. 


2018 LSBA Awards: Nomination info, submission procedures available online

Award information and nomination procedures can be accessed online at the respective links.


▶ **Young Lawyers Division Awards.** Deadline is Feb. 9. Learn more: <http://www.lsba.org/yld>.

▶ **Pro Bono and Children's Law Awards.** Deadline is Feb. 23. Learn more: <https://apps.lsba.org/nominations>.

▶ **Guardian of Diversity Award.** Deadline is Feb. 28. Learn more: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GuardianAward>.

▶ **Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award.** Deadline is Feb. 28. Learn more: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChiefJusticeAward>. 

2017 Judicial Interest Rate is 5%

Pursuant to authority granted by La. R.S. 13:4202(B)(1), as amended by Acts 2001, No. 841, the Louisiana Commissioner of Financial Institutions has determined that the judicial rate of interest for calendar year 2018 will be 5.0 percent per annum. Access the Louisiana Judicial Interest Calculator at: www.lsba.org/Members/JudicialInterestRate.aspx. 

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LCLCE seeking nominations for Civics in Action Award

The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) is seeking nominations for its Civics in Action Award, recognizing students who have made a difference in their school, home or community through the use of civic engagement. Deadline for nominations is March 23. Access a nomination form on the LCLCE's Awards web page at: www.lalce.org/awards.html. 

Adams (both of the 41st Judicial District) requesting that the House of Delegates: 1) suspend implementation of the current standards for specialization in Labor Law; and 2) request that the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization conduct further study on the Labor Law Standards.

► Tabled a 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.

► Withdrawn: 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.

► Failed by a voice vote the resolution from R. Bradley Lewis (22nd Judicial District) that the LSBA: 1) 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; 2) 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; 3) 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; 4) urges the adoption of laws which protect freedom of speech and freedom of religion; and 5) 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.

In other business, the House:

► elected Shayna Beevers Morvant (24th Judicial District) to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee (2018-21); and


► elected Sandra K. Cosby (24th Judicial District) to chair the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2018-19 (the chair is a voting member of the Board of Governors).

Prior to convening the House meeting, several recipients of the LSBA's Citizen Lawyer Award were recognized by LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar. Recipients are Judge Scott U. Schlegel, Gretna; Meredith S. Grabill, New Orleans; Benjamin W. Kadden,

New Orleans; Walter J. Leger, Jr., New Orleans; Pamela A. Stewart, Ruston; and Adrienne D. White, Mansfield.

Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education President Lawrence J. Centola III presented the Judge Benjamin Jones Judges in the Classroom Award to Judge Sheva M. Sims of Shreveport.

President Renegar also recognized the members of the Leadership LSBA 2017-18 Class — Brittany O. Rosenbloom, co-chair, Metairie; Micah C. Zeno, co-chair, New Orleans; Bethany A. Blackson, Baton Rouge; Kristian B. Dobard, Baton Rouge; Shanerika M. Flemings, Shreveport; Gerald J. Hampton, Jr., New Orleans; R. Gary Higgins, Jr., Covington; Kathleen M. Legendre, New Orleans; Betty A. Maury, Gretna; J. Reed Poole, Jr., Metairie; Anna Brown Priestly, Shreveport; Alexander L. Reed, Lake Charles; Christopher J. Sellers, Jr., New Orleans; Elizabeth Fontenot Shea, Lake Charles; Todd C. Taranto, Mandeville; and Arielle L. Young, Baton Rouge.

To review the meeting agenda, resolutions and supporting documents, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/HouseofDelegates.aspx>. 



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LSBA lists Legislation Committee contacts, calendars pertinent 2018 dates

In preparation for the 2018 Louisiana legislative session, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is reminding members that timely input will be accepted on proposed legislation which falls within the LSBA's purview.

For information on the process — as well as contact links for Legislation Committee Chair Keenan K. Kelly, members of the Legislation Committee, LSBA Legislation Committee liaison Richard P. Lemmler, Jr., the LSBA Board of Governors and LSBA Executive Director Loretta Larsen — go to: www.lsba.org/legislation.

The LSBA also wants to inform members of several important dates in relation to the 2018 Louisiana legislative session and the LSBA Legislation Committee:

- ▶ **Friday, March 2:** Legislators' prefiling deadline.
- ▶ **Monday, March 12:** Session convenes.
- ▶ **Saturday, March 24:** LSBA Legislation Committee's first meeting, Baton Rouge.
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 3:** Legislators' deadline to file five additional non-prefiled bills.
- ▶ **Saturday, April 14:** LSBA Legislation Committee's second meeting, Lafayette.
- ▶ **Monday, June 4:** Session adjourns. 📅

Space still available for 2018 LSBA CLE Cruise on the Danube River

Space is still available for the Louisiana State Bar Association's CLE Cruise on the Danube River, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8, through Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018.

The "Magical Christmas Markets" cruise will sail from Vienna to Nuremberg aboard the AmaCerto. The cruise will include stops in Dürnstein/Wachau Valley (with an optional excursion to Melk), Linz (with an optional excursion to Salzburg), Passau and Regensburg.

One hour of CLE will be offered on five days of the cruise (scheduled around shore excursions and onboard activities).

During the cruise, embrace the holiday spirit in Germany and Austria where many Christmas traditions began. Visit the giant Christmas tree at the Schönbrunn Palace market in Vienna. Enjoy a wine tasting in a local cellar in Dürnstein. Indulge in a decadent slice of the Linzer Torte. Join a guided bike ride in Passau, a fairytale-like city along the Danube River. Sample Bavaria's specialties of beer, sausage and pretzels. Watch craftsmen make unique arts and crafts at Thurn and Taxis Castle, one of Germany's most beautiful and romantic Christmas Markets. Browse through more than 100 red-and-white canvas-topped booths offering an assortment of unique treasures, toys and seasonal goodies at Nuremberg's Christkindlesmarkt.

For more information on the itinerary and registration information, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/DanubeCLE2018. 📅

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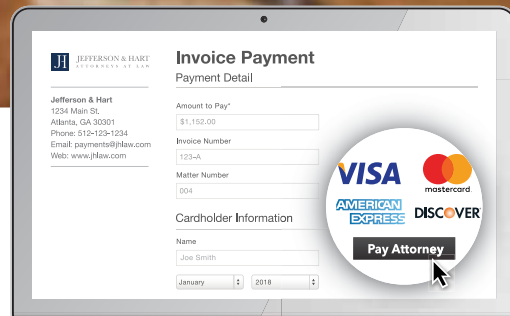
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LBF announces 2017 Distinguished Honorees

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) will celebrate the 32nd Annual Fellows Gala on Friday, April 20, and will honor Distinguished Jurist James J. Brady (posthumously); Distinguished Jurist W. Eugene Davis; Distinguished Attorney Kim M. Boyle; Distinguished Professor Oliver A. Houck; and Calogero Justice Award recipient Robert S. Noel II.

The gala, the LBF's largest annual fundraiser, will take place at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. More than 400 people, including judges, attorneys and law

professors from across the state, are expected to attend to support the LBF's mission.

Discounted rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans on Thursday, April 19, and Friday, April 20, at \$239 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference the "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or go to: www.raisingthebar.org/gala. Reservations must be made before Thursday, March 29.

For more information on sponsorships and tickets, go to: www.raisingthebar.org/gala, or contact Danielle J. Marshall at (504)561-1046, email danielle@raisingthebar.org.

LBF now accepting Kids' Chance scholarship applications

Applications are available online for 2018-19 Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance scholarships. The application deadline is Monday, Feb. 19. Go to: <https://webportallapp.com/sp/kidschance-lbf>.

The LBF Kids' Chance Program provides scholarships to dependents of workers who are permanently and totally disabled or killed in a work-related accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or Law. For more information, go to: <http://raisingthebar.org/kidschance>.

For more information, contact Dee Jones at (504)561-1046, email dee@raisingthebar.org.

Annual LBF Fellows membership meeting April 20 in New Orleans

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Annual Fellows Membership Meeting will be held at noon on Friday, April 20, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. This luncheon meeting is an opportunity for Fellows to be updated on LBF activities and to elect new board members. The President's Award will be presented and recognition will

be given to the 2017 Distinguished Honorees and the Calogero Justice Award recipient.

All LBF Fellows in good standing will receive an official meeting notice with the Board slate and a committee selection form in early March. For more information, contact Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

LBF seeking nominations for 2018 Boisfontaine Award

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is seeking nominations for the 2018 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. Nominations must be received in the LBF office by Monday, Feb. 5. The award will be presented at the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla., in June. The recipient will receive a plaque and \$1,000 will be donated to the recipient's choice of a non-profit, law-related program or association providing services in Louisiana.

Nominations should include the nominee's name, contact information, a brief written statement on the background of the nominee, as well as reasons why the nominee is proposed as the award recipient. Nominations should be forwarded by the deadline to LBF Communications Director Dennette Young, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, or emailed to dennette@raisingthebar.org.

This trial advocacy award was established through an endowment to the Louisiana Bar Foundation in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. The award is given to a Louisiana attorney who exhibits long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and who upholds the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants and all counsel. For a list of past recipients, go to: <http://raisingthebar.org/curtis-boisfontaine-trial-advocacy-award>.

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LBSL sets dates for certification applications

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) is accepting requests for applications for certification in six areas.

The application period for appellate practice, estate planning and administration, family law and tax law certification will continue through Feb. 28.

Applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification will be accepted through Sept. 30.

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) member in good standing who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. Further requirements are that each year a minimum percentage of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought, passing a written examination to demonstrate

sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought, and five favorable references. Peer review will be used to determine that an applicant has achieved recognition as having a level of competence indicating proficient performance handling the usual matters in the specialty field. LSBA members should refer to the LBSL standards for the applicable specialty for a more detailed description of the requirements for application.

In addition to the above, applicants must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the year in which application is made and the examination is administered:

- ▶ Appellate Practice — 18 hours of appellate law.
- ▶ Estate Planning and Administration — 18 hours of estate planning law.
- ▶ Family Law — 18 hours of family law.
- ▶ Tax Law — 18 hours of tax law.

▶ Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, the testing agency.

With regard to applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification, although the written test(s) is administered by the American Board of Certification, attorneys should apply for approval of the LBSL simultaneously with the testing agency in order to avoid delay of board certification by the LBSL. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s).

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBSL Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org or call (504)619-0128. For more information, go to the LBSL website: <https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization/>. 📧

SOLACE: Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel — All Concern Encouraged

The Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee supports the SOLACE program. Through the program, the state's legal community is able to reach out in small, but meaningful and compassionate ways to judges, lawyers, court personnel, paralegals, legal secretaries and their families who experience a death or catastrophic illness, sickness or injury, or other catastrophic event. For assistance, contact a coordinator.

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For more information, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/solace.

Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2018-19 Bar year. Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky will make all committee appointments. Widespread participation is encouraged in all Bar programs and activities. Appointments to committees are not guaranteed, but every effort will be made to accommodate members' interests. When making selections, members should consider the time commitment associated with committee assignments and their availability to participate. Also, members are asked to list experience relevant to service on the chosen committees. The deadline for committee assignment requests is Monday, April 16. The current committees are listed below.

Access to Justice Committee

The committee works to ensure that every Louisiana citizen has access to competent civil legal representation by promoting and supporting a broad-based and effective justice community through collaboration between the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana law schools, private practitioners, local bar associations, pro bono programs and legal aid providers.

Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

The committee protects the public by assisting, on a confidential basis, lawyers and judges who have alcohol, drug, gambling and other addictions. The committee works with the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. to counsel, conduct interventions and locate treatment facilities for impaired lawyers, and to monitor recovering attorneys and attorneys referred by the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board or Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Bar Governance Committee

The committee ensures effective and equitable governance of the association by conducting an ongoing evaluation of relevant procedures and making recommendations to the House of Delegates regarding warranted amendments to the association's Articles of Incorporation and/or Bylaws.

Children's Law Committee

The committee provides a forum for attorneys and judges working with children to promote improvements and changes in the legal system to benefit children, parents and the professionals who serve these families.

Client Assistance Fund Committee

The committee protects the public and maintains the integrity of the legal profession by reimbursing, to the extent deemed appropriate, losses caused by the dishonest conduct of any licensed Louisiana lawyer practicing in the state.

Community Action Committee

The committee serves as a catalyst statewide for lawyer community involvement through charitable and other public service projects.

Continuing Legal Education Program Committee

The committee fulfills the Louisiana Supreme Court mandate of making quality and diverse continuing legal education opportunities available at an affordable price to LSBA members.

Criminal Justice Committee

The committee develops programs and methods which allow the Bar to work with the courts, other branches of government and the public to ensure that the constitutionally mandated right to counsel is afforded to all who appear before the courts.

Diversity Committee

The committee assesses the level of racial, ethnic, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana, identifies barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds, and proposes programs and methods to effectively remove barriers and achieve greater diversity.

Ethics Advisory Service Committee

The committee encourages ethical lawyer conduct by supporting the LSBA's Ethics Counsel in his/her provision of informal, non-binding ethics opinions to members of the Bar.

Legal Malpractice Insurance Committee

The committee ensures the most favorable rates, coverage and service for Louisiana lawyers insured under the Bar-endorsed legal malpractice plan by overseeing the relationship between the LSBA, its carrier and its third-party administrator, and considers on an ongoing basis the feasibility and advisability of forming a captive malpractice carrier.

Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee

The committee provides members of the bench, Bar and general public with a greater understanding of the legal needs and rights of persons with disabilities, and helps persons with disabilities meet their legal needs and understand their rights and resources.

Legislation Committee

The committee informs the membership of legislation or proposed legislation of interest to the legal profession; assists the state Legislature by providing information on substantive and procedural developments in the law; disseminates information to the membership; identifies resources available to the Legislature; provides other appropriate non-partisan assistance; and advocates for the legal profession and the public on issues affecting the profession, the administration of justice and the delivery of legal services.

**Louisiana State Bar Association
2018-19 Committee
Preference Form**

**Medical/Legal
Interprofessional
Committee**

The committee works with the joint committee of the Louisiana State Medical Society to promote collegiality between members of the legal and medical professions by receiving and making recommendations on complaints relative to physician/lawyer relationships and/or problems.

Outreach Committee

The committee develops and implements sustained outreach to local and specialty bars throughout the state and increases awareness of the member services and benefits provided by the LSBA. The committee encourages member participation in all aspects of the LSBA and facilitates participation through the use of technology and other feasible alternatives.

**Practice Assistance and
Improvement Committee**

The committee serves the Bar and the public in furtherance of the association's goals of prevention and correction of lawyer misconduct and assistance to victims of lawyer misconduct by evaluating, developing and providing effective alternatives to discipline programs for minor offenses, educational and practice assistance programs, and programs to resolve minor complaints and lawyer/client disputes.

**Committee on the
Profession**

The committee encourages lawyers to exercise the highest standards of integrity, ethics and professionalism in their conduct; examines 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; provides the impetus and means to positively impact those relationships and duties; improves access to the legal

system; and improves the quality of life and work/life balance for lawyers.

**Rules of Professional
Conduct Committee**

The committee monitors and evaluates developments in legal ethics and, when appropriate, recommends changes to the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct; acts as liaison to the Louisiana Supreme Court on matters concerning the Rules of Professional Conduct; reviews issues of legal ethics and makes recommendations to the LSBA House of Delegates regarding modifications to the existing ethical rules; oversees the work of the Ethics Advisory Service and its Advertising Committee, Publications Subcommittee and other subcommittees; and promotes the highest professional standards of ethics in the practice of law.

**Transitioning Lawyers
Committee**

The committee safeguards the public by educating members of the legal profession about age-related disabilities. The committee also helps attorneys suffering from impairments that prevent them from practicing law competently to transition out of the practice of law with dignity.

**Unauthorized Practice
of Law Committee**

The committee protects the public from incompetent or fraudulent activities by those who are unauthorized to practice law or who are otherwise misleading those in need of legal services.

Indicate below your committee preference(s). If you are interested in more than one committee, list in 1-2-3 preference order. On this form or on a separate sheet, list experience relevant to service on your chosen committee(s).

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- Access to Justice
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Bar Governance
- Children's Law
- Client Assistance Fund
- Community Action
- Continuing Legal Education Program
- Criminal Justice
- Diversity
- Ethics Advisory Service
- Legal Malpractice Insurance
- Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities
- Legislation
- Medical/Legal Interprofessional
- Outreach
- Practice Assistance and Improvement
- Committee on the Profession
- Rules of Professional Conduct
- Transitioning Lawyers
- Unauthorized Practice of Law

Response Deadline: April 16, 2018

Mail, email or fax your completed form to:

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List (on separate sheet) experience relevant to service on the chosen committee(s).

Deadline February 9, 2018: Young Lawyers Division Awards Nomination Form

The Young Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the following awards:

- ▶ **Hon. Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer for commitment and dedication to upholding the quality and integrity of the legal profession and consideration towards peers and the general public.
- ▶ **Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer who has made outstanding contributions to the legal profession and his/her community.
- ▶ **Service to the Public Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer local affiliate organization that has implemented a program or provided a service to that local community by which the non-attorney public has been helped. The program or service must be sponsored by the young lawyer local affiliate organization.
- ▶ **Service to the Bar Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer local affiliate organization that has implemented a program or provided a service that has benefited and/or enhanced the attorney community in that area. The program or service must be sponsored by the young lawyer local affiliate organization.
- ▶ **YLD Pro Bono Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer for commitment and dedication to providing pro bono services in his/her community.

All entries must include a nomination form, which may not exceed 10 pages. In addition, entries should include a current photo and résumé of the nominee, newspaper clippings, letters of support and other materials pertinent to the nomination. Nomination packets must be submitted to Kristi W. Richard, Chair, LSBA Young Lawyers Division Awards Committee, 301 Main St., Flr. 14, Baton Rouge, LA 70801. Any nomination packet that is incomplete or is not received or postmarked on or before Feb. 9, 2018, will not be considered. Please submit detailed and thorough entries, as nominees are evaluated based on the information provided in the nomination packets. All winners will be announced at the combined LSBA Annual Meeting and LSBA/LJC Summer School in Destin, Fla., in June 2018.

1. Award nominee is being nominated for: (Individuals/local affiliate organizations may be nominated for more than one award. Please check all that apply. Candidates will only be considered for the award(s) for which they have been nominated.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Young Lawyer
<input type="checkbox"/> Service to the Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Service to the Bar
<input type="checkbox"/> YLD Pro Bono	

2. Nominator Information:

Name _____
Address/State/Zip _____
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3. Nominee Information:

Name _____
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E-mail _____
Birth Date _____
Marital Status/Family Information _____

4. Describe the nominee's service to the public for the past five years (or longer, if applicable). Include details as to the nature of the service, value to the public, amount of time required, whether nominee's activities are a part of his/her job duties, and other pertinent information.

5. Describe the nominee's service to the Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for the past five years.

6. Describe the nominee's service to the legal profession for the past five years.

7. Describe the nominee's particular awards and achievements during his/her career.

8. Provide a general description of the nominee's law practice.

9. Describe what has made the nominee outstanding (answer for Outstanding Young Lawyer Award only).

10. Has the nominee overcome challenges (handicaps, limited resources, etc.)?

11. Why do you believe your nominee deserves this award?

12. Provide other significant information concerning the nominee.

For more information, contact Kristi W. Richard at (225)382-3704 or email krichard@mcglinchey.com.



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Online nominations open for 2018 Pro Bono, Children's Law Awards

Nominations for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 2018 Pro Bono and Children's Law Awards are now being accepted online by the Access to Justice Committee. Nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

Awards recognize outstanding achievement in several categories — Children's Law Award, Law Student Award, Friend of Pro Bono Award, Pro Bono Publico Award, Career Public Interest Award and the David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement

Award. Also, attorneys who have provided more than 100 hours of volunteer services are recognized with the LSBA Century Club Award. Award recipients will be honored at a May 22 reception hosted by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

For more information on the award categories and submission information, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/ProBono/ProBonoAwards.aspx>. Once there, log in as an LSBA member or guest. For assistance, email ATJ Administrative Assistant Nicole Louque at nicole.louque@lsba.org. 

Join the New Modest Means Online Legal Directory!

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Commission has created the Modest Means Online Legal Directory of attorneys for residents of Louisiana who do not qualify for free legal services but who still cannot afford an attorney on the open market.

This directory is designed to help Louisiana consumers obtain legal services at affordable rates by connecting people with attorneys who charge reduced rates based on client income, charge a flat fee, or charge less because they represent the client for just part of the case and not all of it.

The directory is open to all attorneys who are licensed to practice law in Louisiana and who are prepared to offer affordable legal services to people falling below the 400 percent Federal Poverty Line. New lawyers can join at any time.

To learn more about the program and/or to sign up, follow these steps:


▶ Go to: www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx.

▶ Complete a one-hour, on-demand CLE on ethical considerations for representing clients with limited means (cost \$40).

▶ Take a brief survey.

▶ Fill out the Online Application Form.

Once an attorney is determined eligible, the attorney's name, contact information, practice areas and types of affordable legal services offered will be listed in the directory.

Now for a limited time, the first 50 attorneys who sign up can *complete the CLE at no cost*. Enter the Promo Code, *Access to Justice*, during checkout and the cost will be waived. Questions should be emailed to LSBA Access to Justice Training and Projects Counsel Amy Duncan at amy.duncan@lsba.org. 

LIFT Incubator Program seeks two new attorneys in New Orleans


The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Department is accepting applications until Feb. 20 for the LIFT Incubator Project at the New Orleans Family Justice Center (NOFJC).

The LIFT project at the NOFJC is for new or transitioning attorneys starting their own solo, small firm or nonprofit practice focused on representing survivors of domestic violence. LIFT attorneys supplement and expand the legal services offered on-site at NOFJC. In addition to temporary restraining orders and protective orders, custody, child support and other family law-related services in Orleans Parish, LIFT attorneys may provide general civil legal representation outside of Orleans Parish for a variety of legal issues not served by other on-site attorneys.

During the 18-month program, attorneys selected to participate receive *subsidized office space, supplies and resources*. The office space is located in the Central

Business District, blocks from Orleans Parish Civil District Court. The attorneys also receive *training and mentorship* as they work alongside experienced Southeast Louisiana Legal Services legal practitioners. In exchange for the training and incubation of their practice, attorneys agree to provide pro bono representation to domestic violence victims.

The program is looking for two Louisiana licensed attorneys with zero-five years of practice experience who plan to develop or have begun to develop a solo or small law practice and who are committed to serving survivors of domestic violence. The application is available online: www.lsba.org/LIFT/DomesticViolenceProject.aspx. Email completed applications in one .pdf file by Feb. 20 to Amy Duncan at amy.duncan@lsba.org.

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Focus on Diversity

For more information on items in this section, visit www.lsba.org/diversity.

Nomination deadline is Feb. 28 for Trailblazer Award and Guardian of Diversity Award

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Member Outreach and Diversity Department is reminding members that the nomination deadline for the Trailblazer Award and the Guardian of Diversity Award is Feb. 28.

For more information on the awards and to access nomination forms, go online: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx>. Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards." Or email the Member Outreach and Diversity Department at outreach@lsba.org.

LSBA Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award

The LSBA Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award was established in 2016. It combined two previous diversity awards — the Trailblazer Award (established in 2013) and the Human Rights Award (established in 2010). The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award is awarded by the Association annually in June at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

This award recognizes individual attorneys and judges who champion the ideals set forth by Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, the first African-American chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, who has always exhibited an unwavering

commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Nominees must be admitted to practice in Louisiana. Judges must have been elected or appointed to a state or federal court in Louisiana; the lawyer or judge can be on active or inactive status and from any practice setting; and the lawyer or judge cannot be a current member of the LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession.

The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award recipient should demonstrate a unique blend of experience, skills and accomplishments which translate into successful diversity and inclusion efforts which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ▶ supporting and encouraging attorneys who are members of an unrepresented group within the legal profession to reach their career and personal potential;
- ▶ ensuring opportunities for the advancement of diverse people through mentoring efforts and diversity outreach;
- ▶ commitment to addressing issues of equality, fairness and injustice in the legal profession; and
- ▶ participation in community service activities which promote and broaden the diversity pipeline to the legal profession.

Last year's Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award was presented to Hon. Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court,

Eastern District of Louisiana.

Guardian of Diversity Award

The Guardian of Diversity Award, established in 2013, recognizes non-profit groups, local and specialty bar associations, and public interest organizations that implement and advance diversity programs to promote and support diversity in the legal community. It is presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

Nominees can be bar associations, courts, law firms/departments, or community organizations (including non-profits and public interest organizations).

Recipients should demonstrate the following diversity and inclusion efforts:

- ▶ creating and implementing innovative strategies to promote and advance the concept and spirit of diversity and inclusion in society;
- ▶ making a significant impact on diversity issues in the legal profession;
- ▶ enhancing access and equality in employment, economic and educational opportunities;
- ▶ advocating and promoting an understanding and awareness of diversity;
- ▶ dedication to improving and bridging the relationship between diverse groups; and
- ▶ proven commitment to creating a culture of diversity and inclusion. 📄



Black History Month CLE seminar set for Feb. 15

In honor of Black History Month, the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Diversity Committee and Adams and Reese, L.L.P., are sponsoring a CLE seminar on Feb. 15. Beginning at 3 p.m., the seminar will be held

at Adams and Reese's Baton Rouge office, 450 Laurel St. A networking reception will follow. For more information, email the LSBA's Member Outreach and Diversity Department at diversity@lsba.org. 📄



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The New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted its annual Federal Judges' Reception in November 2017. The reception honored the judiciary of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; and the Bankruptcy Court. Among the attendees were, photo below left, CC Kahr, past executive director, Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter; W. Raley Alford III, Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC, president, Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter. Photo below right, Katherine M. Evans and Duane A. Evans, acting U.S. attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana. Above right, Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart, U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals; and Judge Nannette J. Brown, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.



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