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Nominating Committee to meet Aug. 21 to nominate president-elect, treasurer

The Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will meet on Friday, Aug. 21, in New Orleans to nominate a president-elect for the 2016-17 term and a treasurer for the 2016-18 term. The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2017-18.

According to the president-elect rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 3 (parishes of Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tensas, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Webster, West Carroll and Winn).

According to the treasurer rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 1 (parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany.)

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Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., left, 2014-15 Louisiana State Bar Association president, received a plaque of appreciation during the Annual Meeting Installation Luncheon from Mark A. Cunningham, 2015-16 Louisiana State Bar Association president. For more on the Annual Meeting, read the August/September *Louisiana Bar Journal*. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.



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Any member interested in seeking the position of president-elect or treasurer should contact members of the Nominating Committee. Go online to: www.lsba.org/GoTo/NominatingCommittee. (Members' names, phone/fax numbers and email addresses also are provided on page 3.)

Election Schedule

For the 2015-16 election cycle, balloting will be conducted electronically only, as approved by the LSBA Board of Governors in June 2011. No paper ballots will be provided.

The Nominating Committee report will be submitted to the Board of Governors on Aug. 22.

On Monday, Sept. 21, notice of the action of the Nominating Committee and self-qualification forms for positions on the Board of Governors, LSBA House of Delegates, Nominating Committee, Young Lawyers Division and American Bar Association House of Delegates will be provided to the membership.

Deadline for return of nominations by petition and qualification forms is Monday, Oct. 19. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 16. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 14.

Other Positions Open

Other positions to be filled in the 2015-16 elections are:

Board of Governors (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2016

LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the First, Fourth and Fifth Board districts.


LSBA House of Delegates (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2016 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2018 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one delegate from each of the 1st through 19th Judicial Districts, plus one additional delegate for every additional district judge in each district.

Nominating Committee (15 members, one-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2016 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2017 LSBA Annual Meeting) — District 1A, Orleans Parish, four members; District 1B, parishes of Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany, one member; District 2A, East Baton Rouge Parish, two members; District 2B, Jefferson Parish, two members; District 2C, parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana, one member; District 3A, Lafayette Parish, one member; District 3B, parishes of Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion, one member; District 3C, parishes of Allen, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry and Vernon, one member; District 3D, parishes of Bossier and Caddo, one member; and District 3E, parishes of Bienville, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll,

Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll and Winn, one member.

Young Lawyers Division. Chair-elect (2016-17 term), nominee **shall not** be a resident of or actively practicing law in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard or Plaquemines, based on preferred mailing address. **Secretary** (2016-17 term), nominee **shall** be a resident of or actively practicing law in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard or Plaquemines, based on preferred mailing address. Petitions for nomination must be signed by 15 members of the Young Lawyers Division. Also to be elected, one representative each from the First, Second, Third, Fifth and Seventh districts (two-year terms).

American Bar Association House of Delegates (*must be members of the American Bar Association*) — two delegates from the membership at large and one delegate from that portion of the membership not having reached their 35th birthday by Aug. 9, 2016, that delegate being the “Young Lawyer Delegate,” as required by the rules of the American Bar Association. All LSBA members may vote for both sets of candidates. The delegates will serve two-year terms, beginning with the adjournment of the 2016 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2018 ABA Annual Meeting, as provided in Paragraph 6.4(e) of the ABA Constitution.

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

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Save the date: 2016 Solo & Small Firm Conference

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) ninth annual Solo & Small Firm Conference is scheduled for Feb. 25-26, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. The conference, dedicated to the small-office practitioner, will feature 50 national and regional speakers with four tracks of relevant topics, earning upwards of 14.5 hours of CLE credit at a low cost. Interested in presenting a topic? Suggestions for a topic? Want to be an exhibitor? Contact LSBA Practice Management Counsel Shawn L. Holahan at (504)619-0153, toll free (800)421-5722, ext. 153, or email shawn.holahan@lsba.org. 

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House approves resolutions, selects committee members

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates approved eight resolutions and selected members for two committees at its June 11 meeting, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting/Joint Summer School in Destin, Fla.

The House:

▶ Approved a resolution from the LSBA's Corporate and Business Law Section for a restatement of its bylaws.

▶ Approved a resolution from the Solo and Small Firms Section for amendments to its bylaws.

▶ Approved a resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend the Family Law Standards to permit board-certified family law specialists to receive family law specialization CLE credit for providing pro bono legal representations, in accordance with the Louisiana Supreme Court Rules for Continuing Legal Education.

▶ Approved two resolutions from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to add an area of specialty and certification for attorneys practicing in the field of appellate

law; and to adopt the standards for the appellate practice specialty.

▶ Approved a resolution from the LSBA's Access to Justice Policy Committee to create the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission and to amend the LSBA bylaws.

▶ Approved a resolution from delegate Steven G. (Buzz) Durio (15th Judicial District) asking the House to recommend to the Louisiana Supreme Court the adoption of South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.19 to address succession plans for lawyers in the event of death or disability.

▶ Approved a resolution from delegate Michael W. McKay (19th Judicial District) stating the LSBA's objection to compelling attorneys to provide uncompensated professional services for the benefit of the State; endorsing and encouraging private litigation that would challenge the constitutionality and lawfulness of appointing attorneys to represent indigent defendants without compensation; and urging the Louisiana Legislature to authorize sufficient funding to meet the State's constitutional obligation to provide effective assistance of counsel for indigent


defendants in state criminal proceedings.

After suspension of its rules, the House voted unanimously to amend a June 2013 resolution, removing reference to the Duncan Plaza site. The resolution now supports a new Orleans Parish Civil District Court stand-alone courthouse "on a site to be determined."

In other business, the House elected members to two committees:

▶ Shayna L. Beevers (24th Judicial District), Dona K. Renegar (15th Judicial District) and Val P. Exnicios (Class Action, Mass Tort & Complex Litigation Section) will serve on the Special Advisory Committee to Authorize the President to Speak on Behalf of the Association.

▶ Kila L. Bobier (1st Judicial District), Thomas C. Cerullo (24th Judicial District), C. Frank Holthaus (19th Judicial District), Robert S. Noel (4th Judicial District) and Jay C. Zainey, Jr. (41st Judicial District) will serve three-year terms on the Legislation Committee.

To review all resolutions and the meeting agenda, go to: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/HouseofDelegates.aspx. 

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Pay dues and assessment, file statement, file trust account disclosure form online to avoid penalties and ineligibility

The 2015-16 Louisiana State Bar Association membership dues, the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board assessment, the Attorney Registration Statement and the Louisiana Supreme Court Trust Account Disclosure and Overdraft Notification Authorization Form were all due on July 1.


Delinquency notices will be mailed

LSBA'S ONLINE DUES WEBPAGE

www.lsba.org/goto/memberdues

the first week of August to members who have not complied. Attorneys who fail to timely pay their assessment and dues and file their registration statement and trust

account form will ultimately be subject to monetary penalties and certification of ineligibility to practice law, pursuant to the Association's By-Laws and the Supreme Court's Rule XIX.

For guidelines on the online payment/filing procedure, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/MemberDuesInfo.aspx>. 

Louisiana Civil Justice Center launches online legal resources

The Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) announces the launch of its new website and online legal resources at www.laciviljustice.org. As a centralized legal help portal for the people of Louisiana, the newly designed website empowers residents to address their legal issues through interactive and participatory means.

The LCJC has provided free legal aid to vulnerable communities for nearly 10 years and believes strongly in the connection between technology and access to justice. This new website reflects these goals and uses innovations to improve access to justice.


Via the website, community members can benefit from better access to legal services, including an online legal intake form, mobile-friendly formatting and links to helpful resources to assist them in resolving their legal issues. Interactive tools also allow residents to locate nearby legal clinics and enables attorney volunteers to sign up to help at various legal clinics.

The new website allows users to con-

veniently access a web-based intake form through which they will be connected with an attorney or legal representative to help resolve their issues. This unique online intake process makes LCJC accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for community members to get the legal assistance they need.

The new website provides tools for people across Louisiana to resolve critical legal issues, such as protection from abuse, stability of housing and maintenance of income.

LCJC Executive Director Jonathan M. Rhodes expressed enthusiasm regarding the launch. "LCJC is thrilled to launch our new website, with innovative, informative and interactive features that improve access to justice for those who need it most. The newly designed website reflects our commitment to reaching those persons who are most vulnerable in society," he said.

Residents without access to the Internet can reach the LCJC for legal assistance through the toll-free hotline at (800)310-7029. 


Pro Bono Project's Justice For All Ball set for Sept. 18

The New Orleans Pro Bono Project's 27th annual Justice For All Ball (JFAB) is scheduled for 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 18, at the New Orleans Saints Indoor Practice Facility in Metairie. A patron party will precede the ball on the court of the New Orleans Pelicans Practice Facility in Metairie.

Honorary chair is Mrs. Gayle Benson. The 2015 JFAB Committee chair is attorney Steven J. Lane, managing partner of the New Orleans firm of Herman, Herman & Katz, L.L.C.

The ball will feature food and refreshments from local vendors, raffles, music from The Yat Pack and a live and silent auction. All proceeds from sponsorships, ticket sales, the raffle and the auction will benefit The Pro Bono Project's services.

Tickets are \$150 advance/\$175 door; young attorneys, \$100 advance/\$125 door; and students \$75 advance/\$100 door. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Ticket packages and corporate sponsorships are available.

For ticket information, call the JFAB Hotline at (504)581-3480. For more information on the event or the Project, contact Project Executive Director Rachel Piercey at (504)581-4043, ext. 202, or email rpiercey@probono-no.org. 

LSBA Member Services

The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is to assist and serve its members in the practice of law. The LSBA offers many worthwhile programs and services designed to complement your career, the legal profession and the community.



In the past several years, the legal profession has experienced many changes. The LSBA has kept up with those changes by maturing in structure and stature and becoming more diverse and competitive.

For more information, visit www.lsba.org

2015 Legislative Recap: Status of bills supported/opposed by LSBA

The 2015 Louisiana legislative session brought 847 House bills and 285 Senate bills. Through its Legislation Committee and its Board of Governors, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) supported six bills and opposed 19 bills.

Among the bills supported were HB 197 which provided for the expansion of the LSBA's Lawyers Assistance Program and HB 801 which concerned funding for the expenses of the Louisiana judiciary. Both bills passed.

Notable bills opposed by the LSBA included the judicial transparency bills (HBs 293, 294 and 698) which required certain financial disclosures by the

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www.lsba.org/Legislation

**LSBA LOBBYIST'S
2015 FINAL REPORT**
*http://files.lsba.org/documents/
Legislation/2015LSBABillSlate.pdf*

**FULL REPORT OF EACH BILL'S
HISTORY VIA LOUISIANA'S
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members of the judiciary. These bills failed. A full report of each bill's history may

be obtained online at the state's legislative website: www.legis.la.gov/legis/home.aspx.

The LSBA lobbyist's final report on bills which drew a position from the LSBA is posted on the LSBA's Legislative Advocacy webpage or accessible at: <http://files.lsba.org/documents/Legislation/2015LSBABillSlate.pdf>.

Relevant deadline and meeting dates for the 2016 state legislative session have been posted on the LSBA's Legislative Advocacy webpage at www.lsba.org/Legislation. Also, the webpage has been expanded to include tips and guidelines for LSBA members and stakeholders who wish to submit timely input on any bills of interest during the legislative session. 📄

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.

LBF announces 2015-16 chairs

Louisiana Bar Foundation Fellows were appointed as chairs of the Community Partnership Panels (CPP) and committees.

CPP chairs include: Acadiana CPP, Shannon Seiler Darte; Bayou Region, Eugene G. Gouaux, Jr.; Capital Area CPP, Lana D. Crump; Central CPP, Zebulon M. Winstead; Greater Orleans CPP, Kerry A. Murphy; North Shore CPP, Hyde Dunbar Healy; Northeast CPP, A. Carter Mills IV; Northwest CPP, Jerry Edwards; and Southwest CPP, Betty A. Raglin.

Committee chairs include: Annual Fellows Gala, Christopher K. Ralston and Harry (Skip) Philips, Jr.; Budget/Investment, Valerie B. Bargas; Communications, W. Michael Street; Development, Bennett L. Politz and E. Jane Sherman; Education, Barry W. Ashe; Governance, Hon. C. Wendell Manning; Grants, Valerie B. Bargas; and Kids' Chance, Michelle M. Sorrells and Sherry A. Watters. 📧

Pipes leading LBF's 2015-16 board

H. Minor Pipes III of New Orleans was installed as the 2015-16 president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Other officers are Vice President E. Jane Sherman, Baton Rouge; Treasurer Valerie Briggs Bargas, Baton Rouge; and Secretary W. Michael Street, Monroe.

New board members are Charles C. Bourque, Jr., Houma; Hon. John Davidson, Alexandria; J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr., Lake Charles; Michael E. Holoway, Mandeville; Julie M. Lafarge, Shreveport; Michael J. Mestayer, New Orleans; and Harry J. Philips, Jr., Baton Rouge.

Other members of the 2015-16 board of directors are Mathile W. Abramson, Gonzales; Hon. Marc T. Amy, Abbeville; Paula A. Ates, Destrehan; Amanda W. Barnett, Alexandria; David F. Bienvenu, New Orleans; Alan G. Brackett, New

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Volunteers sought for 2015 law school professionalism orientations

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Committee on the Profession is seeking lawyers and judges to lead discussion groups in the next round of law school professionalism orientations in August. (*See schedule on this page.*)

The orientations, conducted at each of the state's four law schools, are a permanent part of the orientation process for entering law students. The committee is asking lawyers and judges to return to their alma mater or to any of the schools to help give back part of what the profession has given them by dedicating a half-day of their time.

The purpose of the program is to introduce the concept of professionalism to first-year students. The committee will provide leaders with a list of hypothetical situations, including annotations and suggested questions. Pair up with a friend or classmate to co-lead a group of aspiring lawyers in a practical discussion of lawyer professionalism.

Respond by completing the accompanying form or calling Associate Executive Director Cheri Cotogno Grodsky at (800)421-5722, ext. 107, or (504)619-0107; fax (504)598-6753; or email cgrodsky@lsba.org. 📧

Sponsors sought for 2015 law school professionalism orientations

Sponsors are being sought for the Louisiana State Bar Association Committee on the Profession's 15th annual professionalism orientations at the state's law schools. Sponsor response deadline is Monday, Aug. 3.

Sponsors are needed for the August orientations at Southern University Law Center (Aug. 13), Loyola University College of Law (Aug. 17) and Tulane Law

School (Aug. 18).

The orientations are designed to introduce the concept of professionalism to first-year law students.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard at (504)619-0105, (800)421-5722, ext. 105, or email crichard@lsba.org. 📧

2015 Law School Professionalism Orientations

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Reason for volunteering _____

Law SchoolsDate & Time

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Loyola..... Mon., Aug. 17, 2015 • 5:45 p.m.

Tulane ... Tues., Aug. 18, 2015 • 10:15 a.m.

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Amended legal specialization plan, rules and regulations approved

Amendments to the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Plan of Legal Specialization and the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization's (LBLS) Rules and Regulations were approved at the January 2015 LSBA House of Delegates meeting and subsequently approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court in March 2015. These amendments establish and regulate an "inactive" and "senior" specialization certification designation for LBLS board-certified specialists.

A copy of the amended LSBA Plan, the LBLS Rules and Regulations and relevant forms may be downloaded from the website at www.lascmcle.org/specialization.

For more information or questions about these certification designations, email LBLS Executive Director Barbara Shafranski at barbara.shafranski@lsba.org.

LBLS Family Law Standards amended to permit CLE credit for pro bono work

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates and Board of Governors, at their June 2015 meetings, approved an amendment to the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization's (LBLS) Family Law Standards to permit LBLS family law board-certified specialists to receive specialization CLE credit for pro bono work performed, in accordance with the Louisiana Supreme Court Rules on Continuing Legal Education.

A copy of the amended LBLS Family Law Standards may be downloaded from the website at www.lascmcle.org/specialization.

For more information or questions, email LBLS Executive Director Barbara Shafranski at barbara.shafranski@lsba.org.

Reminder: CLE compliance for board-certified specialists

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS), as set forth in the individual Specialty Standards for each field of legal specialization, board-certified attorneys in a specific field of law must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2015. The requirement for each area of specialty is:

- ▶ Estate Planning and Administration Law — 18 hours of estate planning law.
- ▶ Family Law — 18 hours of family law.
- ▶ Tax Law — 20 hours of tax law.
- ▶ Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification.

CLE credits will be computed on a calendar year basis and all attendance information

must be delivered to the Supreme Court's Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) no later than Jan. 31, 2016. Failure to earn and/or timely report specialization CLE hours will result in a penalty assessment.

Preliminary specialization transcripts will be mailed in November to all specialists who are delinquent in their specialization CLE hours. Specialization CLE requirements must be completed by Dec. 31, 2015.

For any questions, contact LBLS Executive Director Barbara Shafranski at (504)619-0128 or email barbara.shafranski@lsba.org.

For more information or copies of specialization transcripts, go to the LBLS's website at www.lascmcle.org/specialization.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Hotline

Director J.E. (Buddy) Stockwell III, 1(866)354-9334

1405 W. Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70471 • email lap@louisianalap.com

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	(225)926-4333
	David E. Cooley	(225)753-3407
	John A. Gutierrez	(225)715-5438
.....	(225)744-3555	
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	Thomas E. Guilbeau.....	(337)232-7240
	James Lambert	(337)233-8695
.....	(337)235-1825	
Lake Charles	Thomas M. Bergstedt	(337)558-5032
Monroe	Robert A. Lee	(318)387-3872
	(318)388-4472
New Orleans	Deborah Faust.....	(504)304-1500
	Donald Massey	(504)585-0290
	Dian Tooley.....	(504)861-5682
	(504)831-1838
Shreveport	Michelle AndrePont	(318)347-8532
	Nancy Carol Snow	(318)272-7547
	William Kendig, Jr.	(318)222-2772
	(318)572-8260 (cell)
	Steve Thomas.....	(318)872-6250

The Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. provides confidential assistance with problems such as alcoholism, substance abuse, mental health issues, gambling and all other addictions.

LBF lists 2015-16 grants for social justice initiatives

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) has awarded 2015-16 grants to nonprofit organizations (grant awards as of 7-7-15). The grants help agencies and organizations address the legal needs of indigent citizens, provide a basic understanding of the law and assist with improvements to the justice system.

ANNUAL/SUSTAINING FUNDING

Building Capital Development...\$109,260

Grants up to \$25,000, on a matching basis, assist in the acquisition of an office building or property.

Acadiana Legal Services Corp.	\$16,760
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln.....	\$17,500
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$25,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation.....	\$25,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services....	\$25,000

Children's Legal Services.....\$90,000

Grants provide legal assistance to children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being and future development.

Advocacy Center	\$15,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$55,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$20,000

Law-Related Education.....\$90,000

Grants assist law-related educational programs for children and the public.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$10,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$6,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$10,000
Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education.....	\$40,250
Louisiana District Judges Association..	\$5,000
LSBA Diversity Committee.....	\$2,500
LSBA Young Lawyers Division.....	\$5,250
Martinet Legal Foundation	\$5,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany.....	\$6,000

Legal Assistance to the Poor\$1,702,575

Grants provide free direct legal services to indigent clients.

► Domestic Violence Programs.....\$293,625

Beauregard Community Concerns, Inc.	\$19,072
Catholic Charities/Project S.A.V.E..	\$31,048
Chez Hope.....	\$19,072
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln.....	\$18,185
Faith House, Inc.....	\$17,742
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children.....	\$32,379
Oasis	\$16,411
Project Celebration	\$30,685
Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$15,000
Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$19,959
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program ...	\$11,089
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program.....	\$13,750
The Haven, Inc.....	\$16,411
The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.....	\$19,516
United Way of Central Louisiana ...	\$13,306

► Legal Service Corporations...\$972,000

Acadiana Legal Services Corp.	\$250,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$230,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.....	\$492,000

► Other Legal Service Providers ..\$243,000

Advocacy Center	\$48,000
Arts Council of New Orleans	\$10,000
Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge..	\$30,000
Catholic Charities of New Orleans ...	\$30,000
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$90,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$5,000
Lower 9th Ward Home Ownership Association	\$10,000
NO/AIDS Task Force.....	\$5,000
Loyola College of Law Clinic/Workplace Justice Project	\$15,000

► Pro Bono Projects.....\$193,950

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$38,900
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project..	\$8,500
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation.....	\$36,700
Shreveport Bar Foundation.....	\$21,850
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$17,000
The Pro Bono Project.....	\$71,000

Loan Repayment

Assistance Program.....\$42,442

The program provides forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF. Applicants' identities are anonymous.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Mortgage Servicing Settlement

(Pending renewal agreement with Office of Louisiana Attorney General.) Provide advice, counseling and direct attorney representation to affected consumers including but not limited to the homeless, FHA borrowers, veterans and the unemployed in matters including financial counseling; wrongful foreclosure; foreclosure relief; loan modification; principal reduction; refinancing; foreclosure prevention and mediation; and bankruptcy.

Acadiana Legal Services Corp.
Legal Services of North Louisiana
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
Louisiana Civil Justice Center
Louisiana Appleaseed

Child in Need of Care\$1,937,000

Provides free legal representation to Louisiana children in foster care.

Acadiana Legal Services.....	\$767,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana ...	\$548,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.....	\$622,000

Other Special Initiatives\$112,500


LSBA Access to Justice.....	\$67,500
Louisiana Appleaseed.....	\$45,000

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND OTHER PROJECTS

ATJ Fund Grant	\$50,000
Kids' Chance Scholarships.....	\$52,500
Legal Education Projects.....	\$6,500
ProBono/LawHelps Website.....	\$12,650

DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants.....\$81,000

Nine Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation. These panels identify needs in their communities and fund efforts to address those needs. Grants are awarded throughout the year. 

2016 Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory

The Louisiana State Bar Association is publishing its Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory. The supplement to the *Louisiana Bar Journal* will be printed separately and shrink-wrapped for mailing with the December 2015/January 2016 *Louisiana Bar Journal*. The directory is published annually, guaranteeing a year's worth of exposure in print and on the LSBA Web site.

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LSBA honors exceptional Louisiana pro bono work

The Louisiana Supreme Court hosted the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 30th Annual Pro Bono Awards Ceremony on May 19. LSBA 2014-15 President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. and justices of the Supreme Court presented the awards to the 2015 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Award recipients, recognizing attorneys, law students and public interest legal professionals for providing exceptional pro bono services to Louisiana's indigent residents.

Also in attendance were LSBA 2014-15 President-Elect Mark A. Cunningham, Justice Marcus R. Clark, Justice Jefferson D. Hughes III, Justice John L. Weimer and Justice Scott J. Crichton.

The awards and 2015 recipients include:

Career Public Interest Award

Joseph R. Oelkers III, Lafayette

David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Jay M. Jalenak, Jr., Baton Rouge

Children's Law Awards

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation's Teen Court

Kathleen C. Gasparian, New Orleans

Pro Bono Publico Awards

Joseph R. Ballard, Baton Rouge

Valerie B. Bargas, Baton Rouge

Roy K. Burns, Jr., Covington

La'Gretta R. Fortune, Baton Rouge

Valerie G. Garrett, Lafayette

J. Spencer Hays, Bossier

Benjamin W. Kadden, New Orleans

Gregory A. Koury, Lafayette



Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John L. Weimer presented opening remarks at the 2015 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards ceremony in May. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

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Louisiana State Bar Association 2014-15 President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. addressed recipients of the 2015 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Michael W. Magner, New Orleans
 Charles W. Montz, Jr., Lafayette
 Wendy Hickok Robinson, New Orleans
 Sophia D. Rosado, Kenner
 Michelle M. Rutherford, New Orleans
 Dwazendra J. Smith, Lafayette
 Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann,
 L.L.C., New Orleans
 K. Wade Trahan, Lafayette

Law Student Pro Bono Awards

Gabrielle Alessi-Friedlander-Bowersox,
 Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert
 Law Center
 Sophia Mire, Loyola University College
 of Law
 Christopher Kubacki, Southern
 University Law Center
 Brittany Wolf, Tulane University Law
 School

Friend of Pro Bono Awards

Kay E. Donnelly & Associates, New
 Orleans
 Dwayne M. Murray, Baton Rouge

Century Club Awards

Amy M. Bernadas, New Orleans
 Mandi A. Borne, Lafayette
 Philip H. Boudreaux, Jr., Lafayette
 Marianna Broussard, Lafayette
 William G. Cherbonnier, New Orleans
 Jeffrey K. Coreil, Lafayette
 L'Reece David, Lafayette
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 Bradford H. Felder, Lafayette
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 Valerie V. Guidry, Lafayette
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 Jason A. Matt, Lafayette
 Alysson L. Mills, New Orleans
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 Jason T. Reed, Lafayette
 Wendy Hickok Robinson, New Orleans
 Dwazendra J. Smith, Lafayette
 Hugh R. Straub, New Orleans
 Mark C. Surprenant, New Orleans
 K. Wade Trahan, Lafayette
 Danielle E. Treadaway, Metairie



Louisiana State Bar Association 2014-15 President-Elect (now President) Mark A. Cunningham addressed the award recipients and guests at the 2015 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards ceremony. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

June 7, 2015

Re: Lawyers in Libraries

Dear Colleagues,

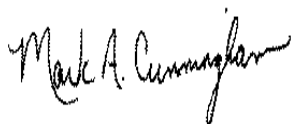
The LSBA has become an “Access to Justice” leader by taking proactive approaches to meeting the legal needs of the public, but this would not be possible without the active support and engagement of our members. To help better connect the public with legal information, and also make attorneys more visible in their communities, the LSBA Access to Justice Program has partnered with public libraries throughout the state to form the Legal Education & Assistance Program (LEAP), a component of which is the “Lawyers in Libraries” project.

LEAP provides specialized legal resources for libraries, training for library staff on how to respond to legal inquiries, and direct access to attorneys for limited consultations through “Lawyers in Libraries.” During last year’s LSBA “Lawyers in Libraries Day of Service,” 125 attorneys representing every parish in the state volunteered their time and provided assistance to the public inside a local library.

This year’s day of service is scheduled for **Thursday October 29th** during National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. We hope even more attorneys will participate and meet with more individuals seeking help. LSBA Access to Justice Staff will again provide a number of helpful resources to make participation as easy as possible, and will assist with scheduling an event at your local library. To sign up, or for more information, please visit, www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org or contact Nicole.Louque@lsba.org.

Cordially,

Mark Cunningham



2015-2016 President
Louisiana State Bar Association

IT'S TIME TO BOOK A LISTING IN 'WHO'S WHO IN ADR 2015'

The print version of the directory for arbitrators and mediators will be mailed with the October/November 2015 Louisiana Bar Journal.

For the one low price of \$125, your listing is first published in the print directory, then the directory is uploaded to the LSBA website in interactive PDF format (email addresses and website URLs are activated and instantly accessible).

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DEADLINE IS JULY 31 FOR ALL LISTINGS AND PHOTOS! DIRECTORY/WEB COMBO PRICE IS \$125.

Articles and photographs must be for individuals only. No group articles or group photographs will be used. But, as an **ADDED BONUS**, firms which have three or more arbitrators/mediators purchasing individual listings will receive a free **firm** listing in the section. (Firms are responsible for submitting the additional information, 150 words maximum.)

If you would like to repeat a prior listing and photo, you may send us a photocopy of that listing along with your check; please provide the year the listing appeared. (Digital photos appearing in ADR directories are archived back to 2000.)

IT'S EASY TO RESERVE SPACE IN THE DIRECTORY!

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• Or, mail your listing, photo, disk and check to the above address.

For more information, contact

Darlene M. LaBranche

(504)619-0112 or (800)421-5722, ext. 112.

Focus on Diversity

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

New signatories to LSBA Statement of Diversity Principles

More attorneys, law firms, businesses and organizations have added their signatures to the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Statement of Diversity Principles.

The LSBA's Committee on Diversity asks all Louisiana law firms, law departments and courts to execute the voluntary Statement of Diversity Principles. By executing the Statement, the leaders of a legal organization or court agree to use their best efforts to increase the diversity in their hiring, retention and promotion of attorneys and the elevation of attorneys to leadership positions within their organizations. They also agree to promote and participate in appropriate diversity awareness training programs as well as programs to measure their progress in the pursuit of the stated diversity principles.

To access the Statement online, go to: www.lsba.org/Diversity/DiversityPrinciples.aspx. Signed forms may be returned to Director of Member Outreach and Diversity Tricia R. Pierre by email at diversity@lsba.org, by fax (504)566-0930, or by mail at 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404.

Recent signatories include:

2014 Signatories

The Bradley Law Firm, P.L.L.C.
Capital One
Crest Industries, L.L.C.
Loyola University General Counsel
Turner Industries Corporate Counsel

2015 Signatories

Jules D. Edwards III
Evans & Clesi, P.L.C.
Louis J. Leo
Louisiana District Judges Association



Rolando R. Urbina, left, president of the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., accepted the Louisiana State Bar Association's Guardian of Diversity Award on behalf of the chapter. Presenting the award was Luis A. Leitzelar, co-chair of the LSBA's Diversity Committee. The award is given in recognition of the organization's efforts in implementing and advancing diversity programs to promote and support diversity in the legal community. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

LADB and Diversity Integration Subcommittee presenting more Diversity CLE seminars

In partnership with the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB), the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Diversity Committee's Diversity Integration Subcommittee is presenting two more one-hour diversity CLE seminars. Lynn Luker, a frequent presenter of LSBA diversity seminars, has gathered a team of LSBA facilitators to bring the seminar to more than 1,400 attorneys in five locations across Louisiana.

Registration is currently full for the Wednesday, July 22, session at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Lafayette. Members may log in at the website below to join the waiting list.

The final session is Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Parc England Hotel in Alexandria (online registration will open on Sept. 9).

Previous seminars were conducted in

Shreveport, Baton Rouge and Kenner.

For more information and registration, go to the LADB website: www.ladb.org.

Mark your calendars!

Check the LSBA's Diversity webpage for more information on the following events:

- ▶ **Thurs., Sept. 24, 2015 • CLE • Noon**
Three-Part Disability CLE Series:
"Introduction to Special Needs Planning"
- ▶ **Thurs., Oct. 8, 2015 • Reception & CLE**
FREE LGBT CLE & Reception -
Louisiana Bar Center • 2:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Thurs., Nov. 12, 2015**
New Admittee Reception
Louisiana Bar Center
- ▶ **Friday, March 4, 2016 • Baton Rouge**
Diversity Conclave



The Louisiana Judicial Council/National Bar Association conducted its 17th Annual Meeting earlier this year in Shreveport. The theme was “Back to the Future: Refocusing on Our Journey Toward Justice.” Among the judges attending the event were, seated from left, Judge (Ret.) Luke A. Laverne, chair-elect; Judge Arthur L. Hunter, Jr., Judge Desiree Cook-Calvin, Judge James E. Stewart, Sr., Judge Sheva M. Sims; Judge Madeline Jasmine, chair; Judge Tiffany Gautier Chase, Judge Karella R. Stewart and Judge Felicia T. Williams. Front row standing, from left, Judge E. Adrian Adams, Judge Lori A. Landry, Judge Ethel Simms Julien, Judge Regina H. Woods, Judge Pamela Taylor Johnson, Judge Ramona L. Emanuel, Judge Trudy M. White, Judge Yvette Mansfield Alexander, Judge Marc E. Johnson, Judge Terri F. Love, Judge Byron C. Williams, Judge Ramon Lafitte and Judge Sandra Cabrini Jenkins. Back row from left, Judge Tammy D. Lee, Judge Alisha Clark, Judge Ernestine L. Trahan, Judge Steven M. Jupiter, Judge Paula A. Brown, Judge Alonzo Harris, Judge Clare F. Jupiter, Judge (Ret.) Curtis A. Calloway, Judge Lee V. Faulkner, Jr., Judge Shonda D. Stone, Judge Alvin Batiste, Jr., Judge John M. Guidry, Judge Piper D. Griffin and Judge John D. Mosely.

Hebert to be recognized as SULC Alumni of the Year

Christopher B. Hebert, an assistant attorney general for Louisiana and a former president of the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., will be honored this month as the Southern University Law Center (SULC) 2015 Alumni of the Year.

He will be honored at the SULC Alumni Breakfast on July 22 in Los Angeles, CA, which is being held in conjunction with the 90th Annual National Bar Association Convention.

Hebert, a 2003 graduate of SULC, continues to be an active member of the Martinet Baton Rouge Chapter. He also serves as the Region V director of the National Bar Association. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Baton Rouge Bar Association, where he currently serves on the Membership Committee. 📱



2015 Suit Up for the Future class with Hon. Karen Wells Roby during a field trip to the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. Photo by LSBA staff.

17 students complete 2015 “Suit Up” Program

The 17 student interns, 11th, 12th graders and recent graduates from the greater New Orleans area, ended their participation in the 2015 Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program on July 10 by presenting oral arguments to a panel of judges.

The three-week program began June 15 and included abridged law school sessions, shadowing opportunities at local firms, courts and agencies, and field trips to courts and law schools. During their final week, the

students completed a legal memorandum to support their oral argument.

The Suit Up Program, a partnership with the Just the Beginning Foundation and the Louisiana Bar Foundation, is an award-winning Diversity Pipeline Program and a 2013 American Bar Association Partnership Program recipient.

Several attorneys, professors and law schools’ staff members volunteered for the program, teaching courses, talking to the students one-on-one or offering “shadowing” opportunities. 📱

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Labor, employment and construction attorney with at least three-five years of active litigation experience needed to join a Baton Rouge-based law firm, experience in labor/employment preferred. Opportunities available to those who desire on-track and staff positions. The firm offers competitive salaries and comprehensive benefits. If interested, submit a résumé to careers@bswllp.com.

Curry & Friend, P.L.C., a growing New Orleans CBD and Northshore law firm, is seeking qualified candidates for three positions. The firm offers competitive salary and benefits and an excellent work environment. 1) Environmental litigation attorney — Senior associate; minimum five years’ civil litigation experience preferred with emphasis on complex litigation; A/V rating preferred; environmental law, oil and gas law and/or toxic tort experience preferred. 2) Environmental litigation attorney — Associate; candidate must have excellent academic credentials (top 15 percent) and be detail-oriented with excellent organization skills; one-three years’ civil litigation experience preferred with emphasis on complex litigation; environmental law, oil and gas law and/or toxic tort experience a plus. 3) First-chair attorney/environmental law — Minimum eight-plus years’ defense experience in first-chair civil jury trials, complex litigation and primary case management; A/V rating required; environmental, oil and gas and/or toxic tort experience preferred. Those interested in these positions should visit the Curry & Friend, P.L.C., website at: www.curryandfriend.com/careers.

Lafayette defense firm seeking attorneys with zero-five years’ experience. Opportunities include part-time contract work and full-time associate position. Compensation includes productivity bonus. Position would be ideal for a young attorney seeking a mentor. Email résumé and writing sample (if available) to connie@rhnet.com.

The Louisiana State Bar Association’s Access to Justice (ATJ) Program seeks an attorney to fill the part-time position of Access to Justice Projects Counsel. This individual will manage, administer and direct various projects of, or facilitated by, the ATJ Program which strengthen relationships and foster coordination among Louisiana civil justice community members and criminal justice system partners. The successful applicant will have excellent writing and personal relationship skills and be able to show a prior commitment to access to justice issues and dedication to the provision of legal services to the poor. For consideration, applicants should email a résumé with cover letter and writing sample to atjmail@lsba.org. Response deadline is July 31, 2015.

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