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## Nominating Committee to meet Aug. 25 to nominate president-elect, treasurer

The Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will meet on Friday, Aug. 25, in New Orleans to nominate a president-elect for the 2018-19 term and a treasurer for the 2018-20 term. The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2019-20.


According to the president-elect rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 2 (parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana).

According to the treasurer rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 3 (parishes of Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo,

## LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar's Hashtag is #yourLSBA

In her remarks at the 2017 Annual Meeting, Louisiana State Bar Association President Dona Kay Renegar said, "We have the ability to promote our members — their dedication to the practice of law, the necessary role that they play in our justice system, and the time and resources they devote to their communities."

Do you have an uplifting, positive story about a colleague, mentor or friend in the legal community that you want to share?

We want to know! Use #yourLSBA to tell us about these enthusiastic Bar members who work tirelessly on behalf of the public and the profession. 



Dona Kay Renegar, 2017-18 Louisiana State Bar Association president, announces the new LSBA hashtag during the Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

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).

Any member interested in seeking the

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position of president-elect or treasurer should contact members of the Nominating Committee. Go online to: [www.lsba.org/GoTo/NominatingCommittee](http://www.lsba.org/GoTo/NominatingCommittee).

### Election Schedule

For the 2017-18 election cycle, balloting will be conducted electronically only, as approved by the LSBA Board of Governors. No paper ballots will be provided.

The Nominating Committee report will be submitted to the Board of Governors on Aug. 26.

On Monday, Sept. 18, 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. 16. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 13. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 11.

### Other Positions Open

Other positions to be filled in the 2017-18 elections are:

**Board of Governors** (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2018 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2021 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth districts.

**LSBA House of Delegates** (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2018 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2020 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one delegate from each of the First through Nineteenth 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 2018 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2019 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** (2018-19 term), nominee **shall** be a resident

of or actively practicing law in any parish in Louisiana, based on preferred mailing address. **Secretary** (2018-19 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. 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. 7, 2018 (young lawyer delegate). All LSBA members may vote for both sets of candidates. The delegates will serve two-year terms, beginning with the adjournment of the 2018 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2020 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](http://www.lsba.org/goto/elections). 📄

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

**T**he 2017-18 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 were all due on July 1.

Delinquency notices will be mailed 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 disclosure 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: [www.lsba.org/Members/MemberDuesInfo.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/Members/MemberDuesInfo.aspx). 📄

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# LBSL sets submission date for bankruptcy law certification applications

**T**he Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) is accepting applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification through Sept. 30, 2017.

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 and a written examination must be passed to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought.

Applicants must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the year in which applica-

tion is made and the examination is administered. CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, which is also 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 certification 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 Executive Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email [maryann.wegmann@lsba.org](mailto:maryann.wegmann@lsba.org). For more information, go to the LBSL website: <https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization/>.

## Deadline Aug. 4: Sponsors sought for 2017 law school professionalism orientations

**S**ponsors are being sought for the Louisiana State Bar Association Committee on the Profession's 17th annual professionalism orientations at the state's law schools. Sponsor response deadline is Aug. 4.

Sponsors are needed for the August orientations at Southern University Law Center (Aug. 10), Loyola University College of Law (Aug. 14) and Tulane Law School (Aug. 15).

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](mailto:crichard@lsba.org).

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Arbitration training for the program will be provided at a later date.

The program was formed to resolve

legal fee disputes between attorneys and clients as well as between attorneys and other lawyers. More information on the program (including forms, rules and general guidelines) can be accessed online at: <https://www.lsba.org/Public/FeeDisputeResolution.aspx>.

For more information, contact LSBA Practice Management Counsel Shawn L. Holahan at (504)619-0153 or email [shawn.holahan@lsba.org](mailto:shawn.holahan@lsba.org). The LSBA cannot give legal advice or represent anyone in their fee dispute. 📧

## Save the Date! LSBA's 11th Annual Solo, Small Firm and Tech Conference

The Louisiana State Bar Association's 11th Annual Solo, Small Firm and Tech Conference is set for Feb. 15-16, 2018, at the Sheraton New Orleans. This is the Thursday and Friday after Mardi Gras 2018.

This is the ONLY conference offering the full CLE requirement and dedicated to the small office practitioner.

Interested in becoming an exhibitor or sponsor? Direct inquiries to Shawn Holahan via email at [shawn.holahan@lsba.org](mailto:shawn.holahan@lsba.org). 📧

## 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](http://www.lsba.org/goto/solace).



# Sole receives 2017 LBF Boisfontaine Award

**E**mmett C. Sole, a member of Stockwell, Sievert, Viccellio, Clements & Shaddock, L.L.P., in Lake Charles, received the 2017 Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award, presented at the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in June.

Sole was recognized for his long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants and all counsel. He received a plaque and \$1,000 was donated in his name to the Southwest Louisiana Law Center.

The award was established through an endowment to the LBF in memory of Mr. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the LSBA and of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. Donations from Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, L.L.P., the Boisfontaine family and friends established the fund. 📷



Valerie Briggs Bargas, Louisiana Bar Foundation President, presents Emmet C. Sole with the Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award during the 2017 Louisiana State Bar Association Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

## LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar created a new hashtag **#yourLSBA**

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Keep up with the hashtag on  
Facebook, Twitter and  
Instagram!

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# Baton Rouge Bar Association hosts Kids' Chance Program fundraiser

The Baton Rouge Bar Association's (BRBA) Workers' Compensation Section hosted its seventh annual Kids' Chance Program fundraiser on May 12. The Hawaiian-themed event included food, drinks, games, prizes and leis and raised more than \$6,500 for Kids' Chance scholarships.

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. The program is administered by the LBF and is governed by a committee representing a cross section of the state's legal and workers' compensation communities.

For more information on Kids' Chance, go online: <http://raisingthebar.org/programs-and-projects/kids-chance-scholarship-program>. Or contact Dennette Young at (504)561-1046, email [dennette@raisingthebar.org](mailto:dennette@raisingthebar.org).



Quentin LeBlanc, right, one of 20 students who received a 2016-17 Kids' Chance scholarship, participated in the 2017 Workers' Memorial Day event April 28 on the steps of the State Capitol in Baton Rouge. A student at Louisiana State University, LeBlanc spoke about the impact his mother's accident had on his family and how the scholarship is helping him achieve his dreams. With him is Michelle M. Sorrells, Kids' Chance Committee co-chair.

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The 2017-18 Louisiana Bar Foundation officers were installed at the Annual Gala. From left, Treasurer Amanda W. Barnett, Secretary Christopher K. Ralston, President Valerie Briggs Bargas and Vice President W. Michael Street. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

## Bargas to lead LBF's 2017-18 board

**V**alerie Briggs Bargas of Baton Rouge was installed as the 2017-18 president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation at the 31st Annual Fellows Gala.

Also installed were Vice President W. Michael Street of Monroe; Treasurer Amanda W. Barnett of Alexandria; and Secretary Christopher K. Ralston of New Orleans.

New board members are Alan G. Brackett, New Orleans; George D. (Dave) Ernest III, Lafayette; Edmund J. Giering IV, Baton Rouge; Barry H. Grodsky, New Orleans; Alainna R. Mire, Alexandria; Kerry A. Mur-

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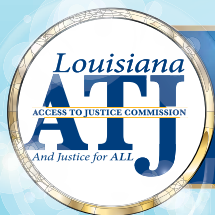
## Updated Louisiana District Court Rules now online

**F**ollowing a 30-day public comment period and the Court Rules Committee review of all comments received, the Louisiana Supreme Court approved the latest District Court Rule amendments on May 16. The effective date of these amendments was July 1, 2017.

To review the rule amendments online, go to the Louisiana Supreme Court's website: [www.lasc.org](http://www.lasc.org). 📷

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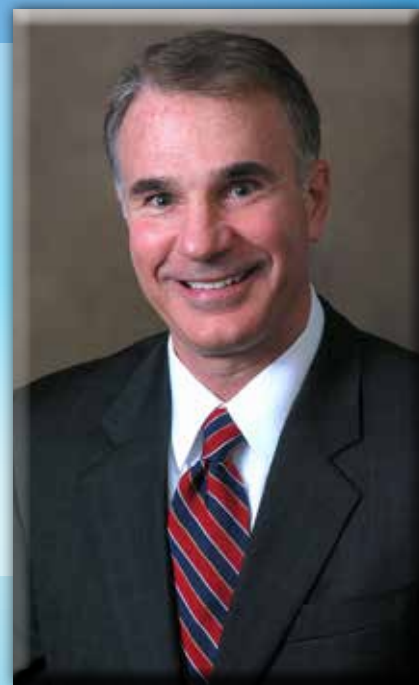
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# Focus on *Access to Justice*

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## ATJ Commission's Building Bridges Committee recruits re-entry court volunteers

**T**he Louisiana Access to Justice Commission's Building Bridges Committee hosted its second CLE on June 29 with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and the Northshore Pro Bono Project to recruit attorney volunteers for the Re-Entry Court Collaborative Law-yring Project (Project).

The Re-Entry Court Program was started in 2010 by Judge Arthur L. Hunter, Jr. and Judge Laurie A. White to reduce recidivism and barriers for people leaving prison. The program, now in 13 jurisdictions throughout the state, and expanding, provides moral rehabilitation and vocational training through the Offender Rehabilitation & Workforce Development Program at the Louisiana State Penitentiary and, more recently, at the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women.

The Project, launched in January 2017,



Judge William J. (Rusty) Knight with the 22nd Judicial District Court discussed the Re-Entry Court Program with prospective attorney volunteers at the June 29 CLE.

works with re-entry courts, civil legal aid providers and attorney volunteers to address the gap in legal services available to people sentenced to Louisiana re-entry courts in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany and Washing-

ton parishes.

The CLE training is the first step in recruitment, in which prospective attorney volunteers learn about the highest priority legal needs of re-entry court participants and how they can help. Those interested are connected with the administering legal aid organization — Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana for the Orleans and 24th Judicial District Court, and Northshore Pro Bono Project for the 22nd Judicial District. From there, they are matched with a participant to address a particular legal need. The legal needs range from driver's license reinstatements, child support, consumer or tax matters. Attorneys are eligible to receive CLE credit for the pro bono representation provided.

For information about this program and how to get involved, email [amy.duncan@lsba.org](mailto:amy.duncan@lsba.org).



## LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES October 23-28, 2017



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Special thanks to all the participating attorneys helping to make this project a success.

# LIFT Immigration Bond Project recognizes first program graduate

Alexandria attorney Tinashe E. Chimwaza received a Certificate of Completion for his work in the LIFT (Legal Innovators for Tomorrow) Immigration Bond Project. Launched in collaboration with The Pro Bono Project and the Louisiana Immigration Working Group in January 2016, the Immigration Bond Project was created based on the need for access to legal representation in bond cases in central Louisiana.

The centrally located immigration court, Oakdale, ranks second for the highest number of detainee adjudications in the country, yet the detainees are reported as having the third lowest representation rate in the country at 6 percent. Access to representation greatly impacts a detainee's case. With an attorney, 44 percent get released on bond versus the 11 percent released without an attorney.

LIFT, a legal incubator program, was launched in April 2014 to support new lawyers who develop solo or small-firm practices that provide legal services to underserved communities. The LIFT program matches public-interest solo legal practitioners with clients who have critical unmet legal needs and provides new attorneys with the support and resources to develop a viable and sustainable public-interest solo practice.

During the 18-month program, Chimwaza



Alexandria attorney Tinashe E. Chimwaza, center, received a Certificate of Completion for his work in the LIFT (Legal Innovators for Tomorrow) Immigration Bond Project. From left, Amy E. Duncan, Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice Department; Kathleen M. Legendre, The Pro Bono Project; Chimwaza; LSBA President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky; and Jennifer Rizzo-Choi, The Pro Bono Project.

za provided more than 150 hours of pro bono representation in 21 bond cases while developing his immigration law practice, Tinashe Law, L.L.C. He took advantage of the technology trainings and free resources provided by incorporating these tools into his practice early on to increase efficiency and the quality of the services he provides his clients.

Although the program has ended for him, Chimwaza has agreed to pay it forward by offering mentorship to the incoming LIFT attorney participant. The Louisiana State Bar Association and the Pro Bono Project are currently in discussions about continuing the program based on the unmet need for critical legal representation in the central area. ■

## More LSBA attorney volunteers sought for participation in LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org

The online pro bono website *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* connects low-income individuals with attorneys. Through the website, attorney volunteers are able to log in whenever and wherever they like and anonymously respond to legal questions submitted by individuals who could not otherwise afford to consult an attorney.

The Louisiana State Bar Association is seeking more attorney volunteers.

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The LSBA is partnering in this initiative as another means to expand legal ser-

vices to the poor or working poor in the state who currently cannot be assisted by the established civil legal aid community for various reasons — federal restrictions on income eligibility; restrictions on accepted case types; and/or logistical challenges in accessing legal services.

To volunteer or learn more, go to the LSBA's Access to Justice webpage, [www.lsba.org/atj](http://www.lsba.org/atj). Or contact Rachael Mills with the Access to Justice Department at (504)619-0104 or email [rachael.mills@lsba.org](mailto:rachael.mills@lsba.org). ■



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