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Nominating Committee to meet Aug. 24 to nominate president-elect, secretary

The Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will meet on Friday, Aug. 24, in New Orleans to nominate a president-elect for the 2019-20 term and a secretary for the 2019-21 term. The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2020-21.

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).

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Dona Kay Renegar, 2017-18 Louisiana State Bar Association president, pins the LSBA presidential pin on Barry H. Grodsky, 2018-19 Louisiana State Bar Association president, during the Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Response deadline is July 26 to complete online LSBA membership survey

Membership service is of paramount importance to the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), said LSBA President Barry H. Grodsky. He is encouraging all LSBA members to complete a confidential membership survey to ensure that the association is meeting the needs of its members and helping them to meet the day-to-day challenges of law practice. The

survey will remain open through **Thursday, July 26.**

The aggregate results of the survey will be used in the LSBA strategic planning process to inform the Board of Governors' decision-making as it charts the course for the next three years. All responses are strictly confidential and will be used for analy-

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

Any member interested in seeking the position of president-elect or secretary should contact members of the Nominating Committee. Go online to: www.lsba.org/GoTo/NominatingCommittee.

Election Schedule

For the 2018-19 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 Saturday, Aug. 25.

On Monday, Sept. 24, 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. 22. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 19. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 17.

Other Positions Open

Other positions to be filled in the 2018-19 elections are:

Board of Governors (three-year terms

beginning at the adjournment of the 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2022 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 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2021 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one delegate from each of the Twentieth through Forty-Second 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 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2020 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 (2019-20 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** (2019-20 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, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth districts (two-year terms).

American Bar Association House of Delegates (must be members of the American Bar Association) — one delegate from the membership at large. The delegate will serve a two-year term, beginning with the adjournment of the 2019 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2021 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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sis. The demographic information will help the LSBA build a profile of its membership and better serve each segment depending on practice experience, practice setting and location.

Also, members who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a complimentary registration to any LSBA-sponsored CLE seminar, including out-of-state programs and the Annual Meeting/Summer School. Two prizes will be awarded. Indicating your name and email address will NOT compromise the anonymity of your responses to the survey.

“We hope that you will contribute to the success of the strategic initiative by participating in this survey,” Grodsky said.

If you have any questions or difficulty completing the questionnaire, contact Strategic Planning Facilitator Elizabeth Derrico at elizabeth@elizabethderrico.com.

Access the membership survey via the LSBA home page, www.lsba.org, and following the links. 

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

The 2018-19 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.

Note on electronic payments: Confirm with your financial institution prior to making an ACH electronic check payment. If your account is Positive Pay Protected, update the Company ID to 1000091175.

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

House of Delegates June 7 meeting: Resolutions approved, delegates elected

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates approved two resolutions and tabled a third during its June 7 meeting in Destin, Fla., held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Another resolution was withdrawn.

The House also elected five members to the Legislation Committee.

► **Tabled indefinitely.** A resolution (originally tabled at the January 2018 meeting) was unanimously tabled indefinitely. The resolution from LSBA member Dan M. Boudreaux requested that Bylaws be amended to create a dues waiver procedure for lawyers who complete at least 20 hours of approved pro bono legal services per fiscal year.


► **Approved.** A resolution from a group of LSBA members seeking clarification on the January 2010 House of Delegates policy against granting of civil immunities was unanimously approved.

► **Approved.** A resolution from

the Board of Governors to dissolve the Group Insurance Committee, assign the work to the Legal Malpractice Insurance Committee and rename the Legal Malpractice Insurance Committee to the Insurance Committee was unanimously approved.

► **Withdrawn.** A resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend the Family Law Standards to include a list of items of limited importance which may be included on the written examination was withdrawn.

Also, the House elected five members to serve three-year terms on the Legislation Committee — Thomas C. Cerullo, 24th Judicial District; J. Christopher Erny, 32nd Judicial District; C. Frank Holthaus, 19th Judicial District; Tina Louise Suggs, 24th Judicial District; and Jay Christopher Zainey, Jr., 41st Judicial District.

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

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Public hearing scheduled for comments on LBLs Employment Law Standards, Labor Law Standards

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) will hold a public hearing beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, to provide a forum for Bar members to comment on the LBSL Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards.

The resolutions of two members of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates (HOD) to suspend the LBSL's Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards were approved by the

LSBA HOD and the Board of Governors (BOG) at the Jan. 20, 2018, meeting. Both the Employment Law Standards and the Labor Law Standards had been approved by the HOD and BOG a year earlier at the Jan. 21, 2017, meeting without any opposition.

The HOD and BOG have now requested that the LBSL conduct further study on both the Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards, including whether a majority of affected practitioners actually support the standards, and whether concerns over discriminatory effects and unfair competitive advantages can be adequately

addressed.

Prior to the public hearing, any questions or requests for a copy of the respective standards may be directed to LBSL Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. Or, the standards may be reviewed on the LBSL website at: www.lsba.org/goto/2018mcleemploymentlawstandards and www.lsba.org/goto/2018mclelaborlawstandards.

For more information, email Wegmann or visit the LBSL website at: www.lsba.org/specialization.

Bankruptcy law certification applications being accepted through Sept. 30

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) is accepting applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification through Sept. 30, 2018.

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 application 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 simul-

taneously 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).

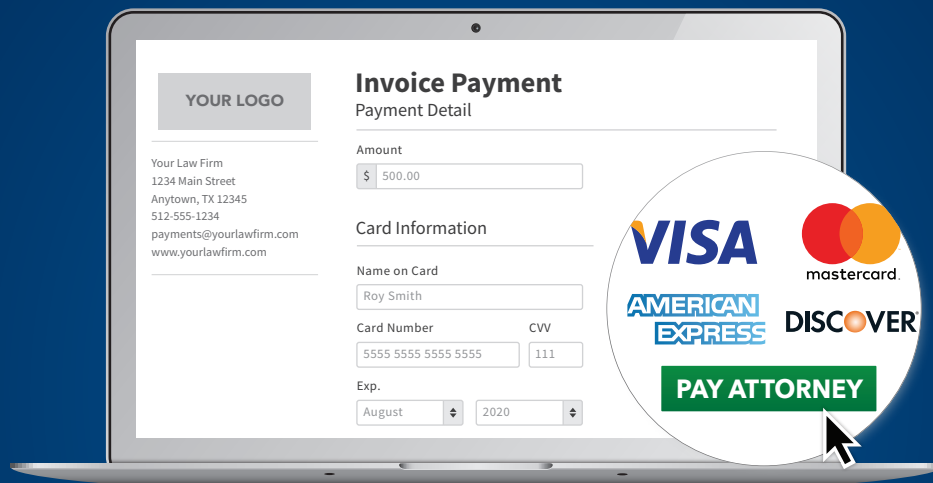
To receive an application, email Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization, at maryann.wegmann@lsba.org.

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Street to lead LBF's 2018-19 board

W. Michael Street of Monroe was installed as the 2018-19 president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) at the 32nd Annual Gala. Other officers are Vice President Amanda W. Barnett, Alexandria; Treasurer Christopher K. Ralston, New Orleans; and Secretary Harry J. (Skip) Philips, Baton Rouge.

New board members are Jerry Edwards, Shreveport; Karleen J. Green, Baton Rouge; Eugene G. (Bubba) Gouaux, Jr., Lockport; Camille Jackson, Alexandria; Robert A. Kutcher, Metairie; David E. Verlander III, Monroe; and Zebulon M. Winstead, Alexandria.

Other members of the 2018-19 board of directors are Valerie Briggs Bargas, Baton Rouge; Alan G. Brackett, New Orleans; Hon. John C. Davidson, Alexandria; George D. (Dave) Ernest III, Lafayette; Barry H. Grodsky, New Orleans; H. Dunbar Healy, Covington; Michael J. Mestayer, New Orleans; Kerry A. Murphy, New Orleans; Deidre Deculus Robert, Baton Rouge; Shayna L. Sonnier, Lake Charles; Tina Crawford White, New Orleans; and Sharonda R. Williams, New Orleans. 📞

LBF awards \$50,500 in 2018-19 Kids' Chance Scholarships

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship program is awarding \$50,500 in scholarships to 15 students. Scholarships are awarded to dependent children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law.

The 2018-19 scholarship recipients are Brittany Bailey, DeRidder; Tyler Byrd, Pearl River; Mason Graham, Luling; André Hebert, Lafayette; Heather Jones, New Orleans; Katelyn Kerner, Jefferson; Grant Klentzman, New Iberia; Quentin LeBlanc, Paincourtville; Breanna Leleaux, Lafayette; Amanda Marler, Dry Creek; Colby Price, Belle Chasse; William Price, Bossier City; Darien Rixner, LaPlace; Hallie Rogers, Patterson; and Derek Trouard, Baton Rouge.

The LBF Kids' Chance Program was started in 2004 and is administered by the LBF and governed by a committee



representing a cross section of the state's legal and workers' compensation communities.

Since 2004, the LBF has awarded 290 scholarships totaling \$664,100. For more information about Kids' Chance or to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Dee Jones at the LBF office, (504)561-1046, email dee@raisingthebar.org. Or go to: raisingthebar.org/programs-and-projects/kids-chance-scholarship-program. 📞

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Go to: www.raisingthebar.org/365daysofjustice. Choose a day that is meaningful to you or a loved one. Dedicate the day. Make the donation.

The “365 Days of Justice” project will be promoted and housed on the LBF’s website throughout the year. For more information, contact Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

LSBA Lawyer Fee Dispute Resolution Program needs arbitrator volunteers

The Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Lawyer Fee Dispute Resolution Program needs more arbitrator volunteers, particularly outside the New Orleans area. The program resolves legal fee disputes between attorneys/clients and between attorneys/attorneys. Review

the program rules and download the Petition to Arbitrate Legal Fee Dispute Form at the weblink below, then email the form to LSBA Practice Management Counsel Shawn L. Holahan, shawn.holahan@lsba.org. Go to: www.lsba.org/Public/FeeDisputeResolution.aspx.

Management Mondays and Tech Tuesdays CLEs scheduled

The Louisiana State Bar Association has scheduled several Management Mondays and Tech Tuesdays CLEs. All seminars are live at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave.,

New Orleans, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The CLEs also will be webcast to registrants. Registration is online only and the fee is \$10. Check the schedule and register online at: www.lsba.org/CLE.

Aug. 3 deadline: Sponsors sought for Law School Professionalism Orientations

Sponsors are needed for law school professionalism orientations at Loyola University College of Law (Aug. 13), Southern University Law Center (Aug. 16) and Tulane University Law School

(Aug. 24). 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.

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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Children's Legal Services	\$125,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$8,000
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$21,000
First Grace Community Alliance	\$11,000
Louisiana CASA Association	\$7,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$25,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$36,000
The Advocacy Center	\$17,000

Domestic Violence Programs	\$500,000
Beauregard Community Concerns	\$37,097
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$76,400
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$33,734
Faith House, Inc.	\$36,081
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$14,613
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$22,703
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$38,520
Oasis	\$21,379
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$38,520
Project SAVE	\$39,491
Safe Harbor	\$15,408
Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment (SAFE)	\$15,408
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program, Inc.	\$24,075
The Haven, Inc	\$36,495
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$50,076

Law-Related Education	\$100,000
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$13,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$1,000
Court Watch NOLA	\$3,000
Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School	\$1,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$5,500
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$35,000
LSBA Diversity Committee	\$1,000
LSBA Young Lawyers Division	\$5,500
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$10,000

Legal Service Corporations	\$2,100,000
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$1,061,563
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,038,437

Loan Repayment Assistance Program	\$56,456
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Other Legal Service Providers	\$350,000
Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$28,958
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$39,458
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$40,000
Frontline Legal Services, Inc.	\$46,458
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$90,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$11,458
NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$13,333
Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$18,335
St. Frances Cabrini Immigration Law Center	\$50,000
The Ella Project	\$12,000

Pro Bono Projects	\$350,000
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$70,000
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$68,900
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$46,700
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$24,900
The Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$29,500
The Pro Bono Project	\$110,000

Self-Represented Litigants Programs	\$35,000
Louisiana Civil Justice Center	\$11,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$9,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$15,000

Child in Need of Care	\$2,240,000
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Discretionary Funding	\$135,000
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Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants are awarded throughout the year.

Special Program and Project Funding	TBD
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Scholarships, Fellowships, and other funding projects	TBD
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2018-2019 LSBA CLE Calendar

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| Employment Law Update 2018
Friday, August 17, 2018 • New Orleans | CLE during Voodoo Fest!
Friday, October 26, 2018 • New Orleans | Motions, Motions, Motions ...
Wednesday, December 5, 2018 • New Orleans |
| Social Media: Law, Policy and Tips
Friday, August 31, 2018 • New Orleans | Workers' Comp. 2018
Thursday, November 1, 2018 • Baton Rouge | Ethics & Professionalism:
Watch Your P's & Q's
Friday, December 7, 2018 • New Orleans |
| Tricks of the Trade in Family Law - PART 2
Friday, August 31, 2018 • New Orleans | When the Parent Becomes the Child:
Advising Caregivers of Elderly Persons
Friday, November 2, 2018 • New Orleans | Pursuit of Balance: Life & Law
December 10, 2018 • New Orleans |
| Ethics & Professionalism (Lafayette)
Wednesday, September 5, 2018 • Lafayette | Written/Oral Argument
Monday, November 5, 2018 • New Orleans | Trial Practice CLE
Tuesday, December 11, 2018 • New Orleans |
| Slips, Trips & Major Mishaps –
Personal Injury 2018
Friday, September 7, 2018 • New Orleans | 18th Annual Complex Litigation Symposium
Friday, November 9, 2018 • New Orleans | 30th Annual Summer School Revisited
December 13-14, 2018 • New Orleans |
| 25th Annual Admiralty Symposium
Friday, September 14, 2018 • New Orleans | Energy & Environmental Law Summit
Friday, November 16, 2018 • New Orleans | CLE Wrap Up
Friday, December 14, 2018 • New Orleans |
| Ethics & Professionalism (New Orleans)
Friday, September 21, 2018 • New Orleans | New York, New York Multi-Topic CLE
November 17- 20, 2018
InterContinental New York
Times Square Hotel • New York | Dazzling Disney!
A Multi-Topic CLE Seminar
March 4-6, 2019
Walt Disney Grand Floridian Resort & Spa
4401 Floridian Way • Lake Buena Vista, FL |
| The Art of Depositions
Friday, September 28, 2018 • New Orleans | Advanced Appellate Practice
Friday, November 30, 2018 • New Orleans | |
| ERISA and All that Jazz
Friday, September 28, 2018 • New Orleans | Evidence Law Seminar
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 • New Orleans | |
| 12th Annual Dispute Resolution Seminar
Friday, October 12, 2018 • Baton Rouge | E-Discovery CLE
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
New Orleans | |
| Hanging Out Your Own Shingle
Monday, October 15, 2018 • New Orleans | | |
| 58th Bi-Annual Bridging the Gap Seminar
October 16-17, 2018 • New Orleans | | |
| Law Practice Management CLE
Friday, October 19, 2018 • New Orleans | | |



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The Access to Justice Developing Leadership Intern Program completed its third year on June 22. With Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson are this year's interns, from left, Nicolas Bell, Adams and Reese intern; De'Jonique Carter, Jones Walker intern; Chief Justice Johnson; Monica Bergeron, Baker Donelson intern; and Kansas Guidry, Phelps Dunbar intern.

ATJ Developing Leadership Intern Program completes third year

The Access to Justice (ATJ) Developing Leadership Intern Program completed its third year on June 22. The six-week internship provides four rising 2L students — one from each of Louisiana's four law schools — the opportunity to work with pro bono and civil legal aid providers.

Weekly programming focused on the civil legal needs of low-income people, the ways in which organizations within the justice community address those needs, and how these services are increasing the quality of life for those served. In addition, interns interacted with district court judges and experienced the work life of large firms with demonstrated histories of supporting access to justice issues in Louisiana.

Louisiana's four law schools also provided programming for the interns. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert

Law Center and Southern University Law Center combined efforts to educate this year's interns about the legal needs of those formally incarcerated. Loyola University College of Law and Tulane University Law School provided training on implicit bias and the realities of working with low-income and vulnerable client populations.


Interns also participated in Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) activities, including an Access to Justice Commission meeting, the Pro Bono Summit and the LSBA Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards Ceremony.

Adams and Reese, L.L.P., Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C., Jones Walker LLP, and Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., have been the four sponsoring law firms since the first year of the program.

Participating organizations were the Baton Rouge Bar Association, CrescentCare,

the Justice and Accountability Center, Louisiana Appleseed, the New Orleans Family Justice Center, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, the Pro Bono Project of New Orleans and the Parole Project.

Participating judges were Judge Bernadette G. D'Souza, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Judge Jeffrey C. Cashe, 21st Judicial District Court; Judge Timothy S. Marcel, 29th Judicial District Court; and Judge Lisa M. Woodruff-White, East Baton Rouge Family Court.

The success of the internship program has encouraged the LSBA's Access to Justice Commission to consider offering additional internships. Firms interested in sponsoring an intern for the 2019 program should contact Rachael M. Mills at (504)619-0104, email rachael.mills@lsba.org. 

LIFT welcomes four attorneys to two Legal Incubator Programs

The Louisiana State Bar Association's legal incubator program, Legal Innovators for Tomorrow (LIFT), welcomed three new attorneys to the Domestic Violence Project and one new attorney to the Juvenile Re-Entry Assistance Program (JRAP).

LIFT addresses the legal needs of underserved and underrepresented populations in Louisiana and supports new attorneys in forming viable and sustainable public interest solo practices.

Dominique Lang Verner, Sophie Woodruff and Eleanor R. Brown joined the Domestic Violence Project in New Orleans, operated in collaboration with the New Orleans Family Justice Center (NOFJC) and Southeast Louisiana legal Services (SLLS). This program improves availability of legal services to survivors of domestic violence, particularly in the area of family law. While in the program, the LIFT attorneys receive office space onsite at NOFJC, free resources, training and mentorship from SLLS's staff attorneys. The attorneys agree to provide 30 hours per month of pro bono representation to domestic violence survivors. After 18 months, the attorneys leave the program with sustainable solo practices that will continue to serve underrepresented populations.

Trinicia S. Leonard joined JRAP in Shreveport. The program is operated in partnership with the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana and focuses on reducing barriers for youth (ages 18-24) who are reintegrating to their communities after incarceration. Through her



LIFT attorney Trinicia S. Leonard attended the Expungement and Resource Fair in Shreveport on June 23.

work, Leonard will provide representation in expungements, public benefits and housing law that will ultimately reduce recidivism, promote public safety and create positive results in communities in the Shreveport area. She will help host expungement legal clinics and resource fairs, in which eligible individuals who live or could live in public or Section 8 housing will have an opportunity for all expungement costs to be covered by a grant from Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Housing Authority for the City of Shreveport

To date, the LIFT program has worked to develop the public interest practices of 22 attorneys and continues to expand with new projects throughout the state. To learn more about the LIFT program, go online: www.lsba.org/lift. Or email Program Director Amy Duncan at amy.duncan@lsba.org.



Dominique Lang Verner, Sophie Woodruff and Eleanor R. Brown attended the Bridging the Gap CLE on May 7.

LSBA launches public portal to "Find Legal Help"

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), through its Access to Justice Commission, has created a "Find Legal Help" portal to connect the public with the full spectrum of legal services available in the state.

The online portal, at www.LSBA.org/goto/FindLegalHelp, includes options for hiring an attorney; identifying legal aid and pro bono programs; accessing self-help forms and resources; finding online and telephonic assistance; and searching a modest means directory of attorneys willing to provide sliding-scale fees or limited-scope representation.

The availability of legal services, particularly for people who cannot afford representation, depends on variables including the type of legal issue, a person's income, location and proximity to private attorneys and legal aid, and other factors. The "Find Legal Help" portal is designed to help all litigants find legal information and assistance, regardless of financial circumstance. For some relatively simple matters, self-help resources are available. In addition to a list of attorneys and services specific to each parish, the portal also connects to a wide range of statewide programs and informational websites. All information is available via mobile devices and those who need help accessing the website or printing materials can visit their local library for assistance.

Attorney volunteers sought for Lawyers in Libraries events

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will once again be partnering with Louisiana libraries to meet the public's legal needs.

During the week of Oct. 22-27, the LSBA, the Louisiana Library Association and local access to justice partners will co-sponsor "Lawyers in Libraries" events across the state in support of the National Pro Bono Celebration. Attorney volunteers will provide "Ask-a-Lawyer" sessions or educational presentations, free of charge to library patrons in every parish in the state.

Attorney volunteers are needed to participate in these programs. For more information, call (504)619-0145 or go online: www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org.

Focus on Diversity

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

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The Louisiana State Bar Association's Diversity Committee and Conclave Subcommittee would like to thank the Gold Sponsors who supported the Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession on March 9.

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