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Nominating Committee to meet Aug. 23 to nominate president-elect, treasurer

The Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will meet on Friday, Aug. 23, in New Orleans to nominate a president-elect for the 2020-21 term and a treasurer for the 2020-22 term. The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2021-22.

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

According to the treasurer 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,



Barry H. Grodsky, 2018-19 Louisiana State Bar Association president, pins the LSBA presidential pin on Robert A. Kutcher, 2019-20 Louisiana State Bar Association president, during the Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla. Read more about the 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting and LSBA/LJC Joint Summer School in the August/September issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

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Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana).

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.

Election Schedule

For the 2019-20 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. 24.

On Monday, Sept. 23, 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. 21. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 18. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 16.

Other Positions Open

Other positions to be filled in the 2019-20 elections are:

Board of Governors (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2020 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the ad-

jourment of the 2023 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the First, Second, Third and Fifth Board Districts.

LSBA House of Delegates (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2020 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2022 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 2020 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2021 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. Secretary (2019-20 term), nominee shall be a resident of or actively practicing law in any parish in Louisiana, 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 his/her 35th birthday by Aug. 4, 2020 (that delegate being the “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 2020 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2022 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. 📄

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

The 2019-20 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.

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House June 6 Meeting: Resolutions

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates took action on six resolutions during its June 6 meeting in Destin, Fla., held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

The House also elected five members to serve three-year terms on the Legislation Committee — Charles C. Bourque, Jr., 32nd Judicial District; Sandra K. Cosby, 24th Judicial District; Val. P. Exnicios, Orleans Parish; Keenan K. Kelly, 10th Judicial District; and Ann S. Siddall, 7th Judicial District.

Bourque also was elected to serve ex-officio for a three-year term on the Louisiana Bar Foundation's board of directors.

The House's decisions on the six resolutions follow.

► The House unanimously approved a resolution from the Criminal Justice Committee amending the committee's mission statement to better reflect the broader scope of the committee's work and the participation of prosecution, law enforcement, department of corrections and other agencies represented in the criminal justice system on the committee.

► A resolution regarding the House of Delegates Liaison Committee was divided

into two parts and considered separately. The House voted against the resolution that the senior in tenure member of the Liaison Committee be designated the House of Delegates liaison to the Board of Governors. The House unanimously approved the resolution that, if the House of Delegates liaison is not in attendance at any meeting of the Board of Governors, the next senior in tenure member be allowed to vote on behalf of the Liaison Committee. (This is an amendment to the House of Delegates Rules of Procedure so no further action is required.)


► Following an amendment by resolution author Keenan K. Kelly prior to presentation to the House, the House approved as amended the resolution seeking to amend the Articles of Incorporation to require a vote in excess of three-fourths of the required numerical quorum of the House of Delegates to adopt a position on pending legislation. (This is a proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and will need to go to the membership in fall 2019 for approval.)

► Following an amendment by resolution author Shayna Beevers Morvant prior to presentation to the House, the House approved as amended the resolution that the LSBA's Leg-

islation Committee and all related activities be suspended until the House's Midyear Meeting in January 2020, at which time the committee will be reactivated.

► After waiving its rules by a two-thirds vote to consider this resolution, the House approved the resolution from the Transitioning Lawyers Committee seeking creation of "emeritus" as a new membership status. (This resolution includes proposed amendments to Supreme Court Rule XVIII, the LSBA Articles of Incorporation and the LSBA Bylaws. It will be sent to the Supreme Court to consider Rule XVIII amendments. If approved by the Court, the Articles amendments will be presented for a vote of the membership in fall 2019. If the Articles amendments are approved by the membership, the Bylaws amendments automatically will be implemented and the emeritus status will become effective.)

► After waiving its rules by a two-thirds vote to consider this resolution, the House unanimously approved the resolution from the Intellectual Property Law Section to amend its Bylaws.

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

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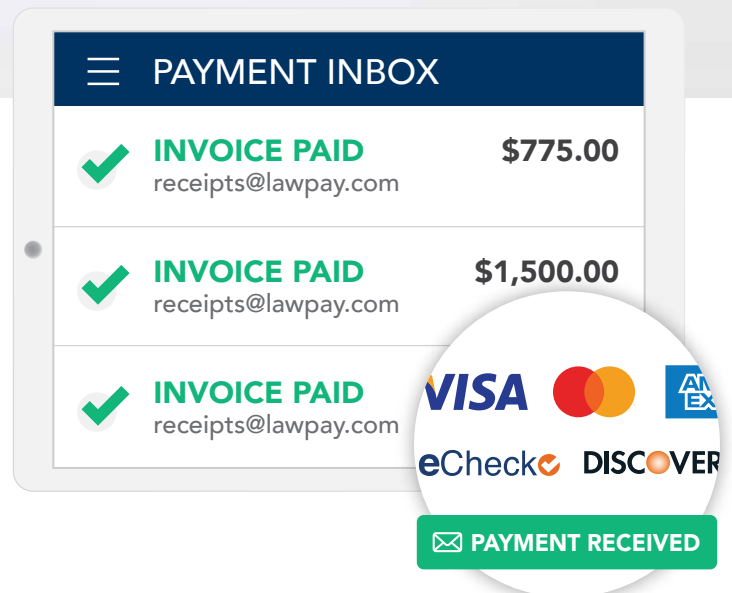


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Registration open for Francophone Section's August CLE program in Canada

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Francophone Section is presenting a CLE program, "Acadian Diaspora: From Louisiana to Acadia," on Aug. 20 on the campus of the University of Moncton School of Law in New Brunswick, Canada. The program commemorates the 50th anniversary of the recognition of language/law rights in Canada, the 20th anniversary of the founding of the LSBA's Francophone Section and the 40th anniversary of the collaboration of the University of Moncton School of Law with the LSBA.

Program organizers are applying for 4 hours of CLE credit, including ethics and professionalism. Cost is \$175 (including the closing reception).

The Francophone Section's Executive Committee has assembled an outstanding program to be moderated by New Orleans

attorney Louis R. Koerner, Jr., co-chair of the Francophone Section. Presenters include three Louisiana attorneys — Warren A. Perrin, Fernin F. Eaton and John D. Schoonenberg — and four Louisiana and Canadian historians, including Jason P. Theriot, Ph.D., Houston, Texas; Jean-Robert Friguault, New Brunswick, Canada; Barry J. Ancelet, Ph.D., Lafayette; and Mary Perrin, Lafayette.

To register, complete the registration form and mail to: Louisiana State Bar Association Francophone Section, 251 La Rue France, Lafayette, LA 70508.

Learn more and download a registration form: www.lsba.org/goto/2019FrancophoneCLE.

For more information, contact Warren A. Perrin, (337)233-5832, perrin@plddo.com; or Louis R. Koerner, Jr., (985)580-0350, koerner@koerner-law.com.

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LASC approves revisions to Rule XIX

The Louisiana Supreme Court approved substantive revisions to Supreme Court Rule XIX and its appendices pertaining to Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement. The revisions became effective on May 15. Review the revised Rule and appendices online: www.lasc.org.

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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 below.*)

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.

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- Loyola Tuesday, Aug. 13 • 4:30 p.m.
- LSU Friday, Aug. 16 • 2 p.m.
- Tulane Tuesday, Aug. 20 • noon

Return form to:

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2019-2020 LSBA CLE Calendar

Employment Law Update

Aug. 16, 2019 • Hilton Riverside Hotel

Arbitration

Aug. 30, 2019 • Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel • New Orleans

Ethics & Professionalism (Lafayette)

Sept. 5, 2019 • DoubleTree Hotel • Lafayette

Trust & Estate Planning

Sept. 6, 2019 • Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel • New Orleans

Depositions

Sept. 10, 2019 • New Orleans

26th Annual Admiralty Symposium

Sept. 13, 2019 • Windsor Court • New Orleans

Ethics & Professionalism (New Orleans)

Sept. 20, 2019 • Hilton Riverside Hotel

Cyber Security

Sept. 24, 2019 • LA Bar Center • New Orleans

Legal Malpractice

Sept. 27, 2019 • Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel • New Orleans

Appellate Practice

Oct. 4, 2019 • Golden Nugget Lake Charles Hotel & Casino • Lake Charles

13th Annual Dispute Resolution Seminar

Oct. 11, 2019 • Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel • Baton Rouge

Hanging Out Your Own Shingle

Oct. 15, 2019 • LA Bar Center • New Orleans

59th Bi-Annual Bridging the Gap

Oct. 16 & 17, 2019 • New Orleans

Depositions (Repeat)

Oct. 18, 2019 • Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino • Lake Charles

Motion Practice

Oct. 22, 2019 • Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel • New Orleans

Voodoo CLE

October 25, 2019 • Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel • New Orleans

Workers' Comp 2019

Nov. 7, 2019 • Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

19th Annual Complex Litigation Symposium

Nov. 8, 2019 • Windsor Court • New Orleans

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Nov. 13, 2019 • New Orleans

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Nov. 15, 2019 • LA Bar Center

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Nov. 15, 2019 • New Orleans

E-Discovery

Nov. 19, 2019 • Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel • New Orleans

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Personal Injury

Dec. 4, 2019 • Sheraton New Orleans Hotel • New Orleans

Ethics & Professionalism:

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Dec. 6, 2019 • Hilton Riverside Hotel • New Orleans

Trial Practice CLE

Dec. 10, 2019 • New Orleans

Pursuit of Balance: Life & Law

Dec. 10, 2019 • New Orleans



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LBSLS accepting certification applications in bankruptcy law

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSLS) is accepting applications for certification in business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law through Sept. 30, 2019.

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association 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 the attorney must pass a written examination to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought and provide five favorable references. Peer review is used to determine that an applicant has achieved recognition as having a level of competence indicating proficient performance handling the usual matters in the specialty field. Refer to the LBSLS Bankruptcy Law Standards (business and consumer) for a detailed description of the

requirements: www.lsba.org/goto/specialization.

In addition, applicants must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the year in which application is made and the examination is administered. For bankruptcy law, CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification (ABC), 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 ABC, attorneys should apply for approval of the LBSLS simultaneously with the testing agency to avoid delay of board certification by the LBSLS. Information concerning the ABC will be provided with the application form(s) and can be viewed online at: www.abworld.org.

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBSLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org, or call (504)619-0128. For more information, go to the LBSLS website link listed above. 📄

Update your LSBA member record contact information

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) contacts members with important information throughout the year. To ensure timely receipt of information, members should advise the LSBA Membership Department of changes to membership information as soon as possible. Members may update their own Membership Profiles online at: www.lsba.org/Members/MembershipHome.aspx.

Also, add compliance@lsbamembership.com to your contact list, white list or approved recipients in your email software. Subscribe and receive eligibility-related communication. The LSBA Membership Department and the MCLE Department will email reminders and notices of deadlines through this email address. 📄

Respond by Aug. 2: Sponsors sought for 2019 Law School Professionalism Orientations

Sponsors are needed for the August Law School Professionalism Orientations at Southern University Law Center, Loyola University College of Law and Tulane University Law School.

The events are scheduled for: Southern, Aug. 8, 10 a.m.; Loyola, Aug. 13, 4:30 p.m.; and Tulane, Aug. 20, noon.

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. 📄

LSBA implements new Spot Mentoring Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) has implemented a new Spot Mentoring Program to give young lawyers in practice from two to seven years the ability to securely post questions via email.

The LSBA's Committee on the Profession continues to offer comprehensive mentoring through the TIP (Transition into Practice) Program to attorneys in their first year of practice. The TIP program ends at the completion of the mentoring requirements within one-two years of the new attorney entering practice. As a supplement to the TIP program, the spot mentoring program allows eligible LSBA attorneys to initiate contact with a volunteer spot mentor for advice, guidance or information by securely posting questions via email. All spot mentors will receive the inquiry.

Examples of spot mentoring topics are career development (firm culture, time management, work/life management, re-



ceiving feedback, seeking opportunities internally and externally); legal practice skills (writing, oral communication, negotiation, technical skills); professionalism (ethics, civility, integrity, elimination of bias, system equity); practice development (networking, thought leadership, client entertainment, external involvement); client service/management (business solutions, responsiveness, articulating client value, counseling clients); and family/work integration (parental leave, working parents, eldercare, family resources).

Lawyers in practice from two to seven years are encouraged to visit the LSBA website for more information, www.lsba.org/mentoring/spotmentoring.aspx. 📄

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The Louisiana Bar Foundation has announced its 2019-20 Community Partnership Panel chairs and committee chairs.

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The 2019-20 Louisiana Bar Foundation officers are, from left, Treasurer Harry J. (Skip) Philips, Jr., Baton Rouge; President Amanda W. Barnett, Alexandria; Secretary Alan G. Brackett, New Orleans; and Vice President Christopher K. Ralston, New Orleans.

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Barnett to lead LBF's 2019-20 board

Amanda W. Barnett of Alexan-dria was installed as the 2019-20 president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) at the 33rd Annual Gala. Other officers are Vice President Christopher K. Ralston, New Orleans; Treasurer Harry J. (Skip) Philips, Jr., Baton Rouge; and Secretary Alan G. Brackett, New Orleans.

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Brackett receives LBF's President's Award

Alan G. Brackett, a partner in the New Orleans law firm of Mouldoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett, re-ceived the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Presi-dent's Award from 2018-19 LBF President W. Mi-chael Street.

Brackett was recognized for his outstanding support, dedi-cation and advancement of the mission and goals of the LBF. He has been a LBF Fellow since 2001, serving on several LBF committees (including Grants, Development and the Gala) and chairing a community partnership panel. He is a current member of the LBF's board of directors and was recently installed as the 2019-20 secretary. He is dedicated to advancing the LBF goals of funding civil legal aid and promoting access to justice.



Alan G. Brackett, right, received the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Presi-dent's Award from 2018-19 LBF President W. Michael Street at the 2019 An-nual Fellows Membership Meeting in April.



\$7.8 Million for Social Justice Initiatives 2019-20

As of 6/19

Annual/Sustaining Funding	\$4,528,885		
Building Capital Development	\$50,000	NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$17,750
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$25,000	Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$25,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$25,000	The Advocacy Center	\$28,750
		The Ella Project	\$12,000
Children's Legal Services	\$150,000	Pro Bono Projects	\$400,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$10,000	Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$75,775
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$21,000	Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$76,900
First Grace Community Alliance	\$19,000	Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$54,775
Louisiana CASA Association	\$10,000	Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$31,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$25,000	The Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$37,775
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	\$5,000	The Pro Bono Project	\$123,775
T.E.A.M.S.	\$40,000		
The Advocacy Center	\$20,000	Child in Need of Care	\$2,240,000
Domestic Violence Programs	\$550,000	Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$1,590,000
Beauregard Community Concerns	\$37,908	Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$650,000
Capital Area Family Violence Center	\$15,000		
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$76,400	Special Program and Project Funding 625,150*	
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$38,000	Access to Justice Commission	\$30,000
Faith House, Inc.	\$36,081	Access to Justice Fund Grants	\$40,000
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$33,085	ATJ Community Conference Training	\$5,000
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$22,703	Tech Center/Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator	\$250,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$38,520	LouisianaLawHelp.org and Probono.net	\$12,650
Oasis	\$21,379	Louisiana Appleseed	\$150,000
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$38,520	Oral Histories	\$2,000
Project SAVE	\$40,000	Pelican Center for Children and Families	
Safe Harbor	\$16,426	Pro Hac Vice	\$123,500
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$15,408	Statewide Case Management System	\$12,000
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program, Inc.	\$24,075		
The Haven, Inc	\$36,495	Scholarships, Fellowships, and other	
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$60,000	funding projects	\$240,000*
Law-Related Education	\$125,000	Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$55,500
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$25,000	Scholar-in-Residence	\$4,500
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$18,000	Fellowships	\$180,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$12,000		
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$35,000	* Pending Board approval in July 2019	
LSBA Young Lawyers Division	\$10,000	Discretionary Funding	\$180,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$25,000		
Legal Services Corporations	\$2,800,000		
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$1,423,344		
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,376,656		
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	\$53,885		
Other Legal Service Providers	\$400,000		
Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$35,750		
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$45,000		
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$50,000		
Frontline Legal Services, Inc.	\$50,000		
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$70,000		
Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$50,000		
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$15,750		

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) entity organized under the State of Louisiana. As the largest state funder of civil legal aid, the LBF supports non-profits throughout Louisiana that provide free, civil legal representation to the indigent, law-related education to the public and administration of justice projects. Since 1989, the LBF has distributed nearly \$86 million to hundreds of Louisiana non-profit organizations to meet these goals.

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Criminal Justice Committee hosts summit on mental health and the criminal justice system

Criminal justice stakeholders, mental health experts and advocates from across the state gathered on April 26 in Baton Rouge for the seventh Criminal Justice Summit hosted by the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Criminal Justice Committee. This year, the summit focused on measures to address the increasing number of individuals with mental health conditions coming into contact with the criminal justice system.

"One in five adults in the United States have some degree of mental illness [and] . . . 65% of inmates in county jail have some degree of mental illness," said St. Charles Parish Sheriff Gregory C. Champagne, discussing the growing rate of law enforcement encounters with the mentally ill. "Behavior of [the] untreated mentally ill escalates over time [and] longer stretches in jail and solitary confinement exacerbates the problem," he said.

Unfortunately, jails and prisons tend to be the largest mental health care providers in the United States. While most agree that jails and prisons are not places for



This Criminal Justice Summit panel shared information on crisis intervention team programs and training. From left, William C. Credo III, at podium; Loren M. Lampert, Louisiana District Attorneys Association; St. Charles Parish Sheriff Gregory C. Champagne; and Chief Clifford Gatlin, Louisiana College.

people with mental illnesses, the summit attendees asked, "What can we do once a person with mental health needs enters or comes into contact with the system?" Crisis intervention teams, communication and identification strategies, and innovative programs for victims, criminal defendants and juveniles are a few of the topics discussed to answer this question.

To prevent interaction with the criminal justice system, 19th Judicial District Court Judge Donald R. Johnson present-




Discussing innovative programs at the Criminal Justice Summit were, from left, Barksdale Hortenstine, Jr., Orleans Public Defenders; Aaron Rizzio-Clark, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights; Kristen Raby, Victim Services, 19th JDC District Attorney's Office; and East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney Hillar C. Moore III.

ed the new laws regarding assisted outpatient treatment programs in civil court, which creates a civil process to petition for a court-ordered treatment plan for people with serious mental illness. This process can be performed without the commission of a crime and was developed as a means to prevent people with serious mental illness ending up in jail or Department of Correction's custody.

The summit was interactive and included four working group sessions. Attendees continued conversations about the topics presented and discussed what they were seeing in their districts regarding mental health services. Many expressed concern for the lack of access to mental health care and proposed the creation of a resource repository so people know where to go when experiencing a mental health crisis.

The summit was coordinated by the Planning Subcommittee — Chair Jean M. Faria, Richard J. Bourke, Barksdale Hortenstine, Jr., Loren M. Lampert and Kerry K. Lentini.

The Criminal Justice Committee is now drafting a summit report including topics presented and recommendations discussed. To learn more about the event, report or other activities of the Criminal Justice Committee, email LSBA staff liaison Amy E. Duncan at amy.duncan@lsba.org.



LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES

October 21-26, 2019

In support of National Celebrate Pro Bono Week, the Louisiana Library Association and the Louisiana State Bar Association are sponsoring Lawyers in Libraries events across Louisiana, where libraries host attorney volunteers for educational workshops and "Ask a Lawyer" sessions. *Your volunteerism at these events helps ensure that justice is available to all, regardless of income.*

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4th Year: ATJ Developing Leadership Intern Program

The law students in the fourth class of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice Developing Leadership Intern Program participated in orientation on May 13.

Through the six-week program, select interns (one from each of Louisiana's four law schools) had the opportunity to work with civil legal aid programs and shadow district court judges. The purpose of the program is to educate future access to justice leaders on the civil legal needs of low-income people, the ways in which civil legal aid organizations within the justice community address those needs, and how these services are increasing the quality of life for those served so that they will use this knowledge in their future careers, ultimately furthering access to justice for Louisiana's most vulnerable citizens.

The student interns were sponsored by law firms and businesses which provided mentorship and a stipend. Providing sponsorships for four consecutive years are the law firms of Adams and Reese, L.L.P.; Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.; and Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P. Entergy, L.L.C., joined the program as a sponsor this year.



Interns participating in the fourth class of the Louisiana State Bar Association Access to Justice Developing Leadership Intern Program, along with their sponsoring law firms and businesses, were, from left, Christopher K. Ralston, Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P.; Martin A. Stern, Adams and Reese, L.L.P.; Francie Trimble, Phelps Dunbar intern; Christopher M. Vitenas, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.; Kaylin Jolivet, Baker Donelson intern; Zora Djenohan, Adams and Reese intern; Selena Martinez, Entergy intern; and Christy F. Kane, Entergy, L.L.C.

Interns were Francie Trimble, for Phelps Dunbar; Kaylin Jolivet, for Baker Donelson; Zora Djenohan, for Adams and Reese; and Selena Martinez, for Entergy.

Participating civil legal aid programs for this year's Baton Rouge interns were the Baton Rouge Bar Association, the Parole Project, STAR and Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

New Orleans civil legal aid participating programs included the New Orleans Family Justice Center, the Justice & Accountability Center and the Pro Bono Project of New Orleans. Further, all four interns spent time with

Crescent Care, Louisiana Appleseed and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.

Participating judges included 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.

Interns also participated in LSBA activities, including an Access to Justice Commission meeting and the LSBA Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards Ceremony. 📺

LSBA members participate in Civil Legal Aid Day

For the second year, members of the Access to Justice (ATJ) Commission, joined by Louisiana Appleseed and the Louisiana Bar Foundation, traveled to the state Capitol for Civil Legal Aid Day. Commission members staffed a table in the rotunda that provided legislators and Capitol visitors with information about Louisiana's civil legal aid network.

In addition, the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate passed resolutions recognizing May 1 as Civil Legal Aid Day and expressing thanks to Louisiana's two largest civil legal aid providers — Acadiana Legal Service Corp. and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services — for ensuring that 48,867 citizens had access to the state's justice system in 2018. The 48,867 citizens included veterans seeking service benefits, victims of domestic violence seeking protection against abusers, senior citizens fighting consumer fraud, homeowners opposing unlawful foreclosure, and parents seeking child support.

Prior to Civil Legal Aid Day, representatives of the ATJ Commission's Funding Committee held a legislative breakfast on



Attending Civil Legal Aid Day at the state Capitol included, from left, Monte T. Mollere, Louisiana State Bar Association; Laura Tuggle, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services; Rep. Franklin J. Foil, Louisiana House of Representatives; Gregory L. Landry, Acadiana Legal Service Corp.; and Adrienne K. Wheeler, Louisiana Appleseed.

April 17 to explain the importance of funding for Louisiana's civil legal aid programs and the significant economic impact that civil legal aid provides the state. Data from the 2018 Social Return on Investment Analysis found that, for every \$1 invested in Louisiana's civil legal aid services, these programs deliver \$9.13 in immediate and long-term consequential financial benefits. As the analysis illustrates, investing in civil legal aid

causes a ripple effect, not only affecting the families served, but the community at large. Schools, businesses, government agencies and the state as a whole benefit from resolving civil legal problems.

To learn more about the ATJ Commission's Funding Committee, email Louisiana State Bar Association ATJ Projects Counsel Rachael M. Mills at rachael.mills@lsba.org. 📺

Focus on Diversity

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12th annual Conclave on Diversity focuses on “Strides in Diversity”

The 12th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, with the theme “Strides in Diversity: Opening Doors for the Next Generation,” was hosted by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) on March 8 in New Orleans. For 12 years, the Conclave has served as an opportunity for attorneys and judges to discuss the importance of diversity in the legal profession.

As one attendee said about the experience: “I have attended the Conclave multiple times and always find it refreshing and stimulating. Diversity is extremely important. The emphasis placed on it by the Louisiana State Bar Association is noteworthy and makes me feel good about the profession. This yearly conference serves to remind us, and we need to be reminded, about the attention that should be paid to this issue and about the benefit of diversity in business, law and society. As I depart from the Conclave, I always feel renewed and happy to be a part of this endeavor. It expands my world! All attorneys, whether minority or not, should have such an experience.”

The LSBA credits the Conclave’s success to the attendees, speakers and sponsors. The LSBA chose to host a “conclave” rather than a “meeting” because a conclave signifies “an assembly or gathering, especially one that has special authority, power, or influence.”



Conclave participants, from left, Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System) and Michael B. Victorian (Phelps Dunbar, LLP, Gold Sponsor).



Conclave participants, from left, Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System) and Duane A. Evans, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Louisiana (Federal Bar Association New Orleans Chapter, Coffee Sponsor).



Conclave participants, from left, Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System) and Christopher D. Joseph, Jr. (Shields Mott LLP, Coffee Sponsor).




Conclave participants, from left, Katia D. Bowman (Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP, Coffee Sponsor); Vicki M. Crochet (Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP); Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System); Ne’Shira D. Millender (Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP); and John P. Murrill (Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP).




Conclave participants, from left, Valerie E. Fontenot (Frilot, LLC); Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System, Excellence in Diversity Reception Sponsor); Ebony S. Morris (Garrison, Yount, Forte & Mulcahy, LLC); and Kimberly Silas (Louisiana Supreme Court).

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Specialty Bars Conference on Aug. 24

The Specialty Bars Conference will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, 921 Canal St., New Orleans. This conference, developed with the issues of specialty bars in mind, offers sessions that will facilitate discussion on timely issues in the legal profession and beyond. More details to come. Register: www.lsba.org/goto/SpecialtyBars2019. 

LSBA CLE Series on Disabilities-Related Issues: Social Security on Oct. 25

The LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession is hosting the "LSBA CLE Series on Disabilities-Related Issues: Social Security" on Friday, Oct. 25, noon to 1:30 p.m., at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. The CLE is approved for 1.5 credit hours. CLE speakers are Monica Ferraro and Suzette Tagesen Murphy, both with Workers' Compensation, LLC, Metairie. Register: www.lsba.org/goto/CLEDisabilitySeries2019. 

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November 7, 2019

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Natchitoches Lights CLE Seminar

Friday, December 13, 2019

Chateau Saint Denis Hotel, 751 Second St., Natchitoches, LA

The LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession is hosting the "Natchitoches Lights" CLE seminar on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Chateau Saint Denis Hotel, Natchitoches. More details to come.

13th Annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession Celebrating 55 Years of Civil Rights: Moving from "Why" to "How"?

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