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From the President:

10 Reasons to Register Now for Annual Meeting, Joint Summer School

Dear Colleagues:

The combined 73rd Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and LSBA/Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School are scheduled for Sunday through Friday, June 1-6, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in the United States, we've adopted a Beatles theme for this meeting. In fact, "Here Comes the Sun."

Is your mind still "Here, There and Everywhere" and you're not sure if the event is for you? Do you need "Help" in deciding? "Do You Want to Know a Secret?" There are 10 good reasons why you should punch that "Ticket to Ride" today! You can "Think for Yourself." Here goes...

1. Save Money. The registration price of \$850 (for lawyers) is available through May 23. Save \$45 over the on-site price. "Money (That's What I Want)."

2. Save More Money. Judges and lawyers working in the legal services/government/academia areas get a bigger discount. Registration rates are just \$725 by May 23. We try to "Help!"

3. CLE Hours. You have the opportunity to meet your annual CLE credit requirement in just 6 days! Learn about "Every Little Thing."

4. And...Speaking of CLE. Hear civil

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Attorney registration and fee payment moving online for FY 2014/2015

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is pleased to announce that, effective with the 2014/2015 fiscal year, it will move to an Internet-based model for the collection of LSBA dues and Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB) assessments, as well as for filing the Attorney Registration Statement. This new collection method will allow payment of fees either by an ACH electronic check or credit card, enabling members to make filings 24/7, even when the Bar Center is closed or if mail service is disrupted due to inclement weather.

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rights icon Ruby Bridges discuss “The Civil Rights Act 50 Years Later: Life Then, Now and Tomorrow.” Later, former ABA President Robert J. Grey, Jr. will pick up the conversation with “Evolution of the Law: Where We Have Been, Where We Are, Where We Are Heading.” See how we are “Getting Better.”

5. More CLE. In a nod to the Beatles theme, Professor Michael Baur with Fordham University will discuss “The Beatles 50 Years Later: Pop Culture and Today’s Law.” Let’s “Get Back.”

6. Even More CLE. The other choices are endless...Unconscious Bias; The Art of Negotiation; The Future of Law School; Professionalism with Props; Ethics: A Disciplinary Sparring Match. It will make you “Glad All Over.”

7. Fun Stuff, Too. Yes, there are loads of business meetings during the day for the Board of Governors, House of Delegates, Divisions, Committees and Sections. But, once night falls and business is done, there are fun things to do...a First-Time Attendee Networking Reception, a Family Dinner Dance and a Beach Bash (of course, it won’t “Rain”), not to mention the whole Village at Baytowne Wharf. “Oh! Darling.”

8. The Golf Tournament is Back! Register for the event and pick your own foursome (or the LSBA will assist in setting up your team). Get a “Ticket to Ride.”

9. Party with Alumni. There’s a party



for each of the 4 law schools. Pick your group and reminisce! “I Don’t Want to Spoil the Party.”

10. Sandestin, Of Course! Did we mention this event is at the huge Sandestin resort property? Warm white-sand beaches, cool tropical breezes, loads of resort amenities for adults and children, the Village at Baytowne Wharf... Enough said! It is “A Taste of Honey.”

All this and be with friends, mingle with the judges, attend the Supreme Court reception, have the chance to talk to our justices, all with your family, sun and the world’s best beaches. Just “Let It Be.”

For more information on the schedule and to access registration and hotel information, go to: www.lsba.org/annualmeeting/home.aspx. “You Know What to Do.”

I hope to see you there, so “Don’t Let Me Down.”

—Richard K. Leefe
President, Louisiana State Bar Association

Runoff election results certified: 4 elected

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) runoff election results have been certified, following the close of voting on Feb. 3.

Four LSBA members have been elected to leadership positions. C. Kevin Hayes of Baton Rouge was elected to the Board of Governors Fifth District seat. Steven G. (Buzz) Durio of Lafayette was elected to the Nominating Committee District 3A seat. Kassie L. Hargis of Houma and Kristi W. Richard of Baton Rouge were elected to the Young Lawyers Division Council Third District and Fifth District seats, respectively.

LBSL 2014 Annual Dues: Return by March 31 to Avoid Revocation of Certification

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) mailed the 2014 Annual Dues Notice to all qualified specialists. The dues notice, proof of professional liability insurance and a \$175 check were due on March 1 and on March 16 to avoid first and second penalty assessments.

Specialists who do not pay dues by March 31 will face possible revocation of certification.

Mail all documentation to: Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130.

For more information, contact LBSL Executive Director Barbara Shafranski at (504)619-0128 or (800)421-5722, ext. 128, or email barbara.shafranski@lsba.org.

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Free Fastcase webinars scheduled in 2014

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members can earn up to three free CLE credits in 2014 with Fastcase’s three-session live webinar course. The three new courses include “Introduction to Fastcase,” “Advanced Tips for Enhanced Legal Research on Fastcase” and “Boolean (Keyword) Search for Lawyers.” Members must register for the webinars through the LSBA website for CLE credit to be issued. For more information, go to: www.lsba.org/Members/FastcaseWebinars.aspx.

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“This change will facilitate efficiencies related to online filing while still providing assistance and guidance from LSBA staff members,” said LSBA President Richard K. Leefe. “This new system is another step forward in our ongoing efforts to utilize technology to create easier access for Louisiana lawyers.”

Filing electronically should be a quick and simple process, utilizing the online member accounts that participants have relied on for years to register for CLE seminars and to access Fastcase. If an attorney has not yet set up a member account, one can easily be created at: www.lsba.org/Members/memberacct.aspx. This webpage also allows members to edit their existing accounts and to reset a lost or forgotten account password.

After member data is confirmed but before the payment/filing process begins, members will be advised that they also need to go to www.LADB.org to complete the Louisiana Supreme Court

Trust Account Disclosure and Overdraft Notification Authorization Form and will be asked to confirm that they understand this requirement.

The collection schedule will be the same as in prior years. An initial notice will be mailed in mid-May in the form of a 4x6 postcard, which will provide instructions to go online to www.LSBA.org to complete the registration process, and also go online to www.LADB.org to complete the Trust Account Form.

Once the Attorney Registration Statement has been electronically filed (including any necessary changes and/or updates) and payments have been made, an email confirmation will be sent. The filing and payment deadline will remain July 1. The LSBA will continue to mail delinquency and ineligibility notices to those who fail to meet the deadlines.

Members who elect to pay by electronic check will continue to pay the following fees:

- ▶ LSBA dues (practicing more than three years): \$200;
- ▶ LSBA dues (practicing three years

or less): \$80;

- ▶ LADB assessment (practicing more than three years): \$235; and

- ▶ LADB assessment (practicing three years or less): \$170.

However, processing fees of 3% plus a .20 transaction fee will be passed along to those choosing to pay by credit card. Total amounts including credit card processing fees are as follows:

- ▶ LSBA dues (practicing more than three years): \$206.20;

- ▶ LSBA dues (practicing three years or less): \$82.60;

- ▶ LADB assessment (practicing more than three years): \$242.25; and

- ▶ LADB assessment (practicing three years or less): \$175.30.

Although the LSBA anticipates a smooth transition, Bar staff members will be available to answer questions and provide assistance to members. All questions and concerns should be directed to:

- ▶ Email — processing@LSBA.org
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House considers resolutions, elects committee members at Jan. 25 meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates considered five resolutions at its Jan. 25 meeting in Baton Rouge, as well as electing a chair and a new member to the House Liaison Committee.

Resolutions

The House approved the resolution from the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) Committee to amend Rule 1.15 to require reconciliation of client trust accounts at least monthly, as well as maintenance of such records of the reconciliation(s).

The House also approved the RPC Committee's request to seek Louisiana Supreme Court approval to adopt recent ABA changes with regard to: Rule 1.0, change reference from "email" to "electronic communications;" Rule 1.6(b)(7), confidentiality of information; Rule 1.6(c), confidentiality of information; Rule 1.18, duties to prospective clients; Rule 4.4, respect for rights of third persons; and Rule 5.3, responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistance.

Rule 4.4(b) was amended before approval, as follows: "A lawyer who receives a writing *or electronically stored information* that, on its face, appears to be subject to the attorney-client privilege or otherwise confidential, under circumstances where it is clear that the writing *or electronically stored*

information was not intended for the receiving lawyer, shall refrain from examining *or reading* the writing *or electronically stored information*, promptly notify the sending lawyer, and return the writing *or delete the electronically stored information*."

A resolution from Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Chair Paul W. Breaux proposing amendments to the Section's by-laws (Article V, Sections 5 and 6) was unanimously approved.

Also approved was the resolution from Bill of Rights Section Chair Leo C. Hamilton urging the LSBA to: strengthen its commitment and efforts to improve availability of a full-range of legal services to all Louisiana citizens; actively participate in the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Louisiana Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid by establishing specific goals for various groups within the LSBA; and encourage Louisiana lawyers to expand their pro bono efforts.


The House tabled the resolution from two members of the House of Delegates — 15th Judicial District Delegate Jeffrey A. Riggs and Solo and Small Firm Section Chair Richard W. Martinez — urging the Louisiana Supreme Court to adopt proposed Rule 1.19 of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct regarding preparation of succession plans by lawyers.

LJC Request

The House suspended its Rules of Procedure to discuss a request from Judge John Michael Guidry on behalf of the Louisiana Judicial College (LJC). Judge Guidry discussed the LJC's mission to educate the judiciary and its need for additional funding to do that effectively. He said the LJC would seek approval from the Legislature during the 2014 Session for a dedicated filing fee of .50 on all civil filings, excluding domestic and juvenile. This dedicated fee would be utilized to generate the needed additional funding for LJC. The House voted to support the funding initiative and to inform the Legislation Committee of its decision.

Member Elected

The House elected delegate S. Jacob Braud (25th Judicial District) to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee.

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

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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LSBA pairing CLE program with French Châteaux, Rivers & Wine Cruise in November 2014

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is offering an exciting CLE opportunity while cruising through the French wine country. Partnering with Vacations At Sea Travel, the LSBA program will be Saturday, Nov. 22 through Saturday, Nov. 29, aboard the Viking Longship Forseti.

Celebrate *joie de vivre* in this land of wine and oysters, truffles and cognac, as you cruise the Dordogne, Garonne and Gironde Rivers. The vineyards that cover the rolling hills along the rivers of Aquitaine have for centuries produced France's most remarkable wines. At the region's heart, the city of Bordeaux stretches along the river bank, inviting visitors to savor its grand architecture, tempting cafés and superb museums.

Special LSBA pricing, available only through Vacations At Sea, represents a savings of \$125 per person off of the lowest available rates. (This CLE program is being offered at no cost to the LSBA; all




costs will be covered by those who choose to participate.) More information on the CLE programming will be provided once the schedule is finalized.

Space is extremely limited and cruise categories may sell out. A deposit of \$500 per person, plus the passport names and dates of birth of all passengers, are required to hold a cabin. Final payments must be paid by **June 20, 2014**.

Travel insurance is available through the cruise line or an independent company.

Viking also offers airfare and transfers, and pre- and post-cruise hotel stays. For more information or to book, contact Jill Wall at (504)482-1572, (800)749-4950, or email jwall@seavacations.com.

To review more information on pricing, go to: www.lsba.org.

To review more information on the cruise itinerary, go to: www.vikingrivercruises.com/rivercruises/europe-france-bordeaux-2014/itinerary.aspx. 

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LSBA delegation attends ABA Midyear Meeting, issues summary report

American Bar Association (ABA) delegates from Louisiana recently attended the ABA Midyear Meeting in Chicago. The delegation has submitted its Summary Report below.

Attending the meeting were Richard K. Leefe, Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president and LSBA ABA delegate; Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., LSBA president-elect and LSBA ABA delegate; Judy Perry Martinez, ABA delegate-at-large; Frank X. Neuner, Jr., ABA Louisiana State delegate; Elizabeth A. Alston, LSBA ABA delegate; David F. Bienvenu, LSBA ABA delegate; Michael W. McKay, LSBA ABA delegate; Sarah E. Stogner, LSBA ABA Young Lawyer delegate; Perry R. Staub, Jr., New Orleans Bar Association ABA delegate; and Jack K. Whitehead, Jr., Baton Rouge Bar Association ABA delegate

The delegation also welcomed Ashley L. Belleau of New Orleans, who joined the group after being elected to represent the Federal Bar Association.

ABA Board of Governors

David F. Bienvenu of New Orleans was elected to serve on the ABA Board of Governors for a three-year term beginning at the close of the ABA Annual Meeting in August 2014 (his term in the ABA House concludes at the end of that same meeting). Judy Perry Martinez and Harry S. Hardin III, both of New Orleans, previously served the profession as members of the ABA Board of Governors.

ABA Committee Information

ABA State Delegate Frank X. Neuner, Jr. of Lafayette serves on the ABA Nominating Committee and as a member of the Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services (SCOBAS). SCOBAS produces the ABA's annual Bar Leadership Institute, which helps to develop the skills and substantive grounding for leading a bar association with inspiration, insight and innovation. For more information on the BLI, go to: www.americanbar.org/groups/bar_services/events/bli.html.

LSBA President Richard K. Leefe of

New Orleans serves on President James R. Silkenat's Legal Access Job Corps Task Force. This group is working to address two key concerns currently facing the legal profession: the unmet legal needs of disadvantaged communities and the oversupply of lawyers — many of them unemployed — in some regions of the United States. For more information on this initiative, go to: www.americanbar.org/groups/leadership/office_of_the_president/legal_access_jobs_corps.html.

Judy Perry Martinez of New Orleans was appointed co-chair of ABA President-Elect William Hubbard's Appointments Committee. For more information, go to: <http://apps.americanbar.org/scripts/nomination14/appointments.jsp>.

House of Delegates Resolutions

The House of Delegates passed a number of resolutions in support of the ABA mission, including:

► Urged Congress to enact the Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act

of 2013;

► Urged Governments to adequately fund Judicial System Security;

► Urged Governments that juveniles receive effective appellate representation;

► Urged Governments to promote the human right to adequate food and nutrition;

► Adopted the black letter model principles of the ABA Model Business and Supplier Policies on Labor Trafficking and Child Labor;

► Urged the adoption of trauma-informed approaches to dealing with youth in the justice system;

► Urged Governments to prohibit youth from transitioning from foster care to homelessness, and

► Established an ABA dues increase effective fiscal year 2014-2015.

For complete information on action of the ABA House at the Midyear Meeting, go to: www.americanbar.org/groups/leadership/2014-chicago-midyear-meeting.html. 📱

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Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2014-15 Bar year. Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. will make all committee appointments. Widespread participation is encouraged in all Bar programs and activities. Appointments to committees are not guaranteed, but every effort will be made to accommodate members' interests. When making selections, members should consider the time commitment associated with committee assignments and their availability to participate. Also, members are asked to list experience relevant to service on the chosen committees. The deadline for committee assignment requests is Tuesday, April 15. The current committees are listed below.

Access to Justice Committee

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

Access to Justice Policy Committee

The committee works to assure continuity of policy, purpose and programming in the collaboration between the private bar and the civil justice community so as to further the goal of assuring that Louisianians, regardless of their economic circumstance, have access to equal justice under the law.

Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

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

Bar Governance Committee

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

Children's Law Committee

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

Client Assistance Fund Committee

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

Community Action Committee

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

Continuing Legal Education Program Committee

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

Criminal Justice Committee

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

Crystal Gavel Awards Committee

The committee solicits and reviews nominations for the Crystal Gavel Awards and offers recommendations of recipients.

Diversity Committee

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

Group Insurance Committee

The committee ensures the most favorable rates and benefits for LSBA members and their employees and dependents for Bar-endorsed health, life and disability insurance programs.

Lawyers in Transition Committee

The committee studies rules and practices regarding curatorships of lawyers' practices; studies methods for preserving the practice of lawyers and protecting clients for lawyers unable to temporarily practice, either voluntarily or involuntarily, as a result of disability due to health, or arising out of the disciplinary process; studies voluntary methods of designating a successor or other transitioning process for a lawyer's practice in advance of any disability or death; and provides a method of involuntary intervention for lawyers suffering a severe age-related impairment to protect the clients and to deliver assistance to the age-impaired attorney.

Legal Malpractice Insurance Committee

The committee ensures the most favorable rates, coverage and service for Louisiana lawyers insured under the Bar-endorsed legal malpractice plan by overseeing the

relationship between the LSBA, its carrier and its third-party administrator, and considers on an ongoing basis the feasibility and advisability of forming a captive malpractice carrier.

Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee

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

Legislation Committee

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

Medical/Legal Interprofessional Committee

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

Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee

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

Committee on the Profession

The committee encourages lawyers to exercise the highest standards of integrity, ethics and professionalism in their conduct; examines systemic issues in the legal system arising out of the lawyer's relationship and duties to his/her clients, other lawyers, the courts, the judicial system and the public good; provides the impetus and means to positively impact those relationships and duties; improves access to the legal system; and improves the quality of life and work/life balance for lawyers.


Public Access and Consumer Protection Committee

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

Public Information Committee

The committee promotes a better understanding of the law, legal profession, individual lawyers and the LSBA through a variety of public outreach efforts.

Rules of Professional Conduct Committee

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

Louisiana State Bar Association 2014-15 Committee Preference Form

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

Print or Type

- Access to Justice
- Access to Justice Policy
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Bar Governance
- Children's Law
- Client Assistance Fund
- Community Action
- Continuing Legal Education Program
- Criminal Justice
- Crystal Gavel Awards
- Diversity
- Group Insurance
- Lawyers in Transition
- Legal Malpractice Insurance
- Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities
- Legislation
- Medical/Legal Interprofessional
- Practice Assistance and Improvement
- Committee on the Profession
- Public Access and Consumer Protection
- Public Information
- Rules of Professional Conduct

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

LSBA lists Legislation Committee contacts, calendars pertinent 2014 dates

In preparation for the 2014 Louisiana legislative session, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is reminding members that timely input will be accepted on proposed legislation which falls within the LSBA's purview.

For information on the process — as well as contact links for Legislation Committee Chair Michael W. McKay, members of the Legislation Committee, LSBA Legislation Committee liaison Shawn L. Holahan, the LSBA Board of Governors and LSBA Executive Director Loretta Larsen — go to: www.lsba.org/legislation.

The LSBA also wants to inform

members of several important dates in relation to the 2014 Louisiana legislative session and the LSBA Legislation Committee. The Legislature convened its session on March 10.

► Tuesday, April 1, 2014: "Five Bill" deadline for Louisiana legislators.

► Saturday, April 12, 2014: LSBA Legislation Committee's second meeting (open meeting), New Orleans.

► Saturday, April 12, 2014: LSBA's Board of Governors meeting, immediately following second meeting, New Orleans.

► Monday, June 2, 2014: 2013 Louisiana legislative session adjourns. 📧

House resolution deadline is May 7 for Annual Meeting

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the next Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, May 7.

The House will meet on Thursday, June 5, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla.

Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary Barry H. Grodsky, c/o Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. All resolutions proposed to be considered at the meeting **must be received** on or before May 7. Resolutions must be signed by the author. Also, copies of all resolutions should be emailed (in MS Word format) to LSBA Executive Assistant Mindi Hunter at mindi.hunter@lsba.org. 📧

LASC issues alert about "Court of Louisiana" email

The Louisiana Supreme Court is advising Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members about an email in circulation purporting to be a Pretrial Notice for an appearance in "The Court of Louisiana." This email did not originate from the Louisiana Supreme Court. Therefore, the Court says LSBA members should be aware "that any attachment associated with this email may contain a virus and those receiving an email similar to the above should not open the attachment." The Court and the Clerk's Office began receiving emails and phone calls about the email in January.

Also, the Louisiana 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal reported it has been targeted by a similar email, with a Subject Line of "Pretrial Notice," but with an incorrect "Sender" address.

LSBA members should continue to be cautious and vigilant when dealing with any kind of emailed communication, as the incidences of lawyer scams and phishing are still being reported. 📧

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LBF seeks 2014-16 Scholar-in-Residence


The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is accepting applications for a Scholar-in-Residence to serve a two-year term beginning in July 1, 2014. A \$7,500 honorarium will be paid to the scholar as consideration for his/her work product.

Over the term of the appointment, the scholar will produce for publication a scholarly, quality written contribution on a subject and in a form agreed upon with the LBF, such as a law review article, book, booklet, essay or other legal publication, including film, television projects, etc., suitable for the intended LBF purpose.


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public understanding of the legal system, and advance the reality of equal justice under the law. The appointment is intended to enrich the academic and intellectual perspective of the LBF's efforts, to enhance the LBF's overall educational program, and to support legal education in Louisiana by bringing the practicing bar and Louisiana's law schools closer together.


Applicants should submit a specific proposal, including topic, prospectus, suggested format, proposed timeline and applicant's qualifications. Applications must be received by April 30 and submitted to: Louisiana Bar Foundation, Education Committee, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112; faxed to (504)566-1926; or emailed to dennette@raisingthebar.org.

For more information, contact Denette L. Young at the Louisiana Bar Foundation by email at dennette@raisingthebar.org or by phone at (504)561-1046. 

Professionalism Speakers' Workshop set for May 9

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Committee on the Profession's Professionalism Speakers' Workshop is set for 2-5 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. Anyone interested in becoming a better speaker on professionalism topics should register for this free highly interactive workshop. For more information or to register, contact LSBA Professional Programs Counsel for Practice Assistance Bill King at (504)619-0109 or email bking@lsba.org. 

LCLCE seeking nominations of students for Civics in Action Award

The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education is currently seeking nominations of middle and high school students for the 2014 "Civics in Action" Award. The submission deadline is March 28. The award recognizes students who have made a difference or an improvement of the quality of life in their school, home or community through the use of civic engagement. For more information and a nomination form, go to: www.lalce.org/Awards.html. 

LBF acknowledges sponsors of 28th annual Fellows Gala

The 28th annual Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Fellows Gala is Friday, April 11, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. For more information, go to: www.raisingthebar.org/gala2014/.

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LBF sets Fellows events in May

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) will host its annual Fellows events throughout the state during May. For more information or to RSVP for an event, contact Danielle J. Marshall at (504)561-1046 or email danielle@raisingthebar.org. Events are scheduled for:

► Wednesday, May 7: Southwest Annual Fellows Luncheon, Lake Charles.

► Thursday, May 8: Acadiana Annual Fellows Breakfast, Lafayette.


► Thursday, May 8: Capital Area Annual Fellows Luncheon, Baton Rouge.

► Thursday, May 15: Northwest Annual Fellows Breakfast, Shreveport.

► Thursday, May 15: Central Annual Fellows Luncheon, Alexandria.

► Wednesday, May 21: North Shore Annual Fellows Luncheon, Covington.

► Wednesday, May 21: Greater Orleans Annual Fellows Reception, New Orleans.

► Thursday, May 22: Bayou Region Annual Fellows Luncheon, Houma. 

La. Board of Legal Specialization waives application fee for 2014 applicants

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) has announced that the application fee for 2014 applicants seeking certification will be waived. This translates to a \$300 savings. The exam fee of \$100 is payable with the application.

The LBLS is currently accepting requests for applications for 2014 certification in five areas — bankruptcy law (business and consumer), estate planning and administration, family law and tax law. The deadline to submit applications for consideration for estate planning and administration, family law and tax law certification is March 31, 2014. Applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification will be accepted through Sept. 30, 2014.

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by limiting the range of matters they handle. Legal specialization helps the general public locate a lawyer who has demonstrated ability and experience in a certain field of law.


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. The five-year practice requirement must be met for the period ending Dec. 31, 2014. Further requirements are that each year a minimum of 35 percent of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought; passing a written examination applied uniformly to all applicants to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought; and five favorable references. Peer review shall be used to determine that an applicant has achieved recognition as having a level of competence indicating proficient performance handling the usual matters in the specialty field.

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

examination is administered:

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

Regarding 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 Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization simultaneously with the testing agency in order to avoid delay of board certification by the LBLS. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s).

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBLS Executive Director Barbara M. Shafranski, email barbara.shafranski@lsba.org or call (504)619-0128. For more information, go to the LBLS website at: www.lascmcle.org/specialization. 

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The LIFT program is designed to support these lawyers in developing cutting-edge practices, sustaining profitable careers and serving the public interest through excellent legal services.

In partnership with the Louisiana State Bar Association, LIFT Fellows are supported in reaching these goals through resources such as mentoring, CLEs, practice management training, networking and referrals.

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Children's Law Committee completes "Child in Need of Care" video


The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Children's Law Committee has produced a new film titled "Who's Looking Out for Me? An Introduction to the Court System." The film is targeted to children who are entering the "Child in Need of Care" legal process. The film is available to all courts, attorneys and agencies who work with children or parents.

"Child in Need of Care" legal proceedings are extremely difficult for all parties involved, especially children. Not only is the subject matter often traumatic, but the proceedings are quite complex. The child,

the parents and the state all have separate representation. There are also many procedural steps and time restraints required by law. The film will guide the children through the proceedings," said Cherrilynn W. Thomas, LSBA Children's Law Committee co-chair and Orleans Parish assistant district attorney.

"The film's script was written to effectively convey this information to children as an orientation to the courtroom. Additionally, several young adults who experienced these proceedings as youth graciously and courageously provided candid interviews about their experience. It is our hope that

the addition of young adults in the film will help young people feel more comfortable about the process," added Committee Co-Chair Judge Sandra C. Jenkins of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeal.

"Who's Looking Out for Me?" was produced following the success of the Children's Law Committee's previous film on foster care. In addition to many court-houses, the offices of child advocacy attorneys and organizations around the state, the video can be found online at: www.lsba.org/childrenslaw. 

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Focus on Diversity

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Registration still open for March 21 Diversity Conclave

Registration is still open for the seventh annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, “Inclusive Professionalism: Harnessing the Power of Our Differences,” set for Friday, March 21, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, 2 Poydras St., New Orleans. The registration price is \$90. The event is approved for up to 7.5 credit hours, including ethics and professionalism.


For the first time, the program features four morning breakout sessions, one of which is an invitation-only session for managing partners, “The Louisiana Call

to Action: Sponsorship, The New Normal for Mentoring,” co-hosted by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. The other morning sessions include “Blind Justice? Lessons Learned from the Trayvon Martin and Jordan Grahan Cases,” co-hosted by the Louisiana District Judges Association, the Louisiana Judicial Council and the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; “Leadership with Intention: Institutionalizing Diversity and Inclusion in Your Organization;” and “Navigating Recent Supreme Court Precedent Regarding Same-Sex Marriage and Benefits,” sponsored by The Williams Institute.

The workshop also features nationally recognized diversity expert Verna Myers (Verna Myers Consulting Group L.L.C.), who will provide an interactive workshop on “What If I Say the Wrong Thing?”

Dr. Arin Reeves (Nextions) will serve as the keynote speaker at lunch.


Panel discussions with attorneys, corporate counsel and judges will provide participants with information on the impact of diversity, inclusion and bias on the legal profession and the administration of justice.

For more information and to register online, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/2014diversityconclave. 

“Suit Up for the Future” program application deadline is April 15

Rising high school juniors and seniors and recent graduates interested in participating in the fourth “Suit Up for the Future” High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program must submit applications and all supporting documents by April 15. The program, presented by the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Just the Beginning Foundation, is aimed at high school students interested in the legal profession.

Students will participate in a one-week legal institute and a two-week internship (shadowing attorneys at law offices and field trips to courts and other locations) from June 9-27 at various venues in New Orleans. Students who complete the program will receive a \$250 stipend.

Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted online, emailed or postmarked by April 15. Mail to: Louisiana State Bar Association, Attn: Diversity Committee, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130. Email to lsbadiversity@gmail.com. Students may access the online application at: www.lsba.org/goto/suitup. 

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Inclusive Professionalism Facilitators Training set for April 7 and May 7


The Louisiana State Bar Association's Diversity Committee has scheduled two more "Train the LSBA Facilitator" programs to equip speakers in facilitating discussions to foster inclusive professionalism. The programs are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday, April 7, at the Shreveport Bar Association office, 625 Texas St.; and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at the Red Cross Board Room, 2640 Canal St., New Orleans. Both programs have been approved for up to 7.58 CLE hours, all pro-

fessionalism. To register for the programs, contact Outreach Coordinator Michelle Neal at (504)619-0151 or email michelle.neal@lsba.org. 

Diversity Committee hosting Networking Reception for law students on April 10

The LGBT Subcommittee of the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Diversity Committee is hosting a networking reception for students from the state's four law schools from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. The reception offers networking opportunities to law students and professionals interested in LGBT issues to create career oppor-

tunities and support systems for the law students. Another reception will be scheduled in Baton Rouge in the fall. LSBA members and judges are encouraged to attend. Robein, Urann, Spencer, Picard & Cangemi, A.P.L.C., is sponsoring the receptions. RSVP by April 4 by contacting Sonjanita Jordan at (504)619-0115 or email sonjanita.jordan@lsba.org. 



The Kullman Firm

The Kullman Firm, A.P.L.C., with offices in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, is making great strides in its diversity initiatives and demonstrating through its actions its deep commitment to diversity and inclusion. The firm will soon launch its Kullman Law Scholars Program (Law Scholars) for incoming law students.

The Law Scholars Program will be an intensive, two-week program for rising first-year law students from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in the legal profession. The program, which will be held in July each year before the students begin their first semester of law school, will be developed in partnership with Tulane University and Loyola University law schools and will be designed to prepare diverse students for success in that very important first semester of law school.

Law Scholars will provide students

with an overview of the first-year law school curriculum, provide guidance on time management and organization, and teach students how to effectively read and brief cases and prepare for class, as well as provide instruction on the skills of issue-spotting, outlining and synthesizing legal concepts. It will expose students to legal research and writing, and provide them with an opportunity to take a law school exam and obtain feedback. In addition to the skills-based workshops, students will learn about professionalism and networking, and have the opportunity to be mentored by Kullman Firm attorneys and other legal professionals in the community. Ultimately, this program will provide Law Scholars with the information, inspiration, skills training and the confidence they need for success in their first semester of law school.

Law Scholars will provide the firm with an opportunity to connect with diverse

students before they begin law school and to continue that relationship throughout their law school careers. The firm plans to maintain relationships with the Law Scholars throughout their law school careers by providing them with information, encouragement and advice (possibly via webinars/podcasts) on topics related to academic success or professional development. The Law Scholars will provide the firm with a diverse pool of applicants for summer clerkship positions, and the firm may commit to hiring at least one Law Scholar as a law clerk each year.

The Kullman Firm's latest diversity initiative serves to maintain a flow of capable diverse students within the legal pipeline. It also stands as a model of commitment to diversity that other firms should consider following.

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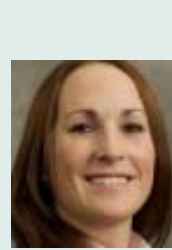
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31st Anniversary of the FRENCH QUARTER FEST

*Celebrate - 4 days of music, food, special events and fun - April 10-13, 2014
Save the dates for the largest FREE music festival in the South!*

This year's festival features 21 stages throughout the French Quarter, each celebrating local music and representing every genre from traditional and contemporary jazz to R&B, New Orleans funk, brass bands, folk, gospel, latin, zydeco, classical, cabaret, and international. New Orleans great restaurants, create the "World's Largest Jazz Brunch" in Jackson Square, the Old U.S. Mint and Woldenberg Riverfront Park during festival weekend. Participants will showcase local cuisine from the area's finest restaurants, some of which have been loyal vendors since the festival's inception in 1984.

As always, there is no finer time to visit New Orleans as the spring, especially during the weekend of French Quarter Festival - the largest free music festival in the South. April marks the start of the festival season in New Orleans and normally a month of beautiful weather. For more information about the French Quarter Festival, call 504-522-5730 or visit online at www.fqft.org.

NEW THIS YEAR! Keynote Speakers to present at the Palace Café

Attendees are invited to lunch at the Palace Café for a special presentation featuring:

Leon Cannizzaro • District Attorney, Parish of New Orleans
James D. "Buddy" Caldwell • LA Attorney General

David Caldwell • Asst. LA Attorney General
James Trey Phillips • 1st Asst. LA Attorney General

Lunch includes: Choice of Werlein Salad or Soup du Jour, choice of Pasta St. Charles or Catfish Pecan, and iced tea.
Additional Cost: \$20 to be paid directly to Palace Café by member (includes tax & gratuity)

This program has been approved for a maximum of 8 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of ethics.

Register online at www.lsba.org/CLE