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Get in the Scene 2017: Early registration prices available through March 31 for Annual Meeting/Summer School



Early registration prices are in place through March 31 for the combined 76th LSBA Annual Meeting and LSBA/Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School. The events, with the theme of “Get in the Scene 2017,” are scheduled for Sunday through Friday, June 4-9, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla.

Event participants will be able to enjoy six days of substantive programming, social events and fascinating speakers for one great price.

Pricing discounts are available for judges; lawyers employed full-time by local, state or federal government; lawyers employed full-time by legal aid agencies or indigent defense agencies; lawyers employed in academic institutions; and Young Lawyers.

The four-day registration option will be available again for all groups.

In addition to a full slate of meetings (LSBA Board of Governors, House of

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Electronic payment of 2017-18 LSBA dues and LADB assessment accessible in mid-May

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members have the option to pay their LSBA dues and Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB) assessment by ACH electronic check, credit card, or download and mail their Attorney Registration Statement and checks for the payment of fees. Members are encouraged to pay and file electronically, as this access will be available 24/7, including times when the Bar Center is closed or if mail service is disrupted due to inclement weather. Further, electronic payment gives members more control over their information in the database and allows for more timely updates to their member records.

Filing electronically should be a quick and simple process, utilizing the online member accounts that participants

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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. In lieu of mailing a statement to each member, in mid-May, the LSBA will mail to each member 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. ***This is the only mailing members will receive prior to the July 1, 2017, due date; attorney registration statements will NOT be mailed.***

Once members have electronically filed their Attorney Registration Statements (including any necessary changes and/or updates) and made the required payments, they will receive email confirmations. 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.

Those who are planning to pay by electronic check should contact their financial institutions to confirm that their accounts allow payment by this method.

As was the case last year, 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.

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
- ▶ Telephone — (504)566-1600 or (800)421-LSBA; ask for Payment Processing. 📞

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Delegates, Young Lawyers Division, Senior Lawyers Division, committees and sections) and several award and networking receptions, there are many CLE opportunities for all participants.

Among the other offerings are nationally renowned keynote speakers; dynamic, interactive panels; multiple substantive law tracks; networking opportunities with leading judges and lawyers; business development/practice management tracks; evening receptions; law school gatherings; and supervised children's activities during evening social events.

Also, the golf tournament and the tennis tournament are back. Download tournament registration forms at the web link below.

The Sandestin resort offers several housing options. Housing Request Forms must be mailed or faxed directly to Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort by Tuesday, May 2. An online booking option also is available. The LSBA does not accept housing forms.

To review all programming, register online, download a registration form, sign up for the tournaments, or review housing information, go to: www.lsba.org/annual-meeting. 📄

House resolution deadline is May 10 for Annual Meeting

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the next Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, May 10.

The House will meet on Thursday, June 8, 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 Alaina R. Mire, 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 10. 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. 📧

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Updates: LBLS receives approval to add, amend standards; add new specialty area

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates and Board of Governors on Jan. 21 approved changes to Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization's (LBLS) standards and specialty areas.

Tax Law Standards. The amendment to the LBLS Tax Law Standards to reduce the annual tax law specialization CLE requirement from 20 hours to 18 hours was approved. A copy of the amended LBLS Tax Law Standards was emailed to all tax law specialists on March 1.

Labor Law Standards. The LBLS's resolution to adopt Labor Law Standards was approved.

Employment Law Standards. The LBLS's resolution to adopt Employment Law Standards was approved.

Health Law Specialty. An LBLS resolution to amend the LSBA Plan of Legal Specialization to add a new specialization certification in Health Law and to adopt



Health Law Standards was approved.

Copies of the standards for Tax Law, Labor Law and Employment Law may be downloaded from the LBLS website: <https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization/>.

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

LSBA seeking sponsors, exhibitors, advertisers for Annual Meeting/ Summer School

Businesses, organizations and legal professionals are encouraged to respond by May 5 with their interest in sponsoring an event, setting up a booth at the Lawyers' Expo or advertising in the program for the combined 76th Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and LSBA/Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School. The events, with the theme of "Get in the Scene 2017," are scheduled for Sunday through Friday, June 4-9, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla.

For sponsorship and vendor information, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard, email crichard@lsba.org or call (504)619-0105.

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LBSL sets submission date for bankruptcy law certification applications


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

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) member in good standing who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. Further requirements are that each year a minimum percentage of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought and a written examination must be passed to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought.

Applicants must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the year in which application is made and the examination is admin-


istered. CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, which is also the testing agency.

With regard to applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification, although the written test(s) is administered by the American Board of Certification, attorneys should apply for approval of the LBSL certification simultaneously with the testing agency in order to avoid delay of board certification by the LBSL. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s).

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBSL Executive Director Barbara M. Shafranski, email barbara.shafranski@lsba.org. For more information, go to the LBSL website: <https://www.lasc-mcle.org/specialization/>. 

LBF Oral History Project adds more videos

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Education Committee produces a continuing series of video oral histories. The series is a part of the committee's plans to systematically broaden the LBF's work to preserve the history, culture and flavor of Louisiana law. The nearly 100 oral histories may be viewed on the website at: <http://raisingthebar.org/ProgramsAnd-Projects/OralHistories.asp>.

Oral histories recently added to the collection include: Mathile W. Abramson, Gonzales; Hon. Burrell J. Carter, Greensburg; Hon. Jude T. Fanguy, Houma; Hon. Edward J. (Jimmy) Gaidry, Houma; Leo C. Hamilton, Baton Rouge; Hon. Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, New Orleans; W. Shelby McKenzie, Baton Rouge; and Ellis G. Saybe, Alexandria. 



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Runoff election results certified

Three Louisiana State Bar Association members have been certified elected for leadership positions, following the close of runoff balloting on Feb. 6.

Shannon S. Dartez of Lafayette was elected to the Third District Board of Governors seat.

Valerie T. Schexnayder of Baton Rouge was elected to the Fifth District Board of Governors seat.

James E. Courtenay of New Orleans was elected to the First District Young Lawyers Division Council seat. 📧

Nomination deadline is March 24 for Civics in Action Award

The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) is accepting nominations for its Civics in Action Award through March 24. The award recognizes a middle or high school student who exemplifies what it means to be an engaged citizen and who has made a difference or an improvement of the quality of life in his/her school, home or community through the use of civic engagement.

There are no restrictions on who can make a nomination. For more information and to access a nomination form, go to: www.lalce.org/awards.html. 📧

Nomination deadline is March 31 for Kimball Award

The nomination deadline is Friday, March 31, for the Louisiana State Bar Association's Catherine D. Kimball Award for Advancement of the Administration of Justice. The award, established to honor Catherine D. Kimball, the first woman to serve as chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, is open to both attorneys and judges who have conducted exceptional outreach activities that support the goals and purposes of the judicial branch.

For more information on the award and to download a nomination form, go to: <http://files.lsba.org/documents/Members/2017KimballAwardForm.pdf>. 📧

LSBA lists Legislation Committee contacts, calendars pertinent 2017 dates

In preparation for the 2017 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 Keenan K. Kelly, members of the Legislation Committee, LSBA Legislation Committee liaison Richard P. Lemmler, Jr., 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 2017 Louisiana legislative session

and the LSBA Legislation Committee:

▶ **Friday, March 31:** Bill prefilming deadline for Louisiana legislators.

▶ **Saturday, April 8:** LSBA Legislation Committee's first meeting, Baton Rouge.

▶ **Monday, April 10:** Louisiana legislative session begins.

▶ **Saturday, April 22: Public Meeting,** LSBA Legislation Committee's second meeting, New Orleans (venue and time TBA).

▶ **Saturday, April 22:** LSBA's Board of Governors meeting, immediately following second meeting, New Orleans.

▶ **Monday June 8:** Louisiana legislative session adjourns. 📧

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

LBF sets Annual Fellows events statewide

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) and its Community Partnership Panels throughout the state will be hosting several events in April and May. Fellows will be updated on LBF activities and local projects and initiatives. Recognition will be given to volunteers, Class of 2016 Fellows and 20-year Fellows. To assist with building LBF membership, the LBF encourages members to bring colleagues. There is no cost to attend.

Scheduled events include:

- ▶ Thursday, April 27: Central Annual Fellows Lunch.
- ▶ Tuesday, May 2: Southwest Annual Fellows Lunch.
- ▶ Wednesday, May 3: Acadiana Annual Fellows Breakfast.
- ▶ Wednesday, May 3: Bayou Region Annual Fellows Lunch.
- ▶ Thursday, May 11: Northwest Annual Fellows Breakfast.
- ▶ Wednesday, May 17: Capital Area Annual Fellows Lunch.
- ▶ Thursday, May 18: Northshore Annual Fellows Lunch.
- ▶ Thursday, May 18: Greater Orleans Annual Fellows Reception.

For more information on the events, contact Renee LeBoeuf at (504)561-1046 or email renee@raisingthebar.org.



The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Northeast Community Partnership Panel Annual Fellows reception was Jan. 9 in West Monroe, prior to the 4th Judicial District Bar Association's Annual Meeting. From left, John C. Roa and LBF President E. Jane Sherman.

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LBF acknowledges sponsors of 31st annual Fellows Gala

The 31st annual Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Fellows Gala is Friday, April 21, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. The Gala is in honor of the 2016 Distinguished Jurist Jeannette Theriot Knoll, Distinguished Attorney Donna D. Fraiche, Distinguished Attorney Thomas M. Hayes III, Distinguished Professor Howard W. L'Enfant, Jr. and Calogero Justice Award recipient Joseph R. Oelkers III.

The gala begins at 7 p.m. and will feature music from Shamarr Allen and the Underdaws and a live auction. A patron party will be held prior to the gala.

View the Gala promo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tknQQ2UpXjo>.

The LBF acknowledges the following Gala sponsors:

► **Benefactor:** The Knoll Law Firm; Louisiana State Bar Association.

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Robert Myers; Hon. Raymond S. Steib, Jr.; Hon. Plauché F. Villeré, Jr.; Judge and Mrs. Glynn F. Voisin; Watson, McMillin & Street, LLP.

► **Special Recognition:** Kendra Scott; Republic National Distributing Company.

To become a sponsor or to purchase individual gala tickets, go to: www.raisingthebar.org. Individual tickets are \$200. Young lawyer individual tickets are \$150.

Discounted rooms at the Hyatt Regency are available Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21, at \$239 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or link to the reservations page via www.raisingthebar.org. Reservations must be made before Thursday, March 30.

For more gala information, contact Danielle J. Marshall at (504)561-1046 or email danielle@raisingthebar.org.

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For more information, go to: www.lbsa.org/goto/solace.

Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2017-18 Bar year. Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Dona Kay Renegar 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 Monday, April 17. The current committees are listed below.

Access to Justice Committee

The committee works to ensure 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.

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 Judges and 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.

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.

Ethics Advisory Service Committee

The committee encourages ethical lawyer conduct by supporting the LSBA's Ethics Counsel in his/her provision of informal, non-binding ethics opinions to members of the Bar.

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.

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.

Outreach Committee

The committee develops and implements sustained outreach to local and specialty bars throughout the state and increases awareness of the member services and benefits provided by the LSBA. The committee encourages member participation in all aspects of the LSBA and facilitates participation through the use of technology and other feasible alternatives.

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.

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.

Transitioning Lawyers Committee

The committee safeguards the public by educating members of the legal profession about age-related disabilities. The committee also helps attorneys suffering from impairments that prevent them from practicing law competently to transition out of the practice of law with dignity.

Unauthorized Practice of Law 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.

Louisiana State Bar Association 2017-18 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
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Bar Governance
- Children's Law
- Client Assistance Fund
- Community Action
- Continuing Legal Education Program
- Criminal Justice
- Diversity
- Ethics Advisory Service
- Group Insurance
- Legal Malpractice Insurance
- Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities
- Legislation
- Medical/Legal Interprofessional Outreach
- Practice Assistance and Improvement
- Committee on the Profession
- Rules of Professional Conduct
- Transitioning Lawyers
- Unauthorized Practice of Law

Response Deadline: April 17, 2017

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Schachtman recognized by Louisiana Library Association for access to justice efforts

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice (ATJ) Self-Representation Counsel Michael W. Schachtman is the 2017 recipient of the Margaret T. Lane Award presented by the Louisiana Library Association's Government Documents Round Table Section.

Schachtman was recognized for his "significant contribution to legal reference services in Louisiana" and for his "contributions and services ensuring access to government and legal information and documents through initiatives such as the LEAP (Legal Education and Assistance Program) Program, the Lawyers in Libraries Program, and the Louisiana Self-Help Resource Centers."

A significant portion of Schachtman's LSBA work involves creating specialized resources for self-represented litigants and educating librarians about local and statewide services available to patrons. Because of his efforts, many individuals learn of Louisiana's legal resources, including local lawyer referral services, legal aid programs, pro bono volunteer



Michael W. Schachtman

organizations, statewide hotlines, court-approved forms and help desks.

Lawyers from every parish in the state have participated in the "Lawyers in Libraries" program, but many individuals are still unable to obtain representation.

Schachtman shares this award with partners at the Law Library of Louisiana and the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library who also work to ensure Louisiana libraries and their patrons have access to Louisiana attorneys and legal resources. 📖

Applications being accepted for Re-Entry Court Collaborative Lawyering Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) LIFT Incubator and Accelerator Program is working with organizations to reduce collateral consequences, faced by citizens convicted of an offense, through entrepreneurial lawyering. Applications for the new LIFT Fellow to work with this project will be accepted through April 7.

Launched in January, the Re-Entry Court Collaborative Lawyering Program was formed to address the gap in services for civil legal issues that pose barriers for returning participants in the Re-Entry Court program. This is critical as the potential for recidivism is compounded by a lack of access to justice for Re-Entry Court participants.

The LSBA's LIFT Program, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, the VOTE-NOLA, the First 72+ and the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana have created a program to meet the needs of Re-Entry Court participants. The program assesses the legal needs of the participants and then matches the participant with an attorney or organization that can address the need.

LIFT is accepting applications for attorneys with zero-five years' experience who have started or plan to start a solo practice designed to reduce recidivism by addressing collateral consequences arising from incarceration. The new LIFT Fellow will receive training, resources and mentorship to provide representation for civil legal matters.

For more information on the program and to download the application, go to: www.lsba.org/LIFT/ReEntryCollaborativeLawyeringProject.aspx. Application submissions must be emailed to amy.duncan@lsba.org. 📧

Survey now open: "Justice Gap" could be the answer to growing your business

The Louisiana Access to Justice Commission's Modest Means Committee is examining the lack of legal services available to clients falling into the "justice gap" — the gap between those able to access the courts through free legal services and those able to pay the standard rates charged by many private attorneys.

Many Louisiana residents fall into this "gap." Studies have found that a large percentage of Louisiana households fall above the federal poverty guidelines but cannot afford market-rate legal services. In most industries, a gap in the market might be presented as a business opportunity for

market expansion of services, into which innovative entrepreneurs would enter. However, the legal market has been slow to expand into this territory of providing "affordable legal services."

As the committee examines how to assist with this issue — by connecting attorneys offering rates based on a client's ability to pay with modest means clients — attorneys interested are encouraged to respond to the online survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/modestmeans.

The program launched could help increase business for innovative solo and small firm businesses willing to enter this market. 📖

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Focus on Diversity

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Attorney volunteer opportunities open for 2017 Suit Up Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), in partnership with the Louisiana Bar Foundation and the Just the Beginning Foundation, hosts the annual Suit Up for the Future program, a free, three-week legal institute during which high school students attend an abridged law school session, participate in field trips to law schools and courts, and “shadow” legal professionals at law offices and courts. The 2017 program will be June 12-30.

The program is successful because attorneys, law firms, judges and organizations volunteer their time and/or staff. Program organizers are offering several ways to volunteer.

► **Volunteer for one hour.** During the

three-week session, attorneys are invited to volunteer their time from noon-1 p.m. to talk with the Suit Up students. If you are interested in participating, email the Member Outreach and Diversity staff at diversity@lsba.org.

► **Shadowing opportunities.** During the second week of the Suit Up program, June 19-23, students are assigned to “shadow” attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This provides an opportunity for students to see what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workforce. If you or your firm would be interested in providing a shadowing opportunity for one or more Suit Up students, email diversity@lsba.org. 📧

Registration still open for 2017 Conclave on Diversity

Time is running out to register for the 10th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession. This year’s theme is “Diversity is Good for Everyone.” The Conclave is scheduled for Friday, March 24, at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal St., New Orleans.

Conclave highlights include:

► Luncheon keynote speaker Samuel Reeves, SVP and senior counsel at Walmart Stores, Inc., nationally recognized advocate for diversity in the legal industry.

► Diversity and Inclusion Workshop presenter Shawn C. Marsh, Ph.D., director of judicial studies and an associate professor of communication studies and social psychology, University of Nevada, Reno. The title of his presentation is “Implicit Social Cognition and the Justice System: The Pros and Cons of Autopilot.”

► Two breakout sessions (immigration and best practices) facilitated by highly credentialed speakers who will provoke discussions regarding the scope and meaning of inclusion, the state of the profession, and the case for a diverse and inclusive legal profession.

Registration is \$90 and includes 5.50 credit hours (including professionalism and ethics). To register, go to: www.lsba.org/CLE. 📧

Professionalism facilitator seminar April 8

The next Professionalism Facilitator Training Workshop is set for Saturday, April 8, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. The CLE seminar is free for all attorneys. Organizers have applied for 3.0 hours of professionalism CLE credit.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Training is 9:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (light breakfast provided).

Facilitators are attorney volunteers who educate others on promoting diversity and

inclusion in the legal profession. At the workshop, participants will increase their knowledge of unconscious bias; discover new ways to reduce bias; learn how to help others become more culturally competent; gain tools to promote diversity and inclusion through training; and boost confidence in delivering effective CLE presentations.

To register for the workshop, go online: www.lsba.org/CLE. 📧

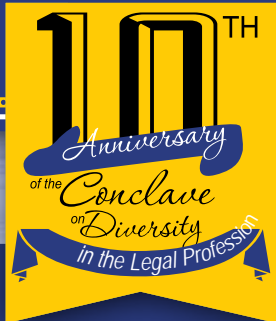


The 2016-17 officers of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. Greater New Orleans Chapter were sworn in on Oct. 6 at the annual Black Law Student Association mixer hosted by Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle in his courtroom at U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. Officers include, from left, William C. Snowden, vice president; April D. Davenport, recording secretary; Amelia D. Colomb, corresponding secretary; Ashley J. Heilprin, president-elect; and Dana M. Douglas, immediate past president. Not in photo, James L. Moffett, treasurer. President Royce I. Duplessis was previously installed by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson.



Among those attending the Oct. 16 Black Law Student Association (BLSA) mixer hosted by Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle were, from left, Richard Montgomery, Southern University Law Center; Kennard Davis, Loyola University College of Law; Judge Lemelle; Traci Gibson, chair, National Black Law Student Association, Southwest Region; Judge Nannette Jolivet Brown; and Charles Phillips, Tulane University Law School.

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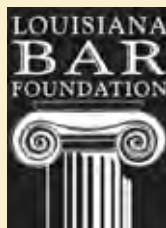
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