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Early registration available through March 30 for Annual Meeting, Summer School

The 77th Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and the LSBA/Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School, with the Jimmy Buffett-inspired theme of “Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes,” are scheduled for Sunday through Friday, June 3-8, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla.

Early registration prices are in place through March 30. 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.

Event participants will be able to enjoy six days of substantive programming,



social events and fascinating speakers for one great price.

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

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Electronic payment of 2018-19 LSBA dues, LADB assessment accessible in mid-May

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members have the option to pay their 2018-19 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.

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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. In lieu of mailing a statement to each member, in mid-May, the LSBA will mail to each member a 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, 2018, 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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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 1. 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/annualmeeting. 📞

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

Businesses, organizations and legal professionals are encouraged to respond by April 27 with their interest in sponsoring an event, setting up a booth at the Lawyers' Expo or advertising in the program for the combined 77th Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and LSBA/Louisiana Judicial College Joint Summer School, scheduled for Sunday through Friday, June 3-8, 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.

For program advertising information, contact LSBA Communications Assistant Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez, email kbellanger@lsba.org or call (504)619-0131. 📞

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Supreme Court tasks LSBA with MCLE administration

The Louisiana Supreme Court, in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Association, announced that, as of Jan. 1, 2018, the Court's Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) program will be administered by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA).

Attorneys licensed to practice law in Louisiana are required to keep current on changes and developments in the law through continuing legal education, in accordance with Rule XXX of the Supreme Court rules.

"Our MCLE program protects the public by ensuring that Louisiana attorneys are familiar with the latest developments in the law. We appreciate the LSBA's willingness to accept the responsibility of administering this important program," said Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, who also noted that the Court will retain jurisdiction to

determine the MCLE requirement and certify non-compliant attorneys ineligible to practice law for failure to comply with the Rules.


MCLE Director Kitty Hymel and MCLE staff, now LSBA employees, will maintain their current office location in Metairie, La., for the immediate future. Efforts are underway to physically relocate MCLE operations to the Louisiana Bar Center and fully integrate MCLE administration into the LSBA information technology systems, with a target completion date of mid to late 2018.

"We are very pleased and honored to be entrusted once again with the administration of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, an important component in ensuring that our lawyers remain abreast of changes and developments in the law," said LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar.

The Court is currently preparing

amendments to Supreme Court Rule XXX (Rules for Continuing Legal Education) to clarify the LSBA's administrative and regulatory role. The Rules dictate that lawyers must attend 12.5 hours of approved continuing legal education each calendar year, including one hour of ethics and one hour of professionalism, with a special law office management requirement for newly admitted lawyers. The Rules also address other methods of earning credit, including but not limited to teaching, writing scholarly articles and doing pro bono work.

"As the last self-regulated profession, we need to ensure that all of our members are meeting the highest ethical and professionalism standards. Partnering once again with the Court on MCLE will be helpful in reaching those targeted goals," Renegar added.

Additional information on the MCLE program is available at: www.lsba.org/mcle. 

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Nomination deadline is April 11 for Kimball Award

The nomination deadline is Wednesday, April 11, 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/News/LSBANews/2018KimballAwardForm.pdf>. 

Children's Law Committee offering Adoption 101 CLE

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Children's Law Committee is presenting the "Adoption 101" CLE on Friday, April 20, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. The CLE has been approved for 1.5 hours of credit.

Cost is \$25. Lunch is 11:30 a.m.-noon. The program is noon-1:30 p.m.

Jennifer Womble, an experienced adoption practitioner, will discuss the basics of all types of Louisiana adoptions — Intrafamily Adoptions, Agency Adoptions and Private Adoptions. The session also will cover same-sex couple adoptions, termination of parental rights, adoption in child protection cases, an attorney's role in adoptions versus a social worker's, and recent legislative updates.

To register online, go to www.lsba.org/cle. 

Leadership LSBA Class hosting events to gain volunteers for disaster relief efforts

The 2017-18 Leadership LSBA Class is hosting "Bar Relief: When Disaster Strikes, the Bar is Here," two organization fairs in New Orleans and Lafayette that will raise awareness of disaster relief volunteer opportunities.


The New Orleans event is 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Red-Eye Bar and Grill, 852 S. Peters St.

The Lafayette event is 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at The Tap Room, Ste. 4001, 201 Settlers Trace Blvd.

There is no cost to attend. Refreshments will be available.

Louisiana has unfortunately been hit with numerous natural disasters over the years. Most recently, the devastation brought on by the Great Flood of 2016 and Hurricane Harvey have spurred a need in local organizations for volunteers who are willing to get involved when disasters strike. All bar members are invited to attend to learn more about these organizations that help with disaster relief efforts in various ways.

To learn more about these events, go to: <http://bit.ly/2GpDDIS>.

For more information about the Leadership LSBA Class and its mission to impact the Louisiana legal market and its constituents in a meaningful way, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/LSBALeadershipClass.aspx>. 

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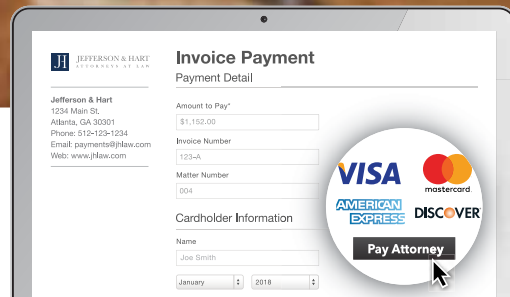


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LBF schedules Fellows events statewide

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 2017 Fellows and 20-year Fellows. To assist with building LBF membership, the LBF encourages members to bring colleagues.

Events scheduled include:

- ▶ Wednesday, May 2: Northwest Annual Fellows Breakfast.
- ▶ Wednesday, May 2: Central Annual Fellows Lunch.

▶ Thursday, May 3: Capital Area Annual Fellows Lunch.

▶ Tuesday, May 8: Bayou Region Annual Fellows Lunch.

▶ Tuesday, May 15: Southwest Annual Fellows Lunch.

▶ Wednesday, May 16: Acadiana Annual Fellows Breakfast.

▶ Tuesday, May 22: Northshore Annual Fellows Lunch.

▶ Tuesday, May 22: Greater Orleans Annual Fellows Reception.

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

Access the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Annual Report



Access the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Annual Report (for the year ending June 30, 2017) online. Go to: <https://raisingthebar.org/about-us/annual-reports/136-2017-annual-report/file>.

SOLACE: Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel — All Concern Encouraged

The Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee supports the SOLACE program. Through the program, the state's legal community is able to reach out in small, but meaningful and compassionate ways to judges, lawyers, court personnel, paralegals, legal secretaries and their families who experience a death or catastrophic illness, sickness or injury, or other catastrophic event. For assistance, contact a coordinator.

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

LBF acknowledges sponsors of 32nd Annual Fellows Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) will celebrate its 32nd Annual Fellows Gala on Friday, April 20, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. The gala is the LBF's largest annual fundraiser. Recognized that evening will be the 2017 Distinguished Jurist James J. Brady (posthumously), Distinguished Jurist W. Eugene Davis, Distinguished Attorney Kim M. Boyle, Distinguished Professor Oliver A. Houck and Calogero Justice Award recipient Robert S. Noel II.

More than 400 attendees, including judges, attorneys and law professors from across the state, are expected. The gala begins at 7 p.m. and features DJ Charles Belonge, a silent auction and a Kendra Scott mystery jewelry pull. New this year is 365 Days of Justice, sponsored by the Louisiana State Bar Association, an interactive fundraiser featuring 365 days of the year available for purchase to celebrate a special event or a loved one.

The LBF acknowledges its Gala sponsors (as of presstime February 23, 2018):

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Special Recognition: FOX 8, Republic National Distributing Company, Kendra Scott; and Strawn Productions.

Go to www.raisingthebar.org/gala to become a sponsor or to purchase individual tickets. Individual tickets are \$200. Young lawyer individual tickets are \$150.

Discounted rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans on Thursday, April 19, and Friday, April 20, at \$239 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference the "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or go to: www.raisingthebar.org/gala. Reservations must be made before Thursday, March 29.

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



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LBSLS accepting Bankruptcy Law certification applications

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about specialization, go to the LBSLS website at: www.lascmcle.org/specialization/.

Two members elected following runoff races

Two Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members were certified elected for their leadership positions following the close of runoff voting on Feb. 5.

Edward L. Tarpley, Jr. has been certified elected for the LSBA Board of Governors' Sixth District seat. Kelly E. Balfour has been certified elected for the LSBA Nominating Committee District 2A seat.

For more information on the election results, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/elections.

House resolution deadline is May 9 for Annual Meeting

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the next Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, May 9.

The House will meet on Thursday, June 7, 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 John E. McAuliffe, Jr., 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 9. 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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The print version of the directory for arbitrators and mediators will be mailed with the October/November 2018 Louisiana Bar Journal.

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The articles should be **150 words MAXIMUM**. Provide your address, phone, fax, email address and website information at the end of the listing (not part of the word count).

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If you would like to repeat a prior listing and photo, you may send us a photocopy of that listing along with your check; please provide the year the listing appeared. (Digital photos appearing in ADR directories are archived back to 2000.)

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• Or, mail your listing, photo, disk and check to the above address.

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Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2018-19 Bar year. Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky 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 16. 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.

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.

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2018-19 Committee
Preference Form**

**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.

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).

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- Client Assistance Fund
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- Diversity
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- Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities
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- Unauthorized Practice of Law

Response Deadline: April 16, 2018

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Focus on *Access to Justice*

For more information, visit www.lsba.org/atj.

LIFT Incubator Project seeks two attorneys in Lake Charles

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice Department is accepting applications from attorneys until April 16 for the Legal Innovators for Tomorrow (LIFT) incubator project at the Southwest Louisiana Law Center (Law Center) in Lake Charles. The project is designed to address the legal needs of people who are underserved and underrepresented in Louisiana.

Through this collaborative project, the LIFT Fellows will address the unmet civil legal needs of low- and moderate-income clients in the Lake Charles area. The project is open to new or transitioning attorneys starting their own solo, small firm or nonprofit practice in Lake Charles. During the 18-month program, incubator attorneys will receive free office space, supplies and resources. The attorneys also will receive



training and mentorship as they work alongside experienced Law Center legal practitioners. In exchange for the training and incubation of their practice, attorneys

agree to provide pro bono representation in cases referred by the Law Center.

Louisiana licensed attorneys with zero-five years' practice experience who plan to develop or have begun to develop a sustainable solo law practice providing cost-effective legal solutions to modest means clients are encouraged to apply. The program is looking for two attorneys.

Access an application online: www.lsba.org/LIFT/ModestMeansProject.aspx. Email completed applications in one .pdf file to Amy Duncan at amy.duncan@lsba.org.

By supporting new lawyers in building viable and sustainable public interest-focused law firms, the LIFT project cultivates the future leaders of Louisiana's access to justice community. To learn more about the LIFT project, go to: www.lsba.org/LIFT. 📄

Grow your practice by joining Modest Means Online Legal Directory

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Commission has launched the Modest Means Online Legal Directory designed to connect attorneys who offer affordable legal services with Louisiana residents who do not qualify for free legal services yet can afford to pay for services at a reduced rate.

The number of households in Louisiana that fall into this gap is alarmingly high based on the recent ALICE report conducted by United Way, www.unitedwaysela.org/alice-report. In addition to a major need and demand for these services, this directory presents an opportunity for attorneys to grow their businesses and expand their client base.

The attorneys offering affordable rates do so by charging reduced hourly rates based on client income; charging a flat fee; or charging less because they represent the client for just

part of the case and not all of it.

The Modest Means Online Legal Directory is open to all attorneys who are licensed to practice law in Louisiana and prepared to offer affordable legal services to people falling at or below the 400 percent Federal Poverty Line.¹ New lawyers can join at any time.

Attorneys who are interested in joining should:

▶ Go to www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx;

▶ Complete the one-hour, on-demand CLE on ethical considerations for representing clients with limited means (cost \$40);

▶ Take a brief survey; and

▶ Complete the online application form.

When attorneys are determined eligible, their names, photos,² contact information, practice areas and types of affordable legal

services offered will be listed in the directory.

For a limited time, the first 50 attorneys who sign up can *complete the CLE at no cost*. Enter the promo code *Access to Justice* during checkout and the cost will be waived.³

For more information about the directory or how to join, email LSBA Access to Justice Training and Projects Counsel Amy Duncan at amy.duncan@lsba.org.

FOOTNOTES

1. 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines located on the U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services website available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>.

2. Members who have uploaded photos under their LSBA profile will have their photo automatically appear on their listing on the Modest Means Directory page.

3. Note that, if you use the promo code for this CLE, CLE credit will only be given once you have successfully joined the Modest Means Online Legal Directory. 📄

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To volunteer contact Rachael Mills, ATJ Projects Counsel by emailing rachael.mills@lsba.org or calling 504.619.0104.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
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Focus on Diversity

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

Volunteers sought for 2018 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), in partnership with the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Just the Beginning, will host the 2018 Suit Up for the Future Program from June 11-29. The three-week legal institute offers participating students the opportunity to attend an abridged law school session, field trips to law schools and courts, and an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts.

Organizers are now seeking attorneys to volunteer their time.

► **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 students about their legal careers.

► **Shadowing opportunities.** During the second week of the program (June 18-22), students are assigned to “shadow” attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This allows the students to see what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workplace.

Attorneys interested in participating should email the LSBA’s Member Outreach and Diversity Department staff at diversity@lsba.org.

Nominations accepted through June 30 for Citizen Lawyer Award

Nominations will be accepted through June 30 for the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) *Citizen Lawyer Award*, a service award that recognizes individual attorneys and judges who have performed public services out of a sense of duty, responsibility and professionalism.

In 2001, the LSBA instituted the Crystal Gavel Awards. This award program was updated in 2014 and renamed the Citizen Lawyer Awards.

To be nominated, the lawyer must be admitted to practice in Louisiana, and the judge must have been elected or appointed to a state or federal court in Louisiana. Nominees must have made a difference in their local communities, in local organizations, or in the life of one person, and have served the public in a number of areas, including:

- Aiding the administration of justice.
- Assisting groups or individuals on a volunteer basis in a non-legal capacity.
- Educating the public or individuals or students about legal matters.

► Providing pro bono legal services in a matter of a significant nature, or in a significant number of cases, or in a way that significantly changed the life of a person or group.

► Working in conjunction with the court system to make it more welcoming, inviting and understandable for jurors, witnesses or victims of crime.

Awards are presented in local communities throughout the state. There is no limit to the number of awards which will be presented, as the LSBA wishes to recognize all deserving individuals.

For more information about the award or to submit a nomination, go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CitizenLawyerAward. Or email the LSBA’s Member Outreach and Diversity Department at outreach@lsba.org.



The New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted its annual Federal Judges’ Reception in November 2017. The reception honored the judiciary of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, and Bankruptcy Courts. Attending the event were, from left, Ashley J. Heilprin, president of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.; Duane A. Evans, acting U.S. attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge Nannette J. Brown, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Marcus V. Brown, Entergy; and Wendy Hickok Robinson, Entergy.



The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.’s annual holiday party and toy drive was Dec. 13, 2017. Attending, from left, Ashley J. Heilprin, president of the GNO Martinet Society; and Marcus B. Hunter, GNO Martinet community service co-chair.

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This year's festival-goers can expect outstanding Louisiana food; in 2018, organizers welcome new vendors Café Dauphine, The Company Burger, and SoBou to the list of 50+ participants. The event will also bring a diverse music lineup, the Chevron Children's Headquarters featuring theSTEAM Zone, fireworks, and more. French Quarter Festival will feature nearly 300 acts on more than 20 stages, Film Fest at French Quarter Fest (curated by Cinema on the Bayou), interviews with celebrated musicians and, as an official New Orleans Tricentennial event, The Tricentennial Homecoming Pavilion featuring exhibits, a hospitality lounge, and the One Time in NOLA story booth.

Out-of-town festival goers are encouraged to book their travel accommodations now as many area hotels have reported they are nearing capacity.

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.fqfi.org.

Register online at www.lsba.org/CLE

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Advance Registration	\$320
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**The fee includes electronic course materials, seminar attendance and coffee/refreshment breaks. On-Site Registrants will be provided the link to download electronic course materials at the time of registration. Printed seminar manuals will be available for purchase at the seminar.*

Cancellation of registration must be received in writing by the LSBA no later than April 6. Cancellations will receive a full refund, less a \$25 administrative charge. Absolutely no refunds will be made after April 6.

This program has been approved for a maximum of 7 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of ethics.

Important Note: This program is Paper-Free! Electronic program materials are accessible via a link where attendees can download/save OR download/print the seminar materials. The link will be sent to the email address of record you provided to the LSBA, prior to the seminar. Internet access will not be available in the meeting room.

Hotel Information: Although the LSBA does not have a room block at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, discount rates for LSBA members may be available. Contact Reservations at (888) 627-7033 or lisa.scollo@starwoodhotels.com. Be sure to mention Louisiana State Bar Association. Availability is not guaranteed. Prevailing rates may apply.

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Register Online at www.lsba.org

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Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., a regional law firm, is seeking an associate attorney for the firm's Admiralty Practice Group in the New Orleans office. The preferred candidate will be a recent graduate with a license to practice in the state of Louisiana and excellent academic credentials (top 25 percent required). The position offers competitive salary and benefits. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, résumé and transcript to Rachel Woolridge, Ste. 2000, 365 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, or email rachel.woolridge@phelps.com.

Construction litigation associate. Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., a regional law firm, is seeking an attorney for the Construction Litigation Group in the New Orleans office. The preferred candidate will have four-plus years of litigation experience; construction litigation experience a plus. Must have strong research and writing skills and excellent academic credentials (top 25 percent required). The position offers competitive salary and benefits. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, résumé and transcript to Rachel Woolridge, Ste. 2000, 365 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, or email rachel.woolridge@phelps.com.

Litigation associate. Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., a regional law firm, is seeking an attorney for the Litigation Practice Group in the Baton Rouge office. The preferred candidate will have three-plus years of litigation experience. Must have strong research and writing skills and excellent academic credentials (top 25 percent required). The position offers competitive salary and benefits. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, résumé and transcript to Rachel Woolridge, Ste. 2000, 365 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70130, or email rachel.woolridge@phelps.com.

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