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Great rates! Registration open for Annual Meeting & Summer School

Special pricing discounts are available for the 79th Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and the Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School. The events, with the theme “2020: A New Vision for the Future,” are set for Sunday through Friday, June 7-12, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla.

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, interactive panels; multiple substantive law tracks; networking opportunities with leading judges and lawyers; business development/practice management tracks; evening receptions; law school gatherings;

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Electronic payment of 2020-21 LSBA dues, LADB assessment accessible in mid-May

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members have the option to pay their 2020-21 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 can be a quick and simple process, utilizing the online member accounts that participants have relied on

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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: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/memberaccts.aspx>. This webpage also allows members to edit their existing accounts and 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 <https://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 <https://www.LSBA.org> to complete the registration process, and to go online to <https://www.LADB.org> to complete the Trust Account Form. **This is the only mailing members will receive prior to the July 1, 2020, due date; attorney registration statements will NOT be mailed.**

With the introduction of the new email address, compliance@lsbamembership.com, the LSBA will email reminders throughout the dues collection period. Members are encouraged to add this email address to their contact list to avoid missing important communications. Members should not reply to this email address, but rather direct questions to processing@lsba.org.

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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and supervised children's activities during evening social events.

Also, attendees may register for the golf tournament or participate in the Fun Run/Walk, daily health and wellness programs and the Step Challenge. Learn more about all opportunities at the web link below.

The Sandestin resort offers several housing options. Housing requests must be made directly with Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort by May 5. An online booking option is available. The LSBA does not accept housing forms.

To review all programming, register online, download a registration form, sign up for the golf tournament, 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 sponsor an event, set up a booth at the Lawyers' Expo or advertise in the program for the combined 79th Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School, scheduled for Sunday through Friday, June 7-12, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla

The program advertising deadline is May 1. Contact LSBA Communications Assistant Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez, email kbellanger@lsba.org or call (504)619-0131.

The sponsorship and vendor deadline is May 8. Contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard, email crichard@lsba.org or call (504)619-0105. 📄



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What is Problem Gambling Resource Services (“PGRS”)?

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A client’s gambling addiction may be the underlying cause of what led them to seek your help:

Attorneys are in a unique position to identify problem gambling behavior in their clients because they have access to client information, financial records, and other documentation that is generally not available to others. Clients, protected by attorney-client privilege, may feel safe disclosing a gambling problem to their attorney.

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House of Delegates Jan. 18 meeting: Resolutions discussed, committee members elected

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates discussed nine resolutions and elected a new chair and member to the House Liaison Committee at its Jan. 18 meeting in Baton Rouge. Two other resolutions were withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Following are the House votes on the resolutions.

► **Unanimously approved.** Resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend Appellate Practice Standards.

► **Unanimously approved.** Resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend Bankruptcy Law Standards.

► **Unanimously approved.** Resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend Estate Planning and Administration Standards.

► **Approved.** Resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend Family Law Standards.

► **Unanimously approved.** Resolution

from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend Tax Law Standards.

► **Approved.** Resolution from the Transitioning Lawyers Committee to amend the previously approved amendments to the LSBA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws regarding "emeritus status" to reflect changes as recommended by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

► **Approved.** Resolution from the Executive Committee to amend the Bylaws to waive dues for the year of admission only for those members admitted between Jan. 1 and June 30 of the fiscal year.

► **Failed.** Resolution from the Special Committee to Review House of Delegates' Policies to immediately sunset and repeal all policy positions previously adopted by the House of Delegates.


► **Approved.** Resolution from the Special Committee to Review House of Delegates' Policies to amend the Bylaws to require all policy positions adopted by the House to adhere to and agree with Article XI, Section 1 of the Bylaws, which sets forth scope and limitations for positions adopted by the

Legislation Committee.

► **Withdrawn.** Resolution from the Young Lawyers Division asking the House of Delegates to direct the Board of Governors to encourage all Louisiana federal, state, local, territorial and tribal legislatures and court systems, in conjunction with state and local bar associations, to support and assist with the establishment and maintenance of lactation areas in courthouses.

► **Withdrawn.** Resolution from delegate Shayna Beevers Morvant, 24th Judicial District, seeking to suspend the Legislation Committee and its related activities until the June 2020 Annual Meeting.

In other business, the House elected Shayna Beevers Morvant (24th Judicial District) as 2020-21 chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee. The chair is a voting member of the Board of Governors. Also, the House elected D. Skylar Rosenbloom (41st Judicial District) to serve a three-year term on the House Liaison Committee.

Review the resolutions at: www.lsb.org/BarGovernance/HouseofDelegates.aspx. 

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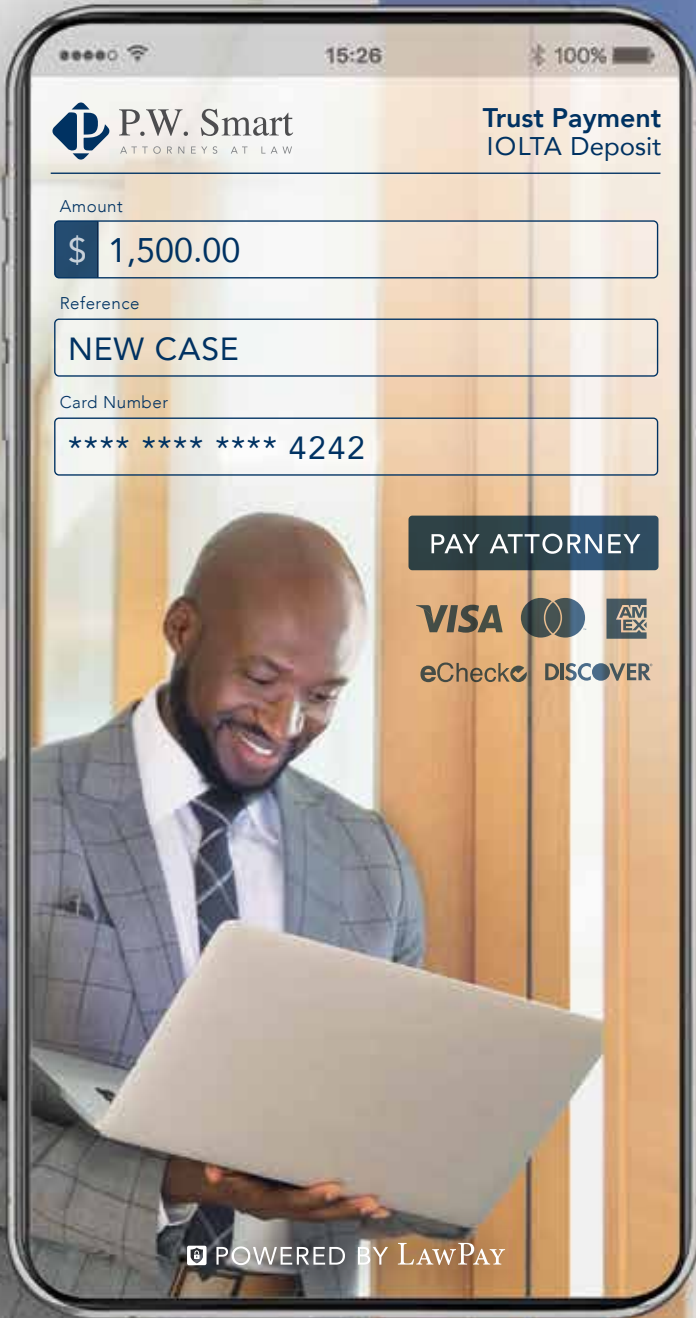
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Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates seats received no qualifiers by the Oct. 21, 2019, qualifying deadline and will be filled by presidential appointment. Members interested in being considered for appointment to these positions should email LSBA Executive Assistant Jennifer France at jen.france@lsba.org as soon as possible. Available positions are listed below.

LSBA House of Delegates (June 2020-June 2022 term)

- ▶ Second Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fifth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Sixth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirteenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.

LSBA House of Delegates (June 2019-June 2021 term)

- ▶ Thirtieth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Sixth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Ninth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.

Election runoff results: Members certified elected; amendment approved

Five Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members were certified elected for leadership positions following the close of runoff voting on Feb. 19. Runoff elections filled positions on the LSBA Board of Governors and the LSBA Nominating Committee.

Also, LSBA members approved the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, proposed by the Transitioning Lawyers Committee and approved by the House of Delegates on Jan. 18, to make changes to the emeritus status. (Review the January 2020 House of Delegates resolution at: www.lsba.org/documents/HOD/Res7Jan20.pdf.)

The following members were certified elected.

Certified Elected

Board of Governors

- ▶ First Board District: Scott L. Sternberg.
- ▶ Second Board District: Erin O. Braud.
- ▶ Fifth Board District: Adrian G. Nadeau.

Nominating Committee

- ▶ District 1A: Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
- ▶ District 1B: Kelly M. Rabalais.

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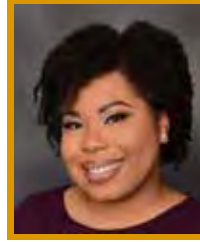
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Reminder: MCLE noncompliance reports being mailed to members in March

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members who did not meet their MCLE requirements for 2019 will be mailed a noncompliance report prior to March 15. The report will detail final compliance deadlines and instructions for paying late fees.


All 2019 CLE hours must have been earned by Dec. 31, 2019, and must have been reported no later than Jan. 31, 2020, or late penalties will apply.

The annual requirement for attorneys is 12.5 hours, including 1 hour of ethics and 1 hour of professionalism credit.

Attorneys admitted in 2018 were also required to earn a total of 12.5 hours but must have 8 hours of ethics, professionalism or law office management credits included within that total. Hours earned in the calendar years 2018 and 2019 are counted together for this initial compliance period.

In-house counsel admitted to practice under LASC 12, Section 14, must earn 12.5 hours annually, including 1 hour of ethics and 1 hour of professionalism, and must follow the same reporting requirements as all other attorneys. They do not qualify for the MCLE exemption.

The form for attorneys who do qualify for an MCLE exemption is available online. Exemption forms also were due by Jan. 31, 2020.

Information regarding attorney requirements can be found online at: www.lsba.org/MCLE. 

Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization amends specialization Standards for 2020

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) announced that the Appellate Practice Standards, the Bankruptcy Law Standards, the Family Law Standards, the Estate Planning and Administration Standards, and the Tax Law Standards have been amended for 2020. All amendments were approved by the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates and Board of Governors at Jan. 18 meetings.

Appellate Practice

An amendment to the LBLS Appellate Practice Standards to reduce the application requirement for an appellate practice specialist from six to five oral arguments over the course of his/her professional career was approved. Amended requirements for continuing legal education programs to qualify for specialization credit also were approved. Download the amended Appellate Practice Standards at: www.lsba.org/Specialization/AppellatePractice.aspx?Area=Standards.

Bankruptcy Law

An amendment to the LBLS Bankruptcy Law Standards was approved. This amendment requires that all continuing legal education programs that the American Board of Certification certifies for bankruptcy law specialists must first be approved by Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), now administered by the LSBA, pursuant to 2018 revisions to the Rules of the Louisiana Supreme Court. The amended LBLS Bankruptcy Law Standards apply to both business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law. Download the amended Bankruptcy Standards at: www.lsba.org/Specialization/BusinessBankruptcy.aspx?Area=Standards and www.lsba.org/Specialization/ConsumerBankruptcy.aspx?Area=Standards.

Family Law

Several amendments to the LBLS Family Law Standards were approved. A family law applicant is required to have a

minimum of five years of actual practice of law on a full-time basis before applying. The applicant also must have worked 35% of a full-time work schedule in family law in 48 out of 60 months immediately preceding the year of application. The Family Law Standards now require one confidential reference statement from a board-certified family law specialist, instead of two, to apply to be a family law specialist. The annual family law CLE requirement has been reduced from 18 to 15 hours. As in the other specializations, the language in the Family Law Standards was changed from "Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education" to "Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee" in compliance with the change to the MCLE rule. Download the amended Family Law Standards at: www.lsba.org/Specialization/FamilyLaw.aspx?Area=Standards.

Estate Planning and Administration


Amendments to the LBLS Estate Planning and Administration Standards regarding continuing legal education programs and basic application requirements were approved. Download the amended Estate Planning and Administration Standards at: www.lsba.org/Specialization/EstatePlanning.aspx?Area=Standards.

Tax Law

Amendments to the LBLS Tax Law Standards regarding continuing legal education programs and basic application requirements were approved. Download the amended Tax Law Standards at: www.lsba.org/Specialization/TaxLaw.aspx?Area=Standards.

New Website

The LBLS has a new website: www.lsba.org/specialization/. The new LBLS website address has been added to the Standards.

For more information or questions, contact LBLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, (504)619-0128, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. 

House resolution deadline is May 13 for Annual Meeting

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the next Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, May 13.

The House will meet on Thursday, June 11, 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 Patrick A. Talley, 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 13. Resolutions must be signed by the author. Also, copies of all resolutions should be emailed (in MS Word format) to LSBA Executive Assistant Jen France at jen.france@lsba.org.

LSBA Section membership: Renew or join by April 30

The 2020-21 membership application for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 30 sections was mailed on Feb. 14. Members are encouraged to sign up for the sections by returning the application and payment by April 30 to: Section Membership, Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404.

The Section application and brochure are available online at: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/Sections.aspx. Members needing an additional copy should follow the link to download and print the application or brochure. Note: Members should select the correct application based on the fiscal year in which they would like to join.

For more information, contact the Membership Department, (504)566-1600, (800)421-5722, or email processing@lsba.org.

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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 34th annual Fellows Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) 34th annual Fellows Gala is Friday, April 3, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. This year, the LBF will honor the 2019 Distinguished Jurist Robert H. Morrison III; Distinguished Attorney Marcus V. Brown; Distinguished Attorney Mary Terrell Joseph; Distinguished Professor John M. Church; and Calogero Justice Award recipient Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson. The gala begins at 7 p.m. and includes DJ Charles Belonge and a silent auction. Celebrate a special event or a loved one by dedicating a day in his/her honor with the interactive fundraiser "365 Days of Justice." A patron party will be held prior to the gala.

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

Discounted rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans on Thursday, April 2, and Friday, April 3, at \$259 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(800)233-1234 and reference the "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or go to www.raisingthebar.org/gala. Reservations must be made before Friday, March 13. For more gala information, contact Danielle J. Marshall, (504)561-1046, email danielle@raisingthebar.org.

LBF awards more than \$123,000 to non-profits in CPP grants

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) nine regional Community Partnership Panels (CPP) identify areas of need throughout the year in addition to the regular LBF grant cycle. The CPPs foster collaboration, respond to arising community needs, and encourage local involvement in the designation of grant funds. Each panel has an annual budget of \$20,000 for Jock Scott CPP Grants. CPPs that have not yet designated all funding will do so by June 30. The 2019-2020 Jock Scott CPP Grants are listed by region below (as of Jan. 24, 2020).

Acadiana: \$12,985

CASA of St. Landry-Evangeline \$3,000
Chez Hope \$3,750
Louisiana Guardianship Services \$5,000
Pet Partners of Acadiana \$1,235

Bayou Region: \$20,000

CASA of Lafourche \$5,000
CASA of Terrebonne \$5,000
Chez Hope \$3,750
Fletcher Technical Community College \$5,250
Louisiana Appleseed \$1,000

Capital Area: \$5,750

Chez Hope \$3,750
Louisiana Appleseed \$2,000

Central: \$2,000

Louisiana Appleseed \$2,000

Greater Orleans: \$20,000

Louisiana Appleseed \$1,500
NOLA Grannies \$4,000
The Pro Bono Project \$10,000
Orleans Parish Juvenile Court/
Teen Court \$4,000
Oral History Project \$500

Northeast: \$20,000

D.A.R.T. (Domestic Abuse
Resistance Team) \$4,000
Louisiana Appleseed \$2,000
Pine Hills Advocacy Center \$14,000

Northshore: \$13,500

Children's Advocacy Center/
Hope House \$9,000
Family Promise of St. Tammany \$2,500
Louisiana Appleseed \$2,000

Northwest: \$20,000

Louisiana Appleseed \$2,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation \$18,000

Southwest: \$9,300


Girlie Girls Mentoring \$6,070
Louisiana Appleseed \$2,000
LBF Oral History Project \$1,230

LBF schedules statewide Pop Up Tour

The Louisiana Bar Foundation has scheduled a series of Pop Up Tours throughout the state. Scheduled events include:

- ▶ Tuesday, April 28: Southwest Annual Luncheon, Lake Charles.
- ▶ Wednesday, April 29: Acadiana Annual Breakfast, Lafayette.
- ▶ Wednesday, April 29: Capital Area Annual Luncheon, Baton Rouge.
- ▶ Monday, May 4: Northeast Annual Luncheon, Monroe.
- ▶ Tuesday, May 5: Northwest Annual Breakfast, Shreveport.


- ▶ Tuesday, May 5: Central Annual Luncheon, Alexandria.
- ▶ Tuesday, May 12: Northshore Annual Luncheon, Mandeville.
- ▶ Wednesday, May 13: Greater Orleans Annual Breakfast, New Orleans.
- ▶ Wednesday, May 13: Bayou Region Annual Luncheon, Thibodaux.

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LBSL extends deadline to March 27 for certification application requests

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) has extended the deadline to March 27, 2020, to accept applications for certification in five specializations — appellate practice, estate planning and administration, family law, health law and tax law.

Also, the LBSL will accept applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification from now through Sept. 30, 2020.

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association member in good standing who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. Further requirements are that, each year, a minimum percentage of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought, and the attorney must pass a written examination to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought and provide five favorable references. Peer review is used to determine that an applicant has achieved recognition as having a level of competence indicating proficient performance handling the usual matters in the specialty field. Refer to the LBSL Rules and Regulations and standards for the applicable specialty for a detailed description of the requirements for application: www.lbsa.org/specialization.


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:

- ▶ Appellate Practice — 15 hours of approved appellate practice.
- ▶ Estate Planning and Administration — 18 hours of approved estate planning and administration.
- ▶ Family Law — 15 hours of approved family law.
- ▶ Health Law — 15 hours of approved health law.
- ▶ Tax Law — 18 hours of approved tax law.
- ▶ Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, the testing agency.

Approved specialization CLE courses can be viewed on the LBSL Approved Course Calendar at: www.lbsa.org/MCLE/MCLECalendar.aspx?L=S.

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 simultaneously with the testing agency 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 Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann to request an application packet, email maryann.wegmann@lbsa.org, or call (504)619-0128. 

Nomination deadline is April 3 for Kimball Award

The nomination deadline is Friday, April 3, for the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2020 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. These activities may include (but are not limited to) improving services to those who use the Louisiana court system including jurors, witnesses, litigants, attorneys and defendants; improving court facilities; enhancing services to pro se litigants; producing materials for public education; facilitating access to the courts; improving accountability; or hosting conferences, meetings or other outreach efforts that facilitate the exchange of ideas and encourage collegiality within the judicial branch.

In addition to presenting a plaque to the individual, a larger plaque is displayed at the Louisiana Supreme Court to list new recipients of the award.

For more information on the award and to download a nomination form, go to: www.lbsa.org/documents/Members/KimballAward2020.pdf. 

Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2020-21 Bar year. Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Alainna R. Mire 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 Wednesday, April 15. 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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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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The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Commission Self-Represented Litigation (SRL) Committee, in conjunction with the Louisiana District Judges Association, hosted the Self-Represented Litigant Service Provider Summit on Jan. 31 at the Jackson Barracks in St Bernard Parish. From left, Joanna S. Laidler, LSBA Access to Justice projects counsel; Judge Patricia E. Koch, 9th JDC, Louisiana District Judges Association SRL Committee chair; Judge Scott U. Schlegel, 24th JDC; Jennifer B. Eagan, Louisiana Supreme Court; and Judge Jeffrey C. Cash, 21st JDC, Access to Justice Commission SRL Committee chair.

Self-Represented Litigant Service Provider Summit 2020 conducted Jan. 31

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The SRL Committee has hosted three summits across Louisiana. The first two summits were in Lafayette and Natchitoches. By providing training and resources to courts and organizations serving self-represented parties across the state, the SRL Committee has assisted courts and access to justice partners serve the public more effectively.

The St. Bernard Summit was an all-day event attended by 61 service providers, including judges, judicial administrators, Judge Advocate General's Corps, legal aid partners and non-profit organizations. The programming was primarily designed to

teach stakeholders about the resources and programs available to help self-represented litigants in southeast Louisiana. Topics included self-help center best practices, new technologies for increasing access to justice, domestic violence, veterans, statewide services and more. The summit was also used as an opportunity to discuss changes that can be made to the current civil justice system to better assist self-represented litigants and to help courts run more efficiently. The summit also facilitated networking opportunities and communication among local and statewide service providers.

The Access to Justice Commission acknowledges the speakers and the hard work and generosity of the Jackson Barracks and Judge Jeanne Nunez Juneau from the 34th Judicial District Court. Based on the positive feedback, the SRL Committee will host another summit this year in another Louisiana location. 📍



Dayna M. Ryan of Theus, Grisham, Davis & Leigh, L.L.C, presented the Jan. 16 CLE on the ethical implications for working with people with disabilities.

CLE participants receive training on ethics and capacity

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee hosted a follow-up CLE program focusing on the ethical implications for working with people with disabilities, including guidelines for establishing whether a client has capacity to instruct.

Dayna M. Ryan of Theus, Grisham, Davis & Leigh, L.L.C, presented the training on Jan. 16, conducted as part of the LSBA's Midyear Meeting programming. 📍



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Focus on Diversity

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Volunteer opportunities open for 2020 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association, in partnership with the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Just the Beginning, is again hosting the Suit Up for the Future program this summer, a free three-week legal institute for high school students and recent graduates interested in pursuing careers in the legal profession. The 2020 program is set for June 15-26 and July 6-10.

During the program, students attend an abridged law school session, take field trips to law schools and courts, and participate in an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts.

Legal professionals may participate in one of two ways.

► **Volunteer for one hour.** Attorneys are invited to volunteer their time from noon-1 p.m. to talk to the students about legal careers. Anyone interested in participating should email the Member Outreach and Diversity team at diversity@lsba.org.



► **Shadowing opportunities.** During the program's second week (June 22-26), students will be assigned to "shadow" attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This is an opportunity for the students to see for themselves what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workforce. Attorneys and firms interested in providing a shadowing opportunity for one or more students should

email diversity@lsba.org.

The program application deadline is May 11 for high school juniors, seniors and students entering their first year of college in fall 2020. Students may apply online at: www.lsba.org/goto/suitup.

For more information on the Suit Up For the Future Program, go to: www.lsba.org/Diversity/DiversityStudentResources.aspx.



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: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CitizenLawyerAward>. Or email the LSBA's Member Outreach and Diversity Department at outreach@lsba.org.

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