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Deadline is July 1 for payment of 2018-19 LSBA dues and LADB assessment

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 or credit card, or members may download and mail their Attorney Registration Statement and checks for the payment of fees. The deadline is July 1, 2018, for all payments and submission of all forms.

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.

Electronic filing is handled through 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 is the same as in prior years. In lieu of mailing a statement to each member, this month, the LSBA mailed members a postcard, which provides instructions to go online to www.LSBA.org/goto/MemberDues 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.***

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4 resolutions on agenda for June 7 House of Delegates meeting

Four resolutions are on the agenda for the next Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates meeting, set for Thursday, June 7, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla. The House meeting, being held in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting/Joint Summer School, will immediately follow the General Assembly, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Baytowne Conference Center.

The resolutions to be considered include:

► A resolution (tabled at the January 2018 meeting) from LSBA member Dan M. Boudreaux requesting that the Board of Governors amend Article 1, Section 2 of the LSBA Bylaws and establish a dues waiver procedure for LSBA members who

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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 is 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.

Check-off boxes for donations

Using either the online payment/filing procedure, or via the downloadable form, LSBA members may still make voluntary, tax-deductible contributions to the Louisiana Bar Foundation Access to Justice Fund, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.

▶ **Louisiana Bar Foundation Access to Justice Fund.** Donations benefit Louisiana's justice community efforts in statewide technology, intake and referral, and disaster response.

▶ **Louisiana Bar Foundation.** Funding civil legal aid. Donations help the Louisiana Bar Foundation ensure that justice is a reality for everyone, not just for those who can afford it. Donations support a network of nonprofit organizations providing free civil legal aid services to the poor.

▶ **Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE).** Donations help the LCLCE assist people in developing an understanding of, and respect for, the law and legal system. Donations fund operations and support programs that bring lawyers and judges into the classrooms and provide free professional development for social studies teachers and free civics education for adults.

▶ **Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (JLAP).** Donations directly further JLAP's mission of providing confidential, life-saving assistance to lawyers, judges and their family members who suffer from alcohol/drug abuse, depression, gambling addiction or other mental impairments. 📧

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complete at least 20 hours of approved pro bono legal services per fiscal year.

▶ A resolution from the Board of Governors requesting that Article X, Section 1 of the LSBA Bylaws be amended to combine the Group Insurance Committee and the Legal Malpractice Insurance Committee into the Insurance Committee, with the newly constituted committee tasked with management of all LSBA-sponsored insurance plans.

▶ A resolution from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to amend the Family Law Standards to add two topics that could be included on the written exam for certification: Child in Need of Care (CINC) and Family in Need of Services (FINS).

▶ A resolution submitted by Val P. Exnicios and 15 other LSBA members requesting that the House of Delegates add to and clarify its policy opposing the granting of civil immunities.

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

2015 JLAP Performance Audit's expert team renders supplemental report on "Diagnostic Monitoring"

As part of the 2015 Louisiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program's (JLAP) Performance Audit, it was recommended that JLAP offer "diagnostic monitoring" in appropriate cases. To help facilitate JLAP's ability to provide diagnostic monitoring, JLAP has obtained a February 2018 Supplemental Report that clearly defines diagnostic monitoring, the clinical situations wherein it may be appropriate, and the clinical protocols that are required in providing that type of monitoring.

To access the complete supplemental report on diagnostic monitoring online, go to: <http://louisianajlap.com/the-2015-jlap-performance-audits-expert-team-renders-a-supplemental-report-on-diagnostic-monitoring/>.

For more information about diagnostic monitoring or any of JLAP's many services, contact JLAP at (985)778-0571 or email jlap@louisianajlap.com. 📧

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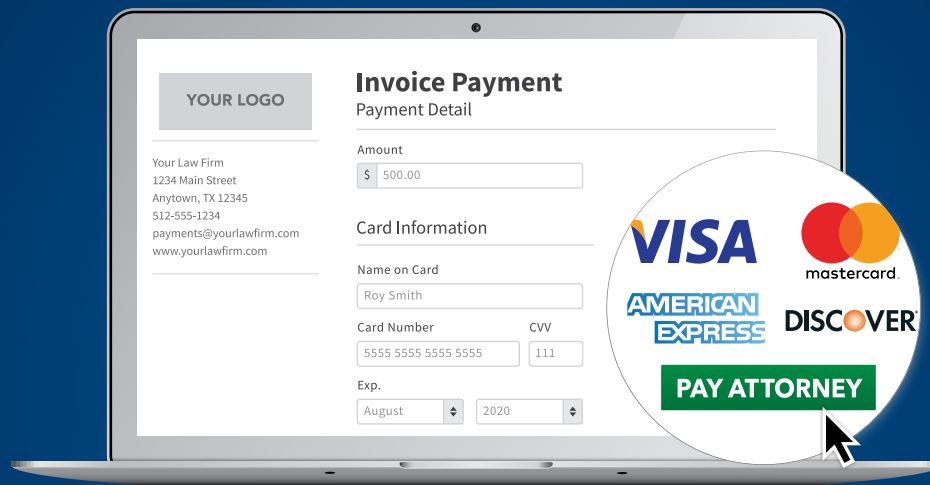
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Online registration open through May 25 for Annual Meeting, Summer School

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.

Online registration will be open through May 25. On-site registration will be available thereafter. 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

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school gatherings; and supervised children’s activities during evening social events.

Also, the golf tournament and the tennis tournament are back, and a new “Parrotheads in Paradise” Step Challenge has been added. Download tournament and step challenge

registration forms at the web link below.

To review all programming, register online, download a registration form, or sign up for the tournaments and step challenge, go to: www.lsba.org/annualmeeting. 

LBSL accepting 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, 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 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).

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 LBSL website at: www.lasc-mcle.org/specialization/. 

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Louisiana Bar Foundation launches “365 Days of Justice” fundraiser

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) launched its new fundraiser, “365 Days of Justice,” at its 32nd Annual Fellows Gala in April. With the tagline, “Justice for Every One, Every Day,” the new interactive fundraiser accepts donations ranging from \$1 to \$365 depending on the calendar day of the year selected. Those making donations can celebrate a special event or a loved one by dedicating a day.

Here’s how to participate:

- ▶ Go to: www.raisingthebar.org/365daysofjustice.
- ▶ Choose a day that is meaningful to you or a loved one.
- ▶ Dedicate the day.
- ▶ Make the donation.

The “365 Days of Justice” project will be promoted and housed on the LBF’s website throughout the year. The project also will be promoted at the LBF booth during the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla., in June.

The LBF acknowledges the LSBA for its sponsorship of “365 Days of Justice.” The generous donation is helping the LBF promote the project. For more information, contact Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.



Among the attendees at the Louisiana Bar Foundation’s 32nd Annual Fellows Gala were, seated from left, Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Associate Executive Director Cheri Cotogno Grodsky; LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar; and LSBA Executive Director Loretta Larsen. Standing from left, LSBA President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky and Steven Conques. *Photo by Scott Threlkeld.*



Louisiana State Bar Association President Dona Kay Renegar reviewed the information on the Louisiana Bar Foundation’s (LBF) new fundraiser, “365 Days of Justice.” The project was launched at the LBF’s 32nd Annual Fellows Gala in April. *Photo by Scott Threlkeld.*



Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, far left, administered the oath of office to the 2018-19 Louisiana Bar Foundation officers during the 32nd Annual Fellows Gala in April. From left, Chief Justice Johnson; President W. Michael Street, Monroe; Vice President Amanda W. Barnett, Alexandria; Treasurer Christopher K. Ralston, New Orleans; and Secretary Harry J. (Skip) Philips, Jr., Baton Rouge. *Photo by Scott Threlkeld.*

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 appoint-

ed 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.

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.

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

Application deadline is June 29 for Leadership LSBA 2018-19 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2018-19 Class. Deadline for return of applications, along with a CV or résumé, is Friday, June 29.

The program, created in 2002 by then-LSBA President Larry Feldman, Jr., provides exposure on how the LSBA functions as well as on the pressing issues facing the association and the legal profession. Participants also receive information on the responsibilities of volunteer leaders. Through

at least one class project, the program further develops young attorneys' leadership skills and provides them with opportunities for statewide networking. (Previous projects included a 5K benefiting the Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc., a legal aid hackathon, and a special edition of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*.)

Grodsky's goal is to appoint 14 members.

By conclusion of FY 2018-19 (ends in June 2019), participants will be required to:

- ▶ attend one meeting of the Board of Governors;

- ▶ attend one meeting of the House of Delegates;

- ▶ attend one meeting of the Young Lawyers Division Council;

- ▶ attend one Budget Committee meeting;

- ▶ attend one meeting of the Access to Justice Committee;

- ▶ attend one meeting of an LSBA committee of their choice;

- ▶ work with the class to develop and implement a class project with the help of staff; and

- ▶ commit to serve on an LSBA committee for 2019-20.

Expenses for attendance at meetings and activities will be reimbursed in accordance with LSBA policies.

Interested candidates should submit applications, along with a CV or résumé, by the June 29 deadline to: Danielle E. Boveland, LSBA Communications Coordinator/Online Media, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130; fax (504)566-0930; or email danielle.boveland@lsba.org.

To download an application, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/ClassApplication2018. 

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2018 Legislative Session: Board of Governors adopts positions on 46 bills

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Board of Governors on April 14 adopted positions on 46 bills pending before the Louisiana Legislature, based on recommendations from the LSBA's Legislation Committee. The Board is supporting 21 bills and opposing 25 bills.

To review the bills and reasons for support or opposition online, go to: www.lsba.org/Legislation/. Click on "Current and Past Bill Positions," then "2018 Regular Session." 

U.S. 5th Circuit adopts change to Rule 35.5

Following public comments, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals adopted the proposed change to Rule 35.5.

The approved amendment states: **35.5 Length.** See FED. R. APP. P. 35(b)(2). The statement required by Fed. R. App. P. 35(b)(1) is included in the limit and is not a “certificate[] of counsel” that is excluded by Fed. R. App P. 32(f).

The amended rule became effective on April 2.

Review all revised rules on the court’s website: www.ca5.uscourts.gov.



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Attending “Civil Legal Aid Day” on April 18 at the Louisiana Capitol in Baton Rouge were, from left, Donna Cuneo, executive director, Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF); Valerie Briggs Bargas, LBF past president; Gregory L. Landry, executive director, Acadiana Legal Service Corp.; Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice Director Monte T. Mollere; Laura Tuggle, executive director, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services; Jeffrey K. Coreil, ATJ Commission co-chair; Valerie T. Schexnayder, LSBA Board of Governors; Christy F. Kane, executive director, Louisiana Appleseed; Joseph R. Oelkers III, Acadiana Legal Service Corp.; Julie Baxter Payer, LSBA Board of Governors; and Judy Perry Martinez, American Bar Association.

ATJ Commission participates in “ATJ Day at the Capitol” in Baton Rouge

Members of the Access to Justice Commission’s Funding Committee, with the help of Louisiana Appleseed and the Louisiana Bar Foundation, planned and participated in “Civil Legal Aid Day” on April 18 at the Louisiana Capitol in Baton Rouge.

The group hosted a breakfast for Louisiana legislators to explain the importance of funding for Louisiana’s civil legal aid programs. After the breakfast, the group staffed a table in the rotunda that provided legislators and visitors to the capitol with information about Louisiana’s civil legal aid network.

During this time, Rep. Walter J. Leger, Jr. and Sen. Eric LaFleur announced on their respective floors that it was Civil Legal Aid Day and spoke of the importance of civil legal aid for the state, including the significance of its economic impact. Gregory L. Landry, executive director of



Speaking with legislative staff and Capitol guests about the importance of civil legal aid on “Civil Legal Aid Day” were, from left behind table, Judy Perry Martinez, Laura Tuggle and Gregory L. Landry.

Acadiana Legal Service Corp., and Laura Tuggle, executive director of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, were also introduced on both House floors.

To learn more about the ATJ Commission’s

Funding Committee, email Louisiana State Bar Association ATJ Projects Counsel Rachael M. Mills at rachael.mills@lsba.org.

LSBA ATJ representatives attend Louisiana Library Convention

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice (ATJ) Department staff members Rachael M. Mills and Michael W. Schachtman traveled to Alexandria in March to staff an information table at the annual Louisiana Library Association Conference, as part of the LSBA's Legal Education and Assistance Program (LEAP).

Mills and Schachtman provided the librarians with information about LEAP and the numerous self-represented litigant (SRL) resources available to library patrons throughout the state. Mills educated librarians about the new online pro bono program, *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org*, which allows low-income residents to ask civil legal questions through the website.

Also, David J. Lanser with the Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) informed conference attendees about the services provided by LCJC through its legal hotline.

Sara V. Pic, a librarian with the Law Library of Louisiana, demonstrated the numerous ways the Louisiana Law Library can assist library staff and patrons with legal questions.

For more information about the LEAP program or how the ATJ staff partners with public libraries, email ATJ SRL Counsel Michael W. Schachtman at michael.schachtman@lsba.org.



Staffing an information table at the Louisiana Library Association Conference were, from left, Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice Projects Counsel Rachael M. Mills; David J. Lanser, attorney, Louisiana Civil Justice Center; LSBA Access to Justice Self-Represented Litigant Counsel Michael W. Schachtman; and Sara V. Pic, librarian, Law Library of Louisiana.

ATJ Commission hosts SRL Summit

The Access to Justice Commission hosted a Self-Represented Litigant (SRL) Service Provider Summit on April 11 in Lafayette for judges, clerks of court, judicial administrators, legal aid and local bar organizations, and other community partners working to meet the legal needs of those who cannot afford counsel.

Self-represented litigants appear in every municipal and district court in Louisiana. Also,

an increasing number of people are confused after purchasing invalid forms online. The sessions highlighted common hurdles faced by courts and self-help service providers, best practices for providing assistance, and the many free and reliable resources available to courts and the public. For more information or meeting materials, email michael.schachtman@lsba.org.



The Access to Justice Commission hosted a Self-Represented Litigant Service Provider Summit on April 11 in Lafayette. From left, Sachida R. Raman, deputy director of Acadiana Legal Services Corp.; and LSBA Access to Justice Self-Represented Litigant Counsel Michael W. Schachtman.

Children's Law Committee hosts Adoption 101 CLE

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Children's Law Committee hosted an "Adoption 101" CLE on April 20 at the Louisiana Bar Center. Jennifer L. Womble led the session that covered

best practices for all types of adoptions in Louisiana — intrafamily adoptions, agency adoptions and private adoptions.

The CLE sold out quickly and the committee is making plans to repeat the

session in other jurisdictions and/or offer an "Adoption 102" follow-up. For more information, email nicole.louque@lsba.org.

Focus on Diversity

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

Thanks to members of 2017-18 LSBA Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession and its subcommittees

The Louisiana State Bar Association would like to thank the 2017-18 members of the Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession and its subcommittees. Your service was greatly appreciated.

The mission of the Committee on Diversity is:

- ▶ to assess the level of racial, ethnic, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana;

- ▶ to identify barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds; and

- ▶ to propose programs and methods by which the LSBA can most effectively work to remove the barriers and achieve greater diversity.

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law schools and courts, and an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts.

Shadowing opportunities are still available during the second week of the program (June 18-22). Students are assigned to “shadow” attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This gives the students the

opportunity to witness what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workplace. Attorneys and/or firms interested in offering a shadowing opportunity for one or more Suit Up students should email the Member Outreach and Diversity team at diversity@lsba.org. 



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