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Dona Kay Renegar, 77th LSBA president, receives a LSBA president's pin from Darrel J. Papillion, 76th LSBA president, at the installation luncheon where Renegar was sworn in as LSBA president during the 2017 Annual Meeting in Destin, Florida. Look for more LSBA/LJC Joint Summer School and LSBA Annual Meeting coverage in the August 2017 *Louisiana Bar Journal*. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

2017-18 LSBA dues and LADB assessment cycle underway; filing and payment deadline is July 1

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members have the option to pay their LSBA dues and Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB) assessment by ACH electronic check or credit card, or members may download and mail their Attorney Registration Statement and checks for payment. The deadline is July 1, 2017, for all payments and submission of all forms.

Members are encouraged to pay and file electronically, as this access is available 24/7, including times when the Bar Center is closed or mail service is disrupted. Electronic payment also gives members more control over their database information and allows for more timely updates to their member records.

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House of Delegates considers resolutions, elects committee members at June 8 meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates discussed resolutions and elected members to the Legislation Committee during its June 8 meeting, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting.

The House voted on three resolutions:

► Approved the LSBA Children's Law Committee's resolution to be designated as a standing committee of the LSBA.

► Approved the LSBA Transitioning Lawyers Committee's resolution asking that the LSBA recommend to the Louisiana Supreme Court the creation of the LSBA Receivership Program, a program which would create volunteer Receivership Teams to assist in instances of death or disability inactive status where there is no associate, partner or estate administrator.

► Defeated former LSBA President James J. Davidson III's resolution seeking to create a First Amendment Preservation Section and adopt bylaws for same.

Three resolutions were withdrawn before

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Electronic filing is handled through the online member accounts that participants have used to register for CLE seminars and to access Fastcase. If an attorney has not set up a member account, one can be created at: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/member-accts.aspx>. This webpage also allows members to edit their existing accounts and to reset lost or forgotten passwords.

After member data is confirmed but before the payment/filing process begins, members will be advised that they 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 is the same as in prior years. In lieu of mailing a statement to each member, in May, the LSBA mailed members a 4x6 postcard, which provides 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, 2017, due date; attorney registration statements will NOT be mailed.***

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

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:

- ▶ 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 Access to Justice Fund, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.

Access to Justice Fund

Donations will be used to benefit Louisiana's justice community through statewide technology, intake and referral, and disaster

or emergency response. The mission of the Access to Justice Committee is 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 among the LSBA, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana law schools, private practitioners, local bar associations, pro bono programs and legal aid providers. For more information, contact LSBA Access to Justice Director Monte T. Mollere at (504)619-0146, (800)421-5722, ext. 146, email mmollere@lsba.org, or go to: www.lsba.org/atj.


Louisiana Bar Foundation

Funding civil legal aid. A tax-deductible contribution to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) will help ensure that justice is a reality — not just for those who can afford it but for everyone in Louisiana. Donations support a network of nonprofit organizations providing free critical, civil legal aid services to women, children, the elderly, the working poor, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed and those facing loss of their homes. For more information, contact LBF Executive Director Donna Cuneo at (504)561-1046, email donna@raisingthebar.org, or go to: www.raisingthebar.org.

Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education

As the LSBA's public education partner, the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education's (LCLCE) mission is to educate Louisiana's youth about the role of responsible citizens while increasing their understanding of and respect for the law and the legal system. Tax-deductible donations will be used for the administration of LCLCE programs, including the Justice Catherine D. Kimball Summer Institute and the Lawyers/Judges in the Classroom program. For more information, contact LCLCE Executive Director Peggy V. Cotogno at (504)619-0134 or (800)421-5722, ext. 134, email peggy.cotogno@lsba.org, or go to: www.lalce.org.

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discussion:

► Delegate Francis J. Barry, Jr. (41st Judicial District) withdrew his two resolutions that the House reconsider and rehear its Jan. 21, 2017, approval of standards for specialization in Labor Law and in Employment Law.

► Delegate R. Bradley Lewis (22nd Judicial District) withdrew his resolution asking that the LSBA support the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I of the Louisiana Constitution, regarding freedom of speech and freedom of religion; that the LSBA urge the repeal of all laws and municipal ordinances, regulations, rules, executive orders and other practices that prohibit or impair the freedom of speech or freedom of religion, or that discriminate against persons because of their faith, their free exercise thereof, or because of their expression of their religious or political views; that the LSBA urge the adoption of laws which protect freedom of speech and freedom of religion; and that the LSBA send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, the President of the Louisiana State Senate and to the Loui-



Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, center, signed a proclamation recognizing May 1 as "Law Day in Louisiana." On hand for the signing were Louisiana State Bar Association 2016-17 President Darrel J. Papillion, left, and 2017-18 President Dona Kay Renegar. Law Day was established in 1958 by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower to strengthen the country's heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law. The 2017 national Law Day theme is "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy." Photo by LSBA Staff.

siana Municipal Association.

In other business, the House elected five members to serve three-year terms on the Legislation Committee — B. Scott Andrews, 19th Judicial District; James E. Boren, 19th Judicial District; Steven G. (Buzz) Durio,

15th Judicial District; Lynn Luker, chair, Civil Law and Litigation Section; and Ronald J. Sholes, Orleans Parish.

To review all resolutions, go to: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/HouseofDelegates.aspx. 📄

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Louisiana Civil Justice Center launches second “Justice Tour,” seeks attorney involvement

The Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) began its second “Justice Tour” in March. The tour, which will continue through October, addresses the overwhelming legal needs in the poorest and most underserved rural parishes of Louisiana.

LCJC will host civil legal clinics at libraries in 16 parishes. The clinics, open to the public, allow residents to speak with attorneys about civil legal issues, including divorce and custody, consumer debt, housing and successions. Attorneys offer advice, legal documents and referrals free of charge. LCJC representatives also meet with businesses, community groups and legal services organizations to discuss the main legal challenges facing each parish and build awareness about the services that LCJC offers.

Attorney participation is encouraged

to conduct civil legal clinics in parish libraries or to take on cases on a sliding scale or pro bono.

More clinics are scheduled through October. To sign up, email coordinator@laciviljustice.org.

To review the tour schedule, go to: <http://laciviljustice.org/>.

The 2016 Justice Tour visited 15 parishes, providing more than 500 people with direct legal assistance and, through new partnerships with libraries and local organizations, sharing critical information about existing legal resources at the local and statewide levels with rural communities. In recognition of its success in raising awareness about barriers to justice in rural Louisiana, the tour was honored with the Louisiana State Bar Association’s 2016 Legal Services Innovation Award. 📺



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LBF awards \$59,500 in scholarships

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship program awarded \$59,500 in scholarships to 20 Louisiana students. Scholarships are awarded to dependent children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law.

The 2017-18 scholarship recipients are Brittany Bailey, DeRidder; Allie Dantin, Thibodaux; Mason Graham, Luling; Allana Gross, Marrero; Jessica Harper, Eros; André Hebert, Lafayette; Heather Jones, New Orleans; Katelyn Kerner, Jefferson; Grant Klentzman, New Iberia; Anna LaGrange, Breaux Bridge; Quentin LeBlanc, Paincourtville; Breanna Leleaux, Lafayette; Amanda Marler, Dry Creek; Colby Price, Belle Chasse; William Price, Bossier City; Darien Rixner, LaPlace; Hallie Rogers, Patterson; Alexander Stroh, Lake Charles; Derek Trouard, Baton Rouge; and Alesha Widcamp, Lake Charles.


The LBF Kids' Chance Program was started in 2004 and is administered by



The 2017-18 Louisiana Bar Foundation's officers were installed at the 31st Annual Fellows Gala by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson, far right. From left, President Valerie Briggs Bargas of Baton Rouge, Vice President W. Michael Street of Monroe, Treasurer Amanda W. Barnett of Alexandria and Secretary Christopher K. Ralston of New Orleans. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

the LBF and governed by a committee representing a cross section of the state's legal and workers' compensation communities. Since 2004, the LBF has awarded 275 scholarships totaling \$604,600.

For more information about Kids'

Chance or to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Dee Jones at the LBF office, (504)561-1046, email dee@raisingthebar.org. Or go to: <http://raisingthebar.org/ProgramsAndProjects/KidsChanceProgram.asp>. 

Application deadline is July 7 for Leadership LSBA 2017-18 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Dona Kay Renegar is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2017-18 Class. Deadline for return of applications, along with a CV or résumé, is Friday, July 7.

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 issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*.)

Renegar's goal is to appoint 10 members.

By conclusion of FY 2017-18 (ends in June 2018), 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 2018-19.

At the conclusion of the year, class members who have completed all requirements will be recognized at the LSBA Annual Meeting. (With the exception of the Annual Meeting, 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 July 7 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/ClassApplication2017. 

LBSLS sets submission date for 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, 2017.


In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) member in good standing who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. Further requirements are that each year a minimum percentage of the attorney's practice must be devoted

to the area of certification sought and a written examination must be passed to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought.

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

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBSLS Executive Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. For more information, go to the LBSLS website: <https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization/>. 

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	(318)572-8260 (cell)
	Steve Thomas.....	(318)872-6250

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Supreme Court approves amended LSBA Plan of Legal Specialization

By court order signed on March 9, 2017, the Louisiana Supreme Court approved an amended Louisiana State Bar Association Plan of Legal Specialization, effective upon signing. To review the amended plan online, go to: https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization/LSBA_Plan_of_legal_specialization_2017.pdf. 



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LSBA leadership participates in ABA Day 2017 in D.C.

Several members of the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) leadership participated in the American Bar Association's (ABA) annual lobbying efforts on April 25-27 — "ABA Day in Washington, DC."

2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion led the delegation. Joining him were 2017-18 LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar, former LSBA President David F. Bienvenu, attorney Judy Perry Martinez and LSBA Access to Justice Director Monte T. Mollere.

ABA Day is an opportunity for LSBA leaders and colleagues from around the nation to speak to elected representatives on issues of critical importance to the Bar, clients, the legal profession and the administration of justice.

ABA Day began more than a decade ago to focus on appropriate funding for the Legal Services Corp. (LSC). In a year when the President's budget calls for the elimination of LSC funding, it was important for LSBA leaders to meet with the Louisiana congressional delegation to discuss the critical need to sufficiently fund the LSC and its impact on providing legal services to Louisiana's most needy citizens.

LSC funding makes up approximately 48 percent of the total funding for Louisiana's two largest civil legal aid programs — Acadiana Legal Service Corp. and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.

LSBA leaders explained to Louisiana's delegation why funding civil legal aid is a smart investment. A recent Social Return on



Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members participated in the April "ABA Day in Washington, DC," meeting with Louisiana's congressional delegation with concerns about legal services funding. From left, attorney Judy Perry Martinez, 2017-18 LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar, 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion, U.S. Rep. Mike Johnson (R-La.), LSBA Access to Justice Director Monte T. Mollere and former LSBA President David F. Bienvenu.

Investment (SROI) Analysis completed by the Louisiana Bar Foundation for the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission shows that for every \$1 invested in Louisiana's civil legal aid services, the programs deliver \$8.73 in immediate and long-term, consequential financial benefits. Investing in civil legal aid is a powerful way to help people solve critical problems and prevent events that are harmful and expensive for citizens, the leaders said.

Louisiana's network of legal services organizations provides basic civil legal services to help stabilize the lives of those most in need. The organizations do not handle criminal cases. They provide assistance to thousands of individuals

annually (approximately 26,437 in 2016), including help to veterans, domestic violence victims, individuals undergoing foreclosure or other housing issues, those coping with the after-effects of natural disasters, and families involved in child custody disputes.

With the assistance of staff from the Washington, DC, office of Jones Walker LLP, particularly Jones Walker lobbyist (governmental relations personnel) R. Christian Johnsen, the Louisiana delegation met with Senators Bill Cassidy and John Kennedy, Representatives Mike Johnson and Garret Graves, and staff members of Representatives Clay Higgins, Steve Scalise, Ralph Abraham and Cedric Richmond. 📷

Yes, it is important to report your pro bono hours!

Is it really that important to report pro bono hours? Yes . . . if you want to support your local pro bono and legal services programs. Each year, attorneys provide thousands of hours of pro bono work for those who cannot afford to pay for legal services — and each year thousands of hours go unreported. Some

attorneys say it is self-aggrandizement to report. Others say only the office manager sees the reporting form.

Don't do a disservice to your local pro bono and legal services programs by not reporting. When seeking funding, these organizations are frequently asked, "What are attorneys doing to help?" Help the


Louisiana State Bar Association support your local public interest organizations by providing them information to respond to that question.

Report your hours online at: www.lsba.org/goto/pbreporting. 📷

Louisiana justice community members attend 2017 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference

Members of the Louisiana justice community, along with Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice Department staff members, attended the 2017 American Bar Association/National Legal Aid and Defender Association's Equal Justice Conference in Pittsburgh, Penn., this month.

From criminal defense in a civil forum to legal wellness checkups, the Louisiana civil legal aid community learned innovative and collaborative ways to address the legal needs of all Louisiana citizens.

During the conference, LSBA Access to Justice Projects and Training Counsel Amy E. Duncan presented a program on "Addressing Gaps in Legal Services through Collaborative Legal Incubator Programs." She joined two other incubator directors, Stephanie Everett with Lawyers for Equal Justice, Inc. in Georgia and Len Zandrow with the Justice Bridge at the University of Massachusetts School of Law. The session discussed various models and collaborations to develop legal incubator programs that foster viable and sustainable social-justice-focused solo practices. The LSBA currently operates three collaborative models with an eye towards expansion. To learn more about Legal Innovators for Tomorrow (LIFT), go to www.lsba.org/LIFT. 



Members of the Louisiana justice community attending the 2017 Equal Justice Conference included, from left, Robin Kay, Baton Rouge Bar Association; Sachida R. Raman, Acadiana Legal Services Corp.; Jean A. Hill, 15th Judicial District Court; Elena M. Perez, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services; Amelia Hoppe, Louisiana Civil Justice Center; Rachel Piercey, Yoga Flow & Go, L.L.C.; Christopher P. Coty, The Pro Bono Project; and Amy E. Duncan, Louisiana State Bar Association.



Louisiana State Bar Association Access to Justice Projects and Training Counsel Amy E. Duncan presented a program on "Addressing Gaps in Legal Services through Collaborative Legal Incubator Programs" at the 2017 Equal Justice Conference.

ATJ Developing Leadership Internship Program to begin second year

With the success of the first year of the Access to Justice (ATJ) Developing Leadership Internship Program, representatives of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), the Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana civil legal aid providers, the Louisiana District Judges Association, Louisiana law schools, the Louisiana Supreme Court and the private bar are joining forces once again for the second year.


Students who have completed their first year of law school were invited to submit applications for the four available internships. Competition was brisk and one student from each of Louisiana's four law schools was selected to participate. The 2017 class of interns are Leila Abu-Orf, Milton (MJ) Hernandez, Monette Davis and Anais

Moore-Jaccard. Interns are sponsored by law firms. This year's sponsoring law firms are Adams and Reese, L.L.P.; Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.; Jones Walker LLP; and Phelps Dunbar LLP.

For its second year, the program has been expanded to six weeks and provides a unique opportunity for law students to gain the insight and skills needed to become the next generation of access to justice leaders.

Over the six-week period, interns will work with civil legal aid programs. Weekly programming will focus on the various civil legal needs of low-income people, the ways in which organizations within the justice community address those needs, and how these services are increasing the quality of life for those served. Interns will gain hands-on experience with Louisiana's civil legal aid

and legal services organizations, including interviewing clients, attending court hearings and participating in community outreach efforts. Additionally, interns have the opportunity to tour the Louisiana Supreme Court and interact with appellate and trial court judges, both state and federal, who have been actively involved in developing and supporting pro bono and access to justice efforts throughout Louisiana.

The success of the ATJ Developing Leadership Internship Program has encouraged the LSBA's Access to Justice Commission to consider offering additional internships. If your firm is interested in sponsoring an intern for the 2018 program, contact Monte T. Mollere at (800)421-5722, ext. 146 or (504)619-0146 or email mmollere@lsba.org. 

LSBA, Supreme Court recognize legal professionals for pro bono achievements

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), in conjunction with the Louisiana Supreme Court, recognized the pro bono accomplishments of public interest legal professionals and law students during the Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards Ceremony on May 23 at the Louisiana Supreme Court Building in New Orleans.

Award recipients include:

2017 David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

Judy Perry MartinezNew Orleans

2017 Career Public Interest Award

Francesca L. Hamilton-AckerLafayette
Zakiya LaGrangeNew Orleans

2017 LSBA President's Access to Justice Award

Sarah J. CampbellBaton Rouge

2017 Children's Law Award

Teneé P. FelixNew Orleans

2017 Pro Bono Publico Award

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2017 Friend of Pro Bono Award

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Family Justice Center of AcadianaLafayette
St. Charles Parish Bar Association Luling
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The Access to Justice Committee also recognized pro bono volunteers who contributed 100 or more hours of pro bono legal services during the 2016 calendar year. Receiving the 2017 Century Club Award are:

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LSBA President **Dona Kay Renegar** created a new hashtag **#yourLSBA**

to highlight the many LSBA members who work tirelessly on behalf of the public and the profession.

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2017 Suit Up for the Future Program welcomes 12 high school students

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), in partnership with the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Just the Beginning (JTB), welcomed 12 high school students on June 12 for the start of the 2017 Suit Up for the Future Program.

Presentations were made by LSBA President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky; U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, Eastern District of Louisiana, JTB coordinator; and LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Co-Chairs Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office, and Monique M. Edwards, The Edwards Law Group, L.L.C.

Professor Emily A. Bishop, West-erfield Fellow at Loyola University College of Law, provided the students with their first introduction to a law school abridged course, "Legal Writing."

Suit Up for the Future (a pipeline program) is a three-week legal institute that offers high school students the opportunity to experience abridged law courses, shadow attorneys and attend field trips to law schools and courts. Over the course of the program, students will be introduced to legal documents, lawyers and the legal system, all designed to assist them in pondering the important question, "Do I really want to be a lawyer?"


The program will continue through June 30. In the Suit Up classroom, students will experience the Socratic teaching method and gain exposure to specified law school courses, including criminal law and legal research and writing. Students also will receive a mock trial problem, which will serve



Just the Beginning Coordinator Hon. Karen Wells Roby with the high school students participating in the 2017 Suit Up for the Future Program. Also in the group are Louisiana State Bar Association Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Co-Chairs Scherri N. Guidry and Monique M. Edwards.

as the basis for the legal writing assignment and oral argument that the students will present to a panel of judges at the end of the program.

The Suit Up students will attend several field trips, including touring two area law schools, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Court museum and federal court buildings. During the tours, students will hear from guest speakers and may have the opportunity to view proceedings at several state and federal courts.

To view the 2017 Suit Up program in action, go to the Suit Up Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Suit-UpForTheFuture/>. 



Louisiana State Bar Association President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky and U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, Eastern District of Louisiana, and Just the Beginning coordinator, presented opening comments to the high school students participating in the 2017 Suit Up for the Future Program.

Thanks to members of 2016-17 LSBA Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession and its subcommittees

On behalf of the Louisiana State Bar Association, we would like to thank the 2016-17 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 those barriers and achieve greater diversity.

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