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Voting begins Nov. 17 for contested races

Papillion, Mire, Chabert, Tate certified elected for LSBA, YLD leadership positions

Darrel J. Papillion of Baton Rouge and Alainna R. Mire of Alexandria have been certified elected for the positions of 2015-16 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2015-17 LSBA secretary, respectively, following the close of election qualifying on Oct. 20. Papillion will automatically assume the presidency in 2016-17.

Scotty E. Chabert, Jr. of Baton Rouge and Bradley J. Tate of Baton Rouge have been certified elected for 2015-16 Young Lawyers Division (YLD) chair-elect and secretary, respectively.

Papillion is a partner in the firm of Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens,



Darrel J. Papillion



Alainna R. Mire



Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.



Bradley J. Tate

L.L.C., in Baton Rouge.

Mire is an assistant attorney in the Alexandria City Attorney's Office.

Chabert is an assistant district attorney for the 18th Judicial District and a partner in the firm of Saunders & Chabert in

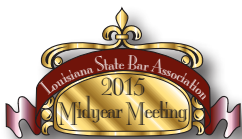
Baton Rouge.

Tate is tax manager for the firm of Postlethwaite & Netterville in Baton Rouge.

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Voting begins Nov. 17

First-round voting begins Nov. 17 for several contested leadership positions on the Board of Governors, Nominating Committee, LSBA House of Delegates, Young Lawyers Division Council and American Bar Association House of Delegates.

For this election cycle, balloting will be conducted electronically only, as approved by the LSBA Board of Governors. No paper ballots will be provided.

First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 17. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 15.

Listed below are candidates in **Contested Races** and members who have been **Certified Elected** for their races. Profiles of the candidates in contested races will be accessible online by Nov. 17.

Contested Races

Board of Governors (three-year term)

Eighth Board District (1 position)

Marjorie L. Frazier
David J. Hemken

Nominating Committee (one-year term)

District 1A (4 positions)

Donald R. Abaunza
Brent B. Barriere
Lawrence J. Centola III
H. Minor Pipes III

Phillip A. Wittmann
District 3A (1 position)
Steven G. (Buzz) Durio
Katherine L. Hurst
Jeffrey A. Riggs
District 3C (1 position)
Robert L. Bussey
Robert G. Levy
District 3D (1 position)
John M. Frazier
Michael F. Miller
District 3E (1 position)
Alex W. Rankin
Thomas G. Zentner, Jr.

LSBA House of Delegates (two-year term)

Twenty-Third Judicial District (5 positions)

Sara T. Anderson Clarke
Christopher J. Bridges
Lana O. Chaney
Rusty M. Messer
Michael J. Poirrier
Timothy E. Pujol

Forty-First Judicial District (32 positions)

Donald R. Abaunza
Glenn B. Adams
Francis J. Barry, Jr.
Ashley L. Belleau
Jack C. Benjamin, Jr.
Joseph M. Bruno
Thomas A. Casey, Jr.
Lawrence J. Centola III
Justin M. Chopin
Jeffrey A. Clayman
Richard B. Eason
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William R. Forrester
Darryl J. Foster
Judith A. Gainsburgh

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Phillip K. Jones, Jr.
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Andrew R. Lee
Donald A. Mau
Ryan M. McCabe
Andre J. Mouledoux
John H. Musser V
H. Minor Pipes III
Brian P. Quirk
Christopher K. Ralston
Degan S. Rosenbloom
Louis G. Schott
Karen B. Sher
Ronald J. Sholes
John A. Stassi II
Deborah M. Sulzer
Brandon K. Thibodeaux
Irving J. Warshauer
Craig R. Webb
Edward D. Wegmann
Colby F. Wenck
Phillip A. Wittmann
Jay C. Zainey, Jr.

Young Lawyers Division Council

(two-year term)

First District (1 position)

Ryan E. Beasley
Dylan K. Knoll
Scott L. Sternberg
Jeffery J. Waltz

Second District (1 position)

Amy E. Duncan
Jeffrey D. Hufft
Betty A. Maury

Fifth District (1 position)

Leah G. Cotten
Melanie C. Donahue
Carrie LeBlanc Jones
Melynda L. LaBrosse
Victor R. Loraso III

American Bar Association House of Delegates (two-year term, 1 position)

James S. Baehr
Brent B. Barriere
Joseph M. Bruno
Jeremy S. Epstein
Richard K. Leefe

Certified Elected

Board of Governors

► Sixth Board District: Charles D. Elliott.
► Seventh Board District: C.A. (Hap) Martin III.

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- ▶ District 1B: Adrienne L. Baumgartner.
- ▶ District 2A: Blake S. Leger and Edward J. Walters, Jr.
- ▶ District 2B: Robert A. Kutcher and Raymond S. Steib.
- ▶ District 3B: Robert S. Dampf.

LSBA House of Delegates

- ▶ Twentieth Judicial District: Samuel D'Aquila and Michael L. Hughes.
- ▶ Twenty-First Judicial District: Mary E. Heck Barrios, Erik L. Burns, Anthony T. Caruso, Steven J. Farber, D. Blayne Honeycutt and Robert W. Morgan.
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- ▶ Twenty-Sixth Judicial District: John Z. Blanchard, Amanda A. Hulett, Patrick R. Jackson and Ross E. Shacklette.
- ▶ Twenty-Seventh Judicial District: Francis A. Olivier III and Jacque B. Pucheu.
- ▶ Twenty-Ninth Judicial District: Steven F. Griffith, Sr. and Robert L. Raymond.
- ▶ Thirtieth Judicial District: Daniel W. Bush.
- ▶ Thirty-First Judicial District: Richard M. Arceneaux.
- ▶ Thirty-Second Judicial District: Syc J. Broussard.
- ▶ Thirty-Third Judicial District: Mary H. Holmes and Michael B. Holmes.

▶ Thirty-Fourth Judicial District: Roberta L. Burns, Tracy H. Duplantier, Gregory J. Noto, Gregory W. Rome and Paul A. Tabary III.

- ▶ Thirty-Fifth Judicial District: Scott M. Prudhomme.
- ▶ Thirty-Eighth Judicial District: Robert J. Sheffield, Jr.
- ▶ Thirty-Ninth Judicial District: John Q. Davis.
- ▶ Fortieth Judicial District: Vercell Fiffie and William D. O'Regan III.
- ▶ Forty-Second Judicial District: Adrienne D. White.

Young Lawyers Division Council

- ▶ Fourth Board District: Adam P. Johnson.
- ▶ Sixth Board District: Christie C. Wood.
- ▶ Eighth Board District: Allison C. Foster.

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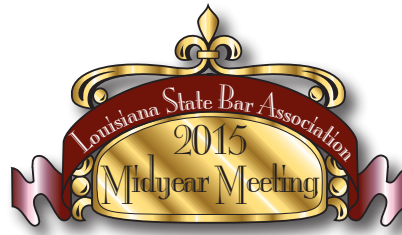
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Calling for House resolutions: LSBA's Midyear Meeting Jan. 15-17, 2015, in New Orleans

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 15-17, 2015, at the InterContinental New Orleans Hotel, 444 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. During the three-day event, the Board of Governors, the House of Delegates and several committees and sections will conduct meetings.

House Resolutions

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 17. (The House will meet on Jan. 17, 2015.) Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary Barry H. Grodsky, 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 Dec. 17. Resolutions must be signed by the author. Also, copies of all resolutions should be emailed (in MS Word format) to LSBA Executive Assistant Mindi Hunter at mindi.hunter@lsba.org.



50-60-Year Member Reception

A Friday night reception will honor 50- and 60-year LSBA members. Sponsors are currently being sought for the reception. For more information on sponsorship levels, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard at (504)619-0105, email crichard@lsba.org.

CLE Programs


CLE programs also are being organized. The Young Lawyers Division will present its annual Professional Development CLE seminar on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015. The seminar is open to the first 175 young lawyers who register. Program organizers have applied for 4 hours of CLE credit (including 1 hour of eth-

ics, 1 hour of professionalism and 1 hour of law practice management). The registration cost is \$30 and includes electronic course materials and breakfast. On-site registration will not be allowed unless space is available.

Also, the Diversity Integration Subcommittee will offer two free CLE hours.

Hotel Reservations

The LSBA has negotiated a \$151/night rate (single or double) plus tax. Members may make reservations by calling (877)834-3613 and stating you are attending the "Louisiana State Bar Association Midyear Meeting at the InterContinental New Orleans Hotel" or go to the booking website: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=12349314. The room block will expire on Dec. 24. After that date, rooms may not be available and the negotiated rate will not be honored.

For more information on the Midyear Meeting or to register online, go to: www.lsba.org/midyearmeeting/. 

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LSBA 50- and 60-year members to be recognized at 2015 Midyear Meeting

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members who have reached half a century and beyond in their professional careers will be honored during the LSBA's Midyear Meeting in January 2015. A reception honoring

50- and 60-year members will be conducted Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at the InterContinental New Orleans Hotel, 444 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. Family and friends of the members are invited to attend the reception.

For more information on the event, con-

tact LSBA Executive Assistant Mindi Hunter at (504)619-0152, (800)421-5722, ext. 152, or email mindi.hunter@lsba.org.

The following Bar members will be recognized.

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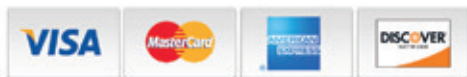


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Mentors must be in good standing, have no disciplinary history and must have at least 10 years of experience. Mentors can receive up to 6 hours of free CLE credit by volunteering.

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



The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) presented mock checks to two of 18 Kids' Chance Program scholarship recipients for the 2014-15 school year. The checks were distributed at an annual golf tournament hosted by the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. (LWCC). From left, Sherry A. Watters, Kids' Chance Committee co-chair; Paul Buffone, LWCC senior VP and chief claims and information officer; Michelle M. Sorrells, Kids' Chance Committee co-chair; Terry Shelton, mother of Kids' Chance recipient Casey Shelton; Hon. C. Wendell Manning, LBF president; Arlene Marchand, mother of Kids' Chance recipient Mariett Marchand; and Kristin Wall, LWCC president and CEO.

LBF presents Kids' Chance Program scholarships at golf tournament

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) presented mock checks to two of 18 Kids' Chance Program scholarship recipients for the 2014-15 school year. The checks were distributed at a Sept. 22 golf tournament hosted by the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. (LWCC) at the Country Club of Louisiana in Baton Rouge. All proceeds from the tournament were donated to the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

LBF President Hon. C. Wendell Manning addressed the golfers and scholarship recipient families during a lunch prior to the

tee-off. The mock checks were presented by Manning and LBF Committee Co-Chairs Michelle M. Sorrells of Baton Rouge and Sherry A. Watters of New Orleans.

The Kids' Chance Program provides scholarships to dependents of workers who are permanently and totally disabled or killed in a work-related accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or Law.

This year, the LBF awarded \$45,000 to 18 students to help with their education. Since 2004, the program has awarded 218 scholarships totaling \$407,100.

Renew your LSBA section membership by Nov. 25

The 2014-15 membership application for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 29 sections was recently mailed. Members are encouraged to sign up for the sections by returning the application and payment by Nov. 25, to: Section Membership, Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404.

If you need a replacement section application or wish to join additional sections once you have submitted your original section application, go to: www.lsba.org/Bar-Governance/Sections.aspx, and download the LSBA Section Membership Application Form.

For more information, contact Susan T. Heflin, (504)619-0103, (800)421-5722, ext. 103, or email sheflin@lsba.org.

Animal Law Section's CLE registration open

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Animal Law Section has scheduled its sixth annual Animal Law CLE, "Lawyers, Tigers & Dogs, Oh My!," for Friday, Dec. 12, at the St. Christopher Hotel Best Western, 114 Magazine St., New Orleans. The CLE is approved for 7 credit hours. Lunch will be included. For more information and to register online, go to: www.animallawla.org.



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532 applicants pass July 2014 Bar Exam

The Committee on Bar Admissions announced that 532 successful applicants passed the July 2014 Bar Examination and completed all requirements for licensure in Louisiana. The Bar Admission Ceremony was conducted Oct. 30 in New Orleans.

This represents an overall passage rate of 69.82 percent. Pass rates for Louisiana law schools are as follows: Louisiana

State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, 81.5 percent; Loyola University College of Law, 72.68 percent; Southern University Law Center, 56.25 percent; and Tulane University Law School, 77.78 percent. The pass rate for all other law schools was 64.43 percent.

For the list of the applicants who passed, go to: www.lasc.org. 📄

Judges: Granting of Cy Pres Funds authorized by LASC Rule XLIII

The granting of Cy Pres funds by the courts is authorized by Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XLIII, specifically Section 2. Judges are reminded that this provision covers all entities eligible to receive these funds, as well as the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Section 2 states: "In matters where the claims process has been exhausted and Cy Pres Funds remain, such funds may be disbursed by the trial court to one or more

non-profit or governmental entities which support projects that will benefit the class or similarly situated persons consistent with the objectives and purposes of the underlying causes of action on which relief was based, including the Louisiana Bar Foundation for use in its mission to support activities and programs that promote direct access to the justice system."

To review the rule, go to: www.lasc.org/rules/orders/2012/Rule_XLIII.pdf. 📄

Save the dates for 2015 LSBA events!

► **Disney:** The "Dazzling Disney!" multi-topic CLE is Feb. 16-18, 2015 (during Mardi Gras) at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. Earn all of your required CLE credits, including ethics and professionalism. Discounted hotel and Avis rental car rates available soon.

► **2015 Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession:** Friday, March 6, 2015, at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal St., New Orleans.

► **2015 Solo and Small Firm Conference:** Thursday and Friday, March 19-20, 2015, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, 2 Poydras St., New Orleans.

For more information on sponsorship levels for the Diversity Conclave and Solo/Small Firm Conference, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard at (504)619-0105 or email crichard@lsba.org.

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La. Board of Legal Specialization accepting requests for applications in 5 areas

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) is accepting requests for applications for Jan. 1, 2016, certification in five areas — bankruptcy law (business and consumer), estate planning and administration, family law and tax law. The deadline to submit applications for consideration for estate planning and administration, family law and tax law certification is March 31, 2015. Applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification will be accepted through Sept. 30, 2015.

With the expanding complexity of the law, specialization has become a means of improving competence in the legal profession and thereby protecting the public. An increasing number of attorneys are choosing to be recognized as having special knowledge and experience by becoming certified specialists. As a matter of practical necessity, most lawyers specialize to some degree by limiting the range of matters they handle. Legal specialization helps the general public locate a lawyer who has

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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 of 35 percent of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought, passing a written examination applied uniformly to all applicants to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought, and five favorable references. Peer review shall be 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.

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:

▶ Estate Planning and Administration


Law — 18 hours of estate planning law.

▶ Family Law — 18 hours of family law.

▶ Tax Law — 20 hours of tax law.

▶ Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, the testing agency.

Regarding 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 Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization simultaneously with the testing agency in order to avoid delay of board certification by the LBLS. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s).

Applications are mailed. Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBLS Executive Director Barbara M. Shafranski, email barbara.shafranski@lsba.org or call (504)619-0128. For more information, go to the LBLS website at: www.lascmcle.org/specialization. 

Reminder: CLE compliance for board-certified specialists

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS), as set forth in the individual Specialty Standards for each field of legal specialization, board-certified attorneys in a specific field of law must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2014. The requirement for each area of specialty is as follows:

▶ Estate Planning and Administration Law — 18 hours of estate planning law.

▶ Family Law — 18 hours of family law.

▶ Tax Law — 20 hours of tax law.


▶ Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification.

CLE credits will be computed on a calendar year basis and all attendance information must be delivered to the Supreme Court Committee on Mandatory Continu-


ing Legal Education (MCLE) no later than Jan. 31, 2015. Failure to earn and/or timely report specialization CLE hours will result in a penalty assessment.

Preliminary specialization transcripts will be mailed in November to all specialists who are delinquent in their specialization CLE hours. The specialization CLE requirement must be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2014.

If you have any questions, contact Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization Executive Director Barbara M. Shafranski, (504)619-0128 or email barbara.shafranski@lsba.org.

For more information or to obtain a copy of your specialization transcript, go to the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization's website at: www.lascmcle.org/specialization. 

Family Law Section schedules Nov. 14 seminar

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Family Law Section is hosting a Nov. 14 seminar, "Empirical Analysis of Child Custody Schedules and the Impact of Steroid and/or Drug Use on Parenting Skills," at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport Hotel, 2829 Williams Blvd., Kenner. The CLE is approved for 6 credit hours; Family Law Section members receive a registration discount. For more information and to download a registration form, go to: <http://files.lsba.org/documents/Committees/familylawsectioncle.pdf>. 

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Entergy Corp. donates \$25,000 to LCJC for Self-Help Resource Center

Entergy Corp. donated \$25,000 to the Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) for the purpose of assuming responsibility and improving the Self-Help Resource Center (SHRC) located at the Orleans Parish Civil District Court in New Orleans.


The Center is staffed by LCJC attorneys and lawyer volunteers from the New Orleans area who provide self-represented litigants with legal information, court forms and other resources to help them navigate complicated legal issues. The most common issues involve assistance with divorce, child custody and other domestic issues (including protective orders). By assisting self-represented litigants, the Center increases access to justice for those who could not otherwise afford it and improves the administration

of justice in the courts.

The Orleans Parish Civil District Court SHRC is open from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Center is located on the fourth floor of the court at 421 Loyola Ave.

“Entergy’s Legal Department is proud to support programs that increase access to justice in our community,” said Marcus Brown, executive vice president and general counsel of Entergy Corp.


LCJC Executive Director Jonathan Rhodes said the LCJC “is not only grateful for Entergy’s financial support, but also the countless hours that Entergy’s legal team has volunteered to assist those in need of legal services free of charge.”

For more information about the services provided, call the LCJC at (504)355-0970. 

Nov. 30 deadline for Outstanding Civics Teacher Award

The nomination deadline is 4 p.m. Nov. 30 for the 2015 President’s Award of Excellence for Outstanding Civics Teacher, an award presented jointly by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and the Louisiana State Bar Association.

This award recognizes an outstanding Louisiana elementary, middle or high school teacher who imparts knowledge and understanding of law and civic education and demonstrates the use of interactive learning techniques that make a difference in student learning.

Anyone seeking to nominate an outstanding educator who teaches law-related subjects may obtain more information online at: www.lalce.org/uploads/President_Award_Info_Sheet_Oct_2014.pdf. 



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Elections: What members need to know about online voting

For this Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) election cycle, voting will be conducted online-only. No paper ballots will be mailed. To make this voting procedure as smooth as possible, here's what members need to know:

► Online voting will begin on Monday, Nov. 17, and will continue through Monday, Dec. 15.

► Members will receive an email with their E-ballot between 8 a.m. and noon on Nov 17.


► The sender address will be "LSBA_Election_Admin@vres.us" and the Subject Line will reference "Louisiana State Bar Association E-ballot."

► The email will include the member's PIN number and a link to the voting

website. On the voting website, the member must type in the PIN number to access the ballot. Ballots will only include races for which the member may cast a vote.

► Members who do not have an email address, or members preferring to vote from the LSBA website, will be able to log-in from the LSBA website to a special log-in page that will ask for additional information (Bar roll number, birth date, zip code). To access this special page, members may click on the "Vote Now" icon on the home page.

► E-ballots will be emailed again to those members who have not cast votes on Nov. 24, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8.

For more information on elections, go to: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/Elections.aspx. 


Interested in an appointed LSBA leadership position? Respond ASAP

Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) leadership positions received no qualifiers by the Oct. 20 qualifying deadline and will be filled by presidential appointment. Members interested in being considered for appointment to these positions should email LSBA Executive Assistant Mindi Hunter at mindi.hunter@lsba.org as soon as possible. Available positions are listed below.

Nominating Committee

- District 2C (1 appointment pending)

House of Delegates

- Twenty-First Judicial District (3 appointments pending)
- Twenty-Second Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- Twenty-Fourth Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- Twenty-Sixth Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- Twenty-Seventh Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- Twenty-Eighth Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- Twenty-Ninth Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- Thirtieth Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- Thirty-Second Judicial District (4 appointments pending)
- Thirty-Sixth Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- Thirty-Seventh Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- Fortieth Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- Forty-Second Judicial District (1 appointment pending) 

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Baton Rouge	Steven Adams	(225)921-6690
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.....	(225)744-3555	
Lafayette	Alfred "Smitty" Landry	(337)364-5408
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	Thomas E. Guilbeau	(337)232-7240
	James Lambert	(337)233-8695
.....	(337)235-1825	
Lake Charles	Thomas M. Bergstedt	(337)558-5032
Monroe	Robert A. Lee	(318)387-3872
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Shreveport	Michelle AndrePont	(318)347-8532
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The Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. provides confidential assistance with problems such as alcoholism, substance abuse, mental health issues, gambling and all other addictions.

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Louisiana Bar Foundation's 2015 Annual Fellows Gala

Friday, May 1, 2015
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Focus on *Access to Justice*

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

Justice Community Conference: Ensuring access to justice, preserving civil legal aid

The 2014 Louisiana Justice Community Conference on Oct. 16-17 in Baton Rouge focused on the theme of “Preserving Civil Legal Aid” in collaboration with the Louisiana Bar Foundation’s statewide campaign to raise funds for civil legal aid and to increase awareness of the growing civil legal needs of the state’s indigent citizens.

Each year, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) gathers practitioners at the conference both to celebrate

their achievements and to provide a forum to strengthen public interest practice. Through plenary sessions, training workshops and special programs, the conference has for more than 10 years provided a wide range of important learning and networking experiences for all attendees.

This year’s conference kicked off with an inspiring keynote address from Judge C. Wendell Manning, president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, who discussed the impact of civil legal aid on today’s

society and the importance of ensuring that these legal services receive the support needed. Other sessions focused on the economic impact of civil legal aid, with presentations from the Louisiana Bar Foundation and the national advocacy group Voices for Justice.

The conference continues to grow, both in terms of attendance and programs offered. This year, 140 attorneys registered for two days of training, networking, meetings and pre-conferences. ■

LSBA Member Services

The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is to assist and serve its members in the practice of law. To this end, the LSBA offers many worthwhile programs and services designed to complement your career, the legal profession and the community. In the past several years, the legal profession has experienced many changes. The LSBA has kept up with those changes by maturing in structure and stature and becoming more diverse and competitive. As the premier organization serving Louisiana’s legal profession, the LSBA is working to advance its members’ goals and interests through unparalleled programming and a comprehensive benefits package. Listed below are a few benefits of membership:

Bar Center Services

Louisiana Bar Center
www.lsba.org/GoTo/BarCenter
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Louisiana lawyers are invited to reserve any of the three Bar Center conference rooms for depositions or other meetings. The building is equipped with wireless Internet access as well as desktop computers available at no charge to members. Contact Operations Coordinator Mike Montamat at (504)619-0140 with any questions.

Lawyers’ Assistance Program (LAP)

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LAP provides confidential assistance to members of the Bar and their families who experience problems with alcohol, drugs, gambling and other addictions, as well as mental health issues. Call 1(866)354-9334 for assistance.

LSBA Professional Programs

Department Services

Client Assistance Fund

cgrotsky@lsba.org

This program helps consumers by providing compensation to clients who have been defrauded by their lawyers. For more information, contact Associate Executive Director Cheri Cotogno Grodsky at cgrotsky@lsba.org or (504)619-0107.

Fastcase

www.lsba.org/fastcase

In 2005, the LSBA launched Fastcase, a free web-based legal research product that provides unlimited access to all state and federal court cases. To access the program, go to www.lsba.org and click on the Fastcase icon. For more information, contact Practice Management Counsel Shawn L. Holahan at shawn.holahan@lsba.org or (504)619-0153.

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Attorneys volunteer in all Louisiana parishes for “Lawyers in Libraries” Day of Service

Louisiana pro bono attorneys in all of Louisiana’s 64 parishes provided much-needed legal assistance to the public via local libraries during the Oct. 23 “Lawyers in Libraries” Day of Service program. “Lawyers in Libraries” is part of an ongoing collaboration between the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Access to Justice Department and the Louisiana Library Association which aims to directly connect the public with counsel and make people aware of the resources and options that may be available to them.

The LSBA would like to acknowledge the many LSBA members who volunteered on Oct. 23 at libraries in their communities. More “Lawyers in Libraries” events will be scheduled throughout the year. Attorneys wanting to volunteer their time and talents for future events should email Nicole Louque at Nicole.Louque@lsba.org.

“Lawyers in Libraries” Volunteers

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Allen Parish: Adam Johnson
Ascension Parish: Sara Clarke
Assumption Parish: Hanna Thomas
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Concordia Parish: Amy Duncan and Robert Pearson
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East Baton Rouge Parish: Luke Morris
East Carroll Parish: Molly McEacharn
East Feliciana Parish: Laura Tamblyn
Evangeline Parish: Jacob Fusilier
Franklin Parish: Emily Shields
Grant Parish: Gwenda Lamb



Volunteers at the St. Charles Parish East Regional Library in Destrehan, La. From left, Day of Service lawyer volunteers Bryant York (Phelps Dunbar) and Jeremy Grabill (Phelps Dunbar), with Tara Lombardi (St. Charles Parish East Regional Library branch manager), Lauren Pitz (Public relations and adult programming librarian) and Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. (LSBA 2014-15 President).

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St. Tammany Parish: Tim Garlick
Tangipahoa Parish: Thomas Hogan, Christopher Edwards and Greg Webb
Tensas Parish: Leah Cotten
Terrebonne Parish: John Sirois
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Vernon Parish: Wes Bailey
Washington Parish: Amythist Kearney
Webster Parish: Marcus Patillo
West Baton Rouge Parish: Zachary Wool
West Carroll Parish: Clay Hamilton
West Feliciana Parish: Kevin Hayes
Winn Parish: Retired Judge Leon Emanuel and David Handelman

2015 Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory

The Louisiana State Bar Association is publishing its Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory. The supplement to the *Louisiana Bar Journal* will be printed separately and shrink-wrapped for mailing with the December 2014/January 2015 *Louisiana Bar Journal*. The directory is published annually, guaranteeing a year's worth of exposure in print and on the LSBA website.

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Upcoming LSBA CLE Seminars

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Nov. 12, 2014

Smoothie King Center, New Orleans

**Workers' Comp: Waves of Change -
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Nov. 13, 2014

Embassy Suites Hotel
4914 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge

**Reinventing Health Law and Policy:
The Louisiana Experiment**

Nov. 14, 2014

Westin Canal Place Hotel
100 Iberville St., New Orleans

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Nov. 22-24, 2014

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Dec. 5, 2014

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
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Dec. 9, 2014

Smoothie King Center, New Orleans

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Dec. 11-12, 2014

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Dec. 16, 2014

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April 17, 2015

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April 24, 2015

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
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Tax Credits & Economic Development

May 1, 2015

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LSBA committee and subcommittee partnering for 3-part, disabilities-related CLE series

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Diversity Committee's Pipeline Subcommittee and the LSBA Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee are partnering to launch a three-part CLE series focusing on disabilities-related legal issues.

The first in the lunchtime series, titled "Long-Term Planning for the Special Needs Client," is noon-1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, and is geared to those interested in best serving clients with special needs.


The second session, "Fit to Practice," is

Jan. 29, 2015, in Baton Rouge. The third session, "Introduction to Social Security Appeals," is April 17, 2015, in Shreveport.

For more information about the series, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/2014DisabilityCLE. 

Sponsors sought for 2015 Conclave on Diversity

The Louisiana State Bar Association is currently seeking sponsors for the eighth annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, set for Friday, March 6, 2015, at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal St. The theme is "Celebrating 50 Years of Civil Rights: Moving the Pendulum Forward." The Freedom Riders exhibition created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History will be featured. The sponsor deadline is Dec. 15, 2014.

For more information on sponsorship levels, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard at (504)619-0105 or email crichard@lsba.org. Or access a conclave sponsor flier online at: <http://files.lsba.org/documents/Diversity/2015conclavesponsorflier.pdf>. 

Mark your calendars!

Check the LSBA's Diversity webpage for more information on the following events:

- ▶ **Friday, Nov. 21, 2014**
Disability "Lunch and Learn" CLE
- ▶ **March 6, 2015 • Diversity Conclave**
Celebrating 50 years of Civil Rights: Moving the Pendulum Forward

in the SPOTLIGHT


Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles, L.L.P.

Founded in 1926 and one of Louisiana's oldest law firms, Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles, L.L.P. (DK&S) was the first firm in Louisiana to hire a woman attorney in 1937. First in her class at Tulane (after transferring from Louisiana State University), Marian Mayer Berkett has had a stellar career, is one of four women inducted into Tulane's Hall of Fame and amazingly is still going strong at 101 years old. Other DK&S alums include Kathleen Lorio, former dean of Loyola University Law School; Judge Karen Wells Roby, a magistrate for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans; and Bobby M. Harges, current professor of law at Loyola University College of Law.

Barbara Ormsby, one of the firm's newest woman lawyers, is the current co-chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association's

(LSBA) Diversity Committee (2014-15 term) and served as co-chair of the LSBA's Diversity Conclave Committee from 2010-14. DK&S has 18 women attorneys, five of whom are general partners.

The DK&S Diversity Committee meets monthly to address the needs of its multicultural community. The Diversity Committee members include African-American attorneys, working mothers, LGBT general partners and veterans of the Armed Forces.

The firm frequently contributes to New Orleans-area charitable organizations, including the New Orleans Habitat for Humanity, The Pro Bono Project, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Hogs for the Cause, the March of Dimes, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, St. Andrew's Village, YA/YA Inc., the Louisiana Children's Museum and the Contemporary Arts Center. 

The "In the Spotlight" section highlights diversity achievements and ground-breaking diversity accomplishments, primarily of signatories of the LSBA's Statement of Diversity Principles. If you have recommendations for attorneys, judges or legal organizations that should be considered for future articles, call or email Tricia Pierre, (504)619-0129, tricia.pierre@lsba.org.

50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act

By Valerie Gotch Garrett

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It is a milestone in the development of our country and our state.

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law on July 2, 1964. The Civil Rights Movement challenged the United States to make good on the promise — made in the Declaration of Independence — that every citizen had certain, inalienable rights, which had until then been denied to African-Americans. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was the country rising to meet that challenge.

As President Johnson so eloquently stated, the civil rights problem is no “Southern problem . . . no Northern problem . . . [it is] only an American problem.” All Americans must tackle this problem with courage. For the courage of one can change a nation; the courage of one can change a culture; the courage of one can change how we live and view the world. This courage has been found — in Plessey, who challenged the Louisiana segregation statute of 1890; in Brown, who challenged the unequal and segregated public school systems; in Ruby Bridges, who challenged the segregated school systems in New Orleans; and many more throughout the Reconstruction era, the Jim Crow era, the Civil Rights era and even today.

I recently met a 93-year-old woman who grew up in the Jim Crow era and then saw the passage of the Civil Rights Act. She has a profound understanding of the importance

of the Civil Rights Act because it changed for her access to all public places and equal education for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Today, she regularly exercises her right to vote and encourages others to do the same.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964’s passage almost a century after the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments reminds us that change does not come easily. It takes committed effort over time to bring it about.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 reshaped American life in fundamental ways. It prohibited discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. It also barred racial segregation and discrimination in schools, workplaces and public accommodations. The Act paved the way for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which eliminated discriminatory voting prohibitions and requirements.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 became law thanks to the grassroots efforts of Americans of all races who openly condemned the discriminatory Jim Crow practices of the South.

Resistance to the Civil Rights Movement was intense in Southern states. Freedom Riders were attacked multiple times across the South in 1961. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested in 1961 in Albany, Ga. In 1962, two black churches used by the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) for voter registration meetings were burned in Sasser, Ga.

The year 1963 proved to be pivotal in securing the Act’s passage. In the first half of 1963, Dr. King was arrested and jailed in Bir-


mingham, Ala., for leading marches against discrimination. While in jail, Dr. King authored his famous *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, in response to public calls from some religious leaders for King and other civil rights advocates to slow down and be more patient.

The events in Selma, Ala., where a peaceful nonviolent march resulted in the deaths and injuries of many civil rights activists of all races, became known as Bloody Sunday. These events accelerated the passage of President Johnson’s Voting Rights Act.

Although it has been 50 years since the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, recent events show how important it is to continue to pursue civil equality for all Americans.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 has been used to allow equality to all — minorities, women and gay citizens. As an African-American attorney, I have seen the change, the growth and the acceptance of people who look beyond race and see qualifications and education and judge people on the content of their character.

The fight for equality and civil rights in America is not finished until every American has equal rights in all areas of life. Each generation of Americans must rise to the challenge of extending and protecting our basic freedoms to all of us. It is the fundamental test of our national character.

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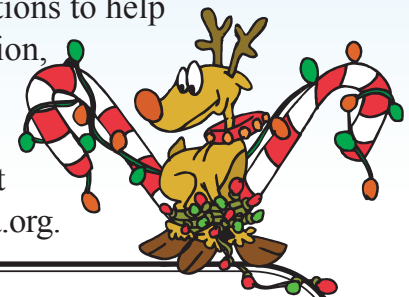
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