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## Grodsky, McAuliffe, Thriffiley, Sternberg certified elected for LSBA, YLD leadership positions

**B**arry H. Grodsky of New Orleans and John E. (Eddie) McAuliffe, Jr. of Metairie have been certified elected for the positions of 2017-18 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2017-19 LSBA secretary, respectively, following the close of election qualifying on Oct. 17. Grodsky will automatically assume the presidency in 2018-19.

Dylan T. Thriffiley of New Orleans and Scott L. Sternberg of New Orleans have been certified elected for the positions of 2017-18 Young Lawyers Division chair-elect and secretary, respectively.

In August, the LSBA's Nominating Committee accepted the nominations of John M. Church for the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center representative for 2017-19; Ronald J. Scalise, Jr. for the Tulane University Law School representative for 2017-19; and L. Kent Breard, Jr. for the Louisiana State Law Institute representative for 2017-19.



Barry H. Grodsky



John E. (Eddie) McAuliffe, Jr.



Dylan T. Thriffiley



Scott L. Sternberg

### Online Voting Underway Through Dec. 12

First-round voting began on Nov. 14 for several contested leadership positions on the Board of Governors, LSBA House of Delegates, Nominating Committee, Young Lawyers Division and American Bar Association House of Delegates. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 12. Balloting will be con-

ducted electronically only; no paper ballots will be provided.

Listed below are candidates in Contested Races and members who have been Certified Elected for their races. Profiles on candidates in contested races are accessible online at: <https://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/Elections.aspx>.

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### CONTESTED RACES

**Board of Governors** (three-year term)

**First Board District** (1 position)

Darryl J. Foster  
Abid Hussain

**Second Board District** (1 position)

Stephen I. Dwyer  
Charles M. Raymond

**Third Board District** (1 position)

Daniel A. Cavell  
Shannon S. Dartez  
Jeffrey A. Riggs  
Dwazendra J. Smith

**Fifth Board District** (1 position)

Clayton J. Borne IV  
Michael E. Holoway  
Adrian G. Nadeau  
Valerie T. Schexnayder

**Nominating Committee** (one-year term)

**District 1A** (4 positions)

Lawrence J. Centola  
H. Minor Pipes III  
D. Skylar Rosenbloom  
Patrick A. Talley, Jr.  
Phillip A. Wittmann

**District 2A** (2 positions)

Kelly E. Balfour  
Frank A. Fertitta  
Edward J. Walters, Jr.

**District 2C** (1 position)

Daniel A. Cavell  
Nicholas J. Zeringue

**District 3A** (1 position)

Steven G. (Buzz) Durio  
Jeffrey A. Riggs

**District 3C** (1 position)

Robert L. Bussey  
Robert G. Levy

**District 3E** (1 position)

Thomas M. Hayes III  
Dayna M. Ryan

**LSBA House of Delegates** (two-year term)

**Forty-First Judicial District (Orleans)**

(32 positions)

Donald R. Abaunza  
Glenn B. Adams  
Francis J. Barry, Jr.  
Ashley L. Belleau  
Alicia M. Bendana  
Jack C. Benjamin, Jr.  
Evan J. Bergeron  
Thomas A. Casey, Jr.  
Lawrence J. Centola  
Justin M. Chopin  
Thomas Louis Colletta, Jr.  
Richard B. Eason II  
Judith A. Gainsburgh  
James C. Gulotta  
Philip Kirk Jones  
Tracy O. Joseph  
Mark D. Latham  
David W. Leefe  
Chad J. Mollere  
Andre J. Mouldoux  
Brian P. Quirk  
Christopher K. Ralston  
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Karen B. Sher  
Ronald J. Sholes  
John A. Stassi II  
Patrick A. Talley, Jr.  
Irving J. Warshauer  
Craig R. Webb  
Edward Dirk Wegmann  
Colby F. Wenck  
Phillip A. Wittmann  
Jay Christopher Zainey, Jr.

**Young Lawyers Division Council** (two-year term)

**First District** (1 position)

James E. Courtenay  
Randy J. Marse  
Charles J. Stiegler

**Fifth District** (1 position)

Carrie LeBlanc Jones  
Elizabeth A. Liner

**Eighth District** (1 position)

Allison C. Foster  
Joshua K. Williams

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

Joseph R. Ballard  
Richard K. Leefe  
Charles M. Raymond

### CERTIFIED ELECTED

**LSBA Officers**

- ▶ President-Elect 2017-18: Barry H. Grodsky.
- ▶ Secretary 2017-19: John E. (Eddie) McAuliffe, Jr.

**Nominating Committee**

- ▶ District 1B: Adrienne L. Baumgartner.
- ▶ District 2B: Shayna Beevers Morvant and Judge Raymond S. Steib, Jr.
- ▶ District 3B: Robert S. Dampf.
- ▶ District 3D: Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr.


### ELECTIONS continued on page 3

**Elections: What members need to know about online voting**

To make the online voting procedure as smooth as possible, here's what members need to know.

Members received an email with their E-ballot on Monday, Nov. 14. The sender address was "LSBA Election Admin" and the Subject Line referenced "Vote now in the LSBA 2016-2017 Election."

The email includes a link to the voting website. On the voting website, members must type in their 5-digit member ID number and birth date 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, may log-in from the LSBA website to a special page and will be asked to enter the same credentials (5-digit member ID and birth date). The "Vote Now" icon will be active from Nov. 14 through the end of the voting period on Dec. 12. 

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## Elections continued from page 2

### LSBA House of Delegates

*(Some districts have appointments pending.)*

▶ Twentieth Judicial District: Samuel C. (Sam) D'Aquila and Stewart B. Hughes.

▶ Twenty-First Judicial District: Mary H. Barrios, Erik L. Burns, Anthony T. Caruso, Steven J. Farber, Colt J. Fore, Ivy L. Graham, D. Blayne Honeycutt and Robert W. Morgan. *(One appointment pending.)*

▶ Twenty-Second Judicial District: William H. Burris, Ben E. Clayton, Waldon M. Hingle, Robert C. Lehman, R. Bradley Lewis, Sean M. Morrison, Patrice W. Oppenheim and Todd C. Taranto. *(Four appointments pending.)*

▶ Twenty-Third Judicial District: Christopher J. Bridges, Lana O. Chaney, Rusty M. Messer, Michael J. Poirrier and Timothy E. Pujol.

▶ Twenty-Fourth Judicial District: Thomas C. Cerullo, Sandra K. Cosby, S. Guy deLaup, Michael R. Delesdernier, Edwin R. Fleischmann, Jr., Andrew Gregorian, Christy M. Howley, Adrian F. Lapeyronnie, Richard K. Leefe, Scott

W. McQuaig, Shayna Beevers Morvant, Bryan A. Pfleeger, Roy A. Raspanti, George B. Recile and Tina L. Suggs. *(Four appointments pending.)*

▶ Twenty-Fifth Judicial District: S. Jacob Braud and Dominick Scandurro, Jr.

▶ Twenty-Sixth Judicial District: John Zachary Blanchard, Jr., Amanda J. Hulett, Patrick R. Jackson, Ross E. Shacklette and John B. Slattery, Jr. *(One appointment pending.)*

▶ Twenty-Seventh Judicial District: Francis A. Olivier and Randy Wagley. *(Two appointments pending.)*

▶ Twenty Eighth Judicial District: Kamra S. Craig.

▶ Twenty-Ninth Judicial District: Steven F. Griffith, Don-Paul Landry and Robert L. Raymond.

▶ Thirtieth Judicial District: *(Three appointments pending.)*

▶ Thirty-First Judicial District: Elliott C. Cassidy.

▶ Thirty-Second Judicial District: *(Five appointments pending.)*

▶ Thirty-Third Judicial District: Mary H. Holmes and Michael B. Holmes.

▶ Thirty-Fourth Judicial District: Roberta L. Burns, Tracey H. Duplantier, Gregory J. Noto, Gregory W. Rome and

Paul A. Tabary III.

▶ Thirty-Fifth Judicial District: Scott M. Prudhomme.

▶ Thirty-Sixth Judicial District: *(Two appointments pending.)*

▶ Thirty-Seventh Judicial District: Brian E. Frazier.

▶ Thirty-Eighth Judicial District: Robert J. Sheffield.

▶ Thirty-Ninth Judicial District: *(One appointment pending.)*

▶ Fortieth Judicial District: William D. O'Regan III. *(Two appointments pending.)*

▶ Forty-Second Judicial District: Adrienne D. White. *(One appointment pending.)*

### Young Lawyers Division Officers

▶ Chair-Elect 2017-18: Dylan T. Thriffley.

▶ Secretary 2017-18: Scott L. Sternberg.

### Young Lawyers Division Council

▶ Second District: Jeffrey D. Hufft.

▶ Fourth District: Adam P. Johnson.

▶ Sixth District: Nicholas Ryan Rockforte. 📧

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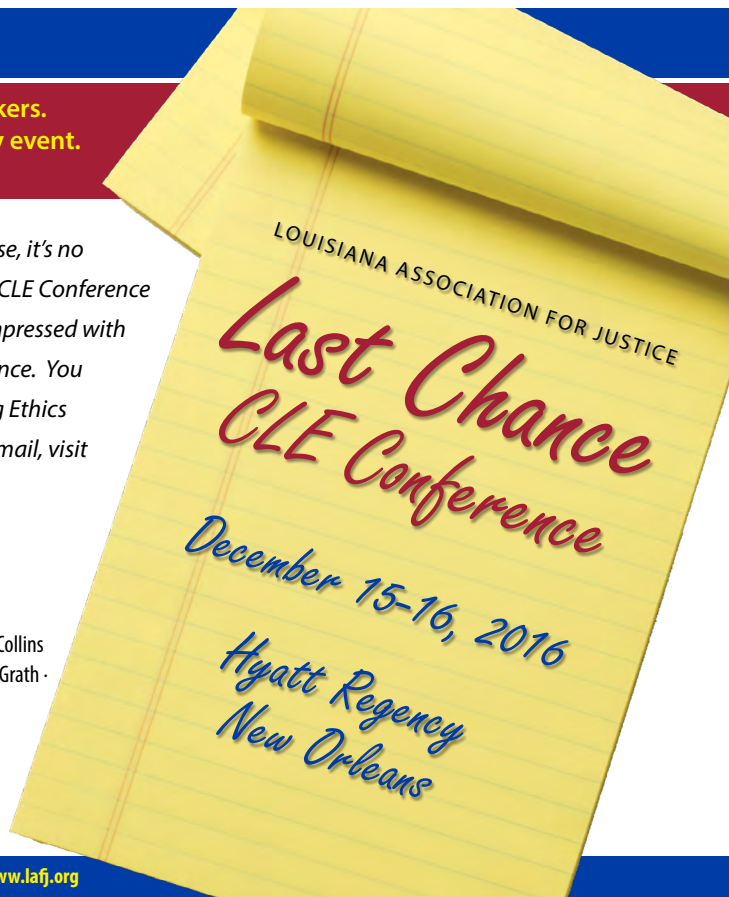
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## Interested in an appointed LSBA House of Delegates position? Respond ASAP

Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates seats received no qualifiers by the Oct. 17 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](mailto:mindi.hunter@lsba.org) as soon as possible. Available positions are listed below.

### House of Delegates

- ▶ Twenty-First Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- ▶ Twenty-Second Judicial District (4 appointments pending)
- ▶ Twenty-Fourth Judicial District

- (4 appointments pending)
  - ▶ Twenty-Sixth Judicial District
- (1 appointment pending)
  - ▶ Twenty-Seventh Judicial District
- (2 appointments pending)
  - ▶ Thirtieth Judicial District
- (3 appointments pending)
  - ▶ Thirty-Second Judicial District
- (5 appointments pending)
  - ▶ Thirty-Sixth Judicial District
- (2 appointments pending)
  - ▶ Thirty-Ninth Judicial District
- (1 appointment pending)
  - ▶ Fortieth Judicial District
- (2 appointments pending)
  - ▶ Forty-Second Judicial District
- (1 appointment pending) 📧

## MCLE Committee approves hardship CLE exemption for flooding victims

The Louisiana Supreme Court's Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee has approved a CLE hardship exemption for 2016 for attorneys who have had substan-

tial flood damage to their homes and/or offices. Attorneys must complete the form to get the CLE exemption. Access the CLE exemption form online: [www.lascmcle.org/pdf/2016\\_Flood\\_Exemption.pdf](http://www.lascmcle.org/pdf/2016_Flood_Exemption.pdf). 📧

## House resolution deadline is Dec. 15 for 2017 Midyear Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 19-21, 2017, at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge. The deadline for submitting resolutions for the House of Delegates meeting is Thursday, Dec. 15. (The House will meet on Jan. 21, 2017.)

Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary Alainna R. Mire, 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. 15. 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](mailto:mindi.hunter@lsba.org). 📧

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# Online registration is open for Midyear Meeting in Baton Rouge

Online registration is open for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 19-21, 2017, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd.

Registration for the Midyear Meeting is free, with a minimal charge assessed for the Young Lawyers Division's (YLD) Professional Development Seminar on Friday, Jan. 20. Pre-registration is required for the YLD seminar and for the free CLEs scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 19.

During the three-day event, the Board of Governors, the House of Delegates and several committees and sections will conduct meetings. A Friday night reception will recognize the 50-, 60- and 70-year LSBA members.

For more information on the Midyear Meeting or to register online, go to: [www.lsbabar.org/midyearmeeting/](http://www.lsbabar.org/midyearmeeting/).

## Free CLE programs scheduled

Online registration is open for several free CLE programs scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 19.

► The LSBA's Diversity and Outreach Committee, in partnership with the LSBA's Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities

Committee, is offering a session on Social Security appeals as part of the LSBA's Disabilities Speaker Series. Also, a session is scheduled on LGBT updates. For more information, contact Member Outreach and Diversity Executive Administrative Assistant Eve D. Goudeau at (504)619-0115 or email [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org).

► The Mass Torts, Class Actions and Consumer Litigation Section is offering a CLE titled "Mega Million \$\$\$ Fees' Mega Problems." For more information, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine Richard at (504)619-0105 or email [crichard@lsba.org](mailto:crichard@lsba.org).

## YLD's Professional Development CLE Seminar

The LSBA's Young Lawyers Division will present its annual Professional Development CLE seminar on Friday, Jan. 20. The seminar is open to the first 175 young lawyers who register. Program organizers will apply for 4 hours of CLE credit (including 1 hour of ethics, 1 hour of professionalism and 1 hour of law practice management). The registration cost is \$30 and includes


electronic course materials and breakfast at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. Onsite registration will not be allowed unless space is available. Topics to be discussed include ethics, law practice management issues and professionalism.

## 50-60-70-Year Member Reception

A Friday night reception will honor 50-, 60- and 70-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](mailto:crichard@lsba.org).

To review the list of 50-, 60- and 70-year honorees, see page 6.

## Hotel Reservations

The LSBA has negotiated a \$152/night rate (single or double, plus tax) at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. The room block will expire on Dec. 20. After that date, rooms may not be available and the negotiated rate will not be honored. For booking instructions and more hotel information, go to: [www.lsbabar.org/midyearmeeting/](http://www.lsbabar.org/midyearmeeting/). 



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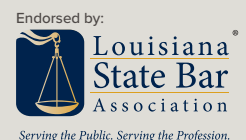
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# LSBA 50-, 60-, 70-year members to be recognized at 2017 Midyear Meeting

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 Mid-year Meeting in January 2017. A reception honoring 50-, 60- and 70-year members will be conducted Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd. Family and friends of the members are invited to attend the reception.

For more information on the event, contact LSBA Executive Assistant Mindi Hunter at (504)619-0152, (800)421-5722, ext. 152, or email [mindi.hunter@lsba.org](mailto:mindi.hunter@lsba.org).

The following Bar members will be recognized.

## 50-Year Honorees Admitted in 1967

C. Calvin Adams, Jr. .... Tallulah  
Lawrence F. Babst, Jr. .... Folsom  
Stephen A. Berniard, Jr. .... Lake Charles  
John A. Bolles ..... New Orleans  
Clayton J. Borne III ..... Metairie  
Joseph R. Boyd ..... Prairieville  
John B. Breaux, Sr. .... Washington, D.C.  
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Robert A. Connell ..... Jackson  
James S. Conner, Jr. .... Mandeville  
David S. Cressy ..... Mandeville  
Ronald E. Dauterive ..... Lafayette  
Jimmy Lee Duzat ..... Sunset  
F. Joseph Drolla, Jr. .... Metairie  
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A.J. Gray III ..... Lake Charles  
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Richard A. Hammel ..... Metairie  
Harold J. Hanson ..... Covington  
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George H. Jones ..... Metairie  
William C. Kaufman III ..... Baton Rouge  
Louis R. Koerner, Jr. .... Houma  
Louis J. Lambert, Jr. .... Prairieville  
Cullen P. Landry ..... New Orleans  
Laurence E. Larmann ..... Metairie  
Dennis E. Lastrapes ..... Metairie  
William H. Ledbetter, Jr. .... Bossier City  
Arthur A. Lemann III ..... New Orleans  
Gerald J. Leydecker ..... Metairie  
Hon. Robert L. Lobrano ..... Belle Chasse  
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Foye L. Lowe, Jr. .... Baton Rouge  
Edward Fontaine Martin ..... New Orleans  
Charles S. McCowan, Jr. .... Baton Rouge  
Terry H. Miller ..... Baton Rouge  
James J. Morse ..... New Orleans  
John W. Munsterman ..... Alexandria  
Raleigh Newman ..... Lake Charles  
James R. Nieset ..... Lake Charles  
Henry F. O'Connor, Jr. .... New Orleans  
Jerry A. Oubre ..... New Iberia  
William B. Owens ..... Alexandria  
Hon. Randolph H. Parro ..... Thibodaux  
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Robert L. Perez ..... River Ridge  
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A.C. Powell III ..... Hammond  
Rhett M. Powers ..... New Orleans  
Alex W. Rankin ..... Bastrop  
Patrick M. Reily ..... Miramar Beach, FL  
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Hon. Gerald H. Schiff ..... Lafayette  
C. Sherburne Sentell, Jr. .... Minden  
Michael X. St. Martin ..... Houma  
Howard C. Stanley ..... Covington  
Charles M. Steen ..... Houston, TX  
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Thomas H. Watts ..... Baton Rouge  
John H. Wells ..... Picayune, MS  
Ronald S. Wood ..... Metairie  
Patrick H. Wright, Jr. .... West Monroe  
Lanny R. Zatzkis ..... New Orleans

## 60-Year Honorees Admitted in 1957

Milton H. Anders ..... Shreveport  
John A. Bernard ..... Lafayette  
Joseph Bernstein ..... Dallas, TX  
Edward J. Broussard ..... Harahan  
Donald E. Chavanne ..... Lake Charles  
John Earl Coleman, Jr. .... Franklin  
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James R. Malsch ..... Shreveport  
James H. Martin ..... New Orleans  
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Sam J. Mattina ..... Houston, TX  
Willis L. Meadows, Jr. .... Shreveport  
C.A. Miller, Jr. .... Austin, TX  
Luther W. Moore ..... Minden  
James F. Pierson, Jr. .... Baton Rouge  
Robert L. Redfean ..... New Orleans  
Billy R. Robinson ..... Bossier City  
Garland R. Rolling ..... Metairie  
Dennis L. Rousseau ..... Folsom  
Dan E. Stapp ..... Metairie  
Sylvan J. Steinberg ..... New Orleans  
Benjamin C. Toledano ..... Columbus, MS  
Caryl H. Vesy ..... New Orleans  
Charles D. Viccellio ..... Lake Charles  
Fred P. Westenberger ..... Metairie  
Fernand F. Willoz III ..... New Orleans  
Bob F. Wright ..... Lafayette

## 70-Year Honorees Admitted in 1947

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Herman B. Schoenberger ..... Buras  
H. Paul Simon ..... Covington

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## LSBA Section Membership: Renew or sign up by Nov. 30

The 2016-17 membership application for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 31 sections was recently mailed. Members are encouraged to sign up for the sections by returning the application and payment by Nov. 30, 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/BarGovernance/Sections.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/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](mailto:sheflin@lsba.org).


## LBF seeking nominations for 2017 Boisfontaine Award

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is seeking nominations for the 2017 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. Nominations must be received in the LBF office by Monday, Feb. 6, 2017.

Nominations should include nominee's name, contact information, a brief written statement on the background of the nominee, as well as reasons why the nominee is proposed as the award recipient. Nominations should be forwarded to Dennette Young, LBF Communications Director, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, or email [dennette@raisingthebar.org](mailto:dennette@raisingthebar.org) by the deadline.

The award will be presented at the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla., in June. The recipi-

ent will receive a plaque and will direct a \$1,000 donation in his/her name to a non-profit, law-related program or association providing services in Louisiana.

This trial advocacy award was established through an endowment to the Louisiana Bar Foundation in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. Generous donations from Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, L.L.P., the Boisfontaine Family and friends established the fund. The award is given to a Louisiana attorney who exhibits long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and upholds the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants and all counsel. 

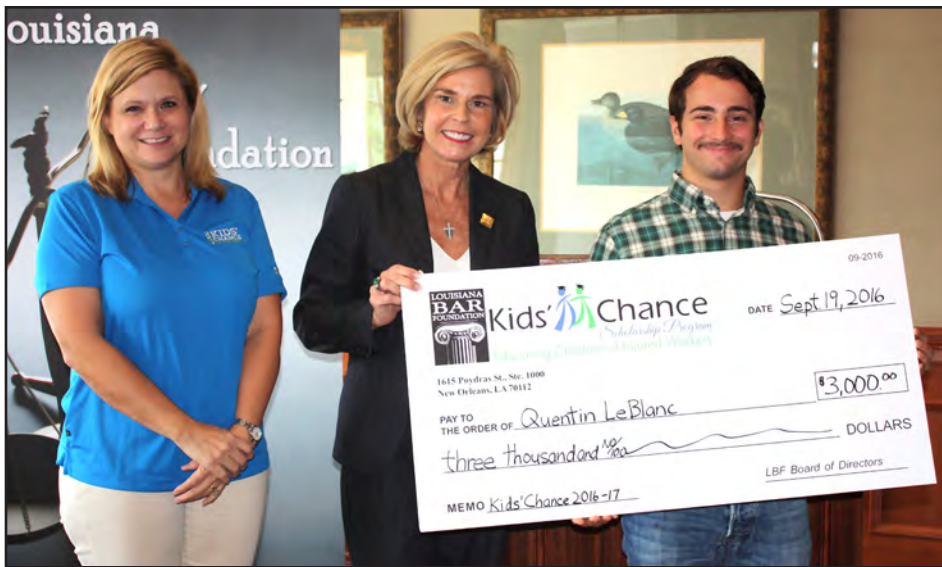
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The Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee supports the SOLACE program. Through the program, the state's legal community is able to reach out in small, but meaningful and compassionate ways to judges,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

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For more information, go to: [www.lsba.org/goto/solace](http://www.lsba.org/goto/solace).





Quentin LeBlanc, right, one of 20 Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance scholarship recipients this school year, received his mock check at the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. annual golf tournament. From left, LBF Kids' Chance Committee Co-Chair Michelle M. Sorrells and LBF President E. Jane Sherman. Photo courtesy of LWCC.

## LBF presents students with Kids' Chance Scholarships

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) presented checks to two of the 20 Kids' Chance Scholarship Program recipients for the 2016-17 school year. The checks were distributed at the Sept. 19 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 scholarship program.

LBF President E. Jane Sherman and LBF Kids' Chance Committee Co-Chair Michelle M. Sorrells addressed the golfers and scholarship recipients' families and presented mock checks during a lunch prior to the tee-off.


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 \$54,500 to students to help with their education. Since 2004, the program has awarded 255 scholarships totaling \$533,100.

Gov. John Bel Edwards proclaimed Nov. 14-18 as Kids' Chance Awareness Week in Louisiana.

For more information about the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program, con-

tact Dennette Young at (504)561-1046 or email [dennette@raisingthebar.org](mailto:dennette@raisingthebar.org); or visit the website, <http://raisingthebar.org/ProgramsAndProjects/KidsChanceProgram.asp>.

Applications for the 2017-18 school year will be available on the website on Dec. 1. The application deadline is Feb. 20, 2017. 


## Sponsors sought for LBF's 31st Annual Fellows Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) will celebrate its 31st Annual Fellows Gala on Friday, April 21, 2017. The gala and live auction will be held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. This year, the LBF will honor the 2016 Distinguished Jurist Jeannette Theriot Knoll, Distinguished Attorney Donna D. Fraiche, Distinguished Attorney Thomas M. Hayes III, Distinguished Professor Howard W. L'Enfant, Jr. and Calogero Justice Award recipient Joseph R. Oelkers III.

Sponsorships are available at several levels, including Pinnacle, Benefactor, Cornerstone, Capital, Pillar and Foundation. Individual gala tickets are \$200. Young lawyer individual gala tickets are \$150.

To review sponsorship levels, become a sponsor or to purchase individual tickets, go to: [www.raisingthebar.org](http://www.raisingthebar.org).

Discounted rooms are available for Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21, 2017, at \$239 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference the "Louisiana Bar Foundation," or go to: [www.raisingthebar.org](http://www.raisingthebar.org). Reservations must be made before Thursday, March 30, 2017.

For more information, contact Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email [laura@raisingthebar.org](mailto:laura@raisingthebar.org). 



Harry J. (Skip) Philips, Jr. was a speaker at the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) grantee board training at the Louisiana Justice Community Conference in October. As part of the LBF's commitment to strengthen grantee board leadership and Louisiana's civil legal aid network, the LBF hosts a full day of board training for grantees. The training is designed to strengthen leadership by reviewing board member responsibilities, program and administrative priorities for the organizations, and evaluation of mission outcome goals.

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### **Quality of Life CLE**

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### **CLE Wrap Up**

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# La. Board of Legal Specialization sets dates for certification applications

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) is accepting requests for applications for certification in six areas — business bankruptcy law, consumer bankruptcy law, appellate practice, estate planning and administration, family law and tax law.

The application period for appellate practice, estate planning and administration, family law and tax law certification is underway and will continue through Feb. 28, 2017.

Applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification will be accepted from Jan. 1, 2017, 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, passing a written examination to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area


for which certification is sought, and five favorable references. Peer review will 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. LSBA members should refer to the LBLS standards for the applicable specialty for a more detailed description of the requirements for application.

In addition to the above, applicants must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the year in which application is made and the examination is administered:

- ▶ Appellate Practice — 18 hours of appellate law.
- ▶ 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.

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 LBLS 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).

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

## Reminder: CLE compliance by Dec. 31 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, 2016. The requirement for each area of specialty is:

- ▶ Appellate Practice — 18 hours of appellate practice law.
- ▶ 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 Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) no later than Jan. 31, 2017. 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. Specialists should satisfy all specialization CLE requirements by Dec. 31, 2016.

To obtain copies of specialization transcripts, go to the LBLS's website: <https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization/>.

For more information, contact LBLS Executive Director Barbara M. Shafranski at (504)619-0128 or email [barbara.shafranski@lsba.org](mailto:barbara.shafranski@lsba.org). 

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	Nancy Carol Snow .....	(318)272-7547
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# Focus on *Access to Justice*

For more information, visit [www.lsba.org/atj](http://www.lsba.org/atj).

## Louisiana Justice Community Conference: Moving towards 100% access

In October, the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Program hosted the 13th annual Louisiana Justice Community Conference in Baton Rouge. This two-day event is designed to provide civil legal aid attorneys from around the state with cutting-edge training they can use to effectively represent low-income and vulnerable clients.

This year's conference theme was "100% Access to Advance a Continuum of Legal Services." The theme was based on Resolution 5<sup>1</sup> adopted in 2015 by the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators reaffirming the commitment to meaningful access to justice for all with a goal of 100 percent access. This means ensuring access to justice in adversarial proceedings involving basic human needs, like housing, sustenance, safety, health and child custody.

The conference programming focused on ways to advance a continuum of services, including expanding self-help services available to litigants, creating new or modified rules and processes that facilitate access, increased pro bono assistance, effective use of technology, increased availability of legal aid services, enhanced language access services, and triage models to match specific needs to the appropriate level of services.

The conference kicked off with welcome remarks from LSBA Young Lawyers Division Chair Scotty E. Chabert, Jr. and Louisiana Bar Foundation President E. Jane Sherman.

Julie Baxter Payer, deputy chief of staff/communications, legal, special projects for Gov. John Bel Edwards, delivered a powerful keynote address encouraging attorneys to work together with other programs, other attorneys and self-represented litigants to address not only the civil legal needs of impoverished communities, but also the needs of families above the federal poverty guidelines who can barely afford basic necessities.<sup>2</sup>



Luz M. Molina, left, presented the Louisiana Civil Justice Center with the Legal Service Innovation Award. Jonathan M. Rhodes, from left, Amelia Hoppe and Jesse Rafert accepted the Award.

On the second day of the conference, two civil legal aid awards were presented.

The Legal Service Excellence in Advocacy Award was presented to David H. Williams, litigation director at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) for his more than three decades of work fighting for the rights of people living with disabilities and vulnerable clients and making permanent improvements in their lives.

The Legal Service Innovation Award was presented to Louisiana Civil Justice Center for its ambitious 2016 Louisiana Civil Justice Tour that set out across the state to provide legal clinics and free legal assistance to low-income Louisiana residents in the state's most rural areas — some areas where the closest legal aid attorney was well over an hour away.

In addition to the regularly scheduled programming, the Child in Need of Care (CINC) Task Force, chaired by Rodney B. Hastings of SLLS, hosted a 7.0-hour pre-conference CLE program for CINC professionals. The LSBA Self-Represented Litigants Subcommittee hosted a Service Provider meeting bringing in representatives from Louisiana courts, legal aid organizations and local bar associations to discuss collaborative opportunities to meet the civil legal needs of individuals in Louisiana who cannot afford legal representation.



David H. Williams, left, accepted the Legal Excellence in Advocacy Award presented by Luz M. Molina.


The conference hosted participants from the state's three legal service programs and nonprofit public interest firms, including the Advocacy Center, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing, the Pro Bono Project, the Baton Rouge Bar Association, Crescent Care, Southwest Louisiana Law Center and the Mental Health Advocacy Center.



Julie Baxter Payer delivered the keynote address at the Louisiana Justice Community Conference.

### FOOTNOTES

1. Conference of Chief Justices/Conference of State Ct. Admin. Access, Fairness and Public Trust Comm., Resolution 5, *Reaffirming the Commitment to Meaningful Access to Justice for All* (2015) (adopted at the 2015 Annual Meeting) available at: [https://www.ncsc.org/~media/Microsites/Files/access/5%20Meaningful%20Access%20to%20Justice%20for%20All\\_final.ashx](https://www.ncsc.org/~media/Microsites/Files/access/5%20Meaningful%20Access%20to%20Justice%20for%20All_final.ashx).

2. See, Louisiana Assoc. of United Ways, *United Way ALICE Report – Louisiana* (Fall 2015, last revised August 2016), available at: [http://issuu.com/louisiana-associationofunitedway/docs/15uw\\_alice\\_report\\_la\\_hires\\_1.13.16\\_1?e=22574709/38228535](http://issuu.com/louisiana-associationofunitedway/docs/15uw_alice_report_la_hires_1.13.16_1?e=22574709/38228535). 

## Coming soon (to your inbox): Louisiana Statewide Pro Bono Survey of Attorneys

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is announcing participation in a new project to gather information about Louisiana's commitment to pro bono. The LSBA's Access to Justice Program and Louisiana pro bono projects are partnering with the American Bar Association to distribute a statewide survey to collect valuable information concerning pro bono access throughout the state. Specifically, the survey is designed to assess the state of pro bono in the legal profession, quantify and recognize the pro bono work done by attorneys, and understand the factors that encourage or discourage pro bono service.

The LSBA needs your help and input, whether you've volunteered within the last year or not. The survey will be distributed electronically in January 2017. Stay tuned! 📧

## Need CLE? We can help and you can help a person in Re-Entry Court!

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Program is offering a CLE program from 1-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Ste. 1600, 650 Poydras St., New Orleans. The CLE program seeks to train and assist attorneys in Jefferson, Orleans, St. Tammany and Washington parishes who accept cases on a pro bono basis and will focus on the collateral consequences participants in the Re-Entry Court face after release from incarceration.

Handle a legal matter for a person and get 3.0 hours of free CLE (including one hour of ethics).

Louisiana is beginning to aggressively address its high incarceration rate through a variety of means, including a system of Re-Entry Courts. These courts oversee the re-entry of a discreet group of returning citizens who have gone through extensive technical, vocational and moral

rehabilitation program during a two-year period of incarceration. Although people sentenced to the program typically receive certification in a specific trade or field to increase employment opportunities, successful re-entry is often stopped short due to minor infractions and legal matters not dealt with prior to or during incarceration.

A coalition of organizations, including the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, Louisiana Appleseed, Loyola University College of Law and Rising Foundations, is working to support the Re-Entry Court Programs.

To review the agenda and access a registration form, go to: <http://files.lsba.org/documents/CLE/ATJ/ReEntryREGFORM.pdf>. Space is limited. 📧



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# Focus on Diversity

For more information on items in this section, visit [www.lsba.org/diversity](http://www.lsba.org/diversity).



The firm of Courington Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C., presented a shadowing opportunity for students Gabriela T. Guzman and Asia J. Hentkowski. With them is Troy N. Bell.



The firm of Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, L.L.C., presented a shadowing opportunity for students Ashley A. Berry and Fatima A. Rahman. With them is Darleene Darensbourg-Peters.

## 19 student interns complete 2016 “Suit Up” Program; shadowing opportunities are assets

The Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program had another successful year with 19 student

interns completing the program. The three-week program (June 13-July 1) included abridged law school sessions; shadowing opportunities at law firms, courts and agencies; and field trips to courts and law schools.

The shadowing component contributes to the overall success of each year’s program.

For more insight into the program, read the article “Strengthening the Pipeline to the Legal Profession” by Darleene Darensbourg-Peters of the law firm of Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, L.L.C., published in the October/November 2016 *Louisiana Bar Journal* (Focus on Diversity, page 210). Her sons completed this summer’s program. Go to: <https://www.lsba.org/NewsAndPublications/BarJournal.aspx> and click on “Whole Publication.”

Other Suit Up shadowing employers included Liskow & Lewis, P.L.C.; Orleans Public Defenders Office and Chief Defender Derwyn D. Bunton; Orleans Parish Civil

District Court and Judge Piper D. Griffin; 24th Judicial District Court and Judge June Berry Darensbourg and Judge Raymond S. Steib, Jr.; Orleans Parish First City Court and Section B Judge Angelique A. Reed; Courington Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C.; and U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, and Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle. 🇺🇸



The 24th Judicial District Court and Judge Raymond S. Steib, right, presented a shadowing opportunity for student Deja S. Hansell.

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## Nominations being accepted for diversity/inclusion awards through Feb. 28, 2017

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Member Outreach and Diversity Department has opened the nomination period for two awards. The nomination period will end on Feb. 28, 2017.

The LSBA's Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award recognizes individual attorneys and judges who champion the ideals set forth by Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, the first African-American chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, who has exhibited an unwavering commitment to

enhancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

The LSBA's Guardian of Diversity Award recognizes non-profit groups, local and specialty bar associations, and public interest organizations that implement and advance diversity programs to promote and support diversity in the legal community.

Both awards will be presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting in June 2017. For more information on the awards, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx>. Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards." 

## Save the Dates!

### North Louisiana Outreach Natchitoches Lights CLE Seminar

- ▶ Dec. 16, 2016
- ▶ Registration: \$25
- ▶ CLE credit hours: 4.0, including 1 hour ethics and 1 hour professionalism
- ▶ More info: <https://www.lsba.org/CLE/CLESeminar.aspx?CLESeminar=94c984d9-dbf1-4430-9d1b-f94edff48ff4>

### Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession

- ▶ "Diversity is Good for Everyone"
- ▶ March 24, 2017
- ▶ New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal St.
  - ▶ More info: <https://www.lsba.org/Diversity/DiversityConclave.aspx>


#### Speaker Highlights

▶ **Keynote speaker:** Samuel Reeves, SVP and senior counsel at Walmart Stores, Inc., nationally recognized advocate for diversity in the legal industry.

▶ **Diversity and Inclusion Workshop Presenter:** Shawn C. Marsh, Ph.D., director of judicial studies and associate professor of communication studies and social psychology, University of Nevada-Reno.

## LBSL-certified specialists being offered hardship CLE exemption

Specialists certified by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) who experienced substantial flood damage to their homes and/or offices can take advantage of

a specialization CLE hardship exemption for 2016. Contact LBSL Executive Director Barbara Shafranski at (504)619-0128 or email [barbara.shafranski@lsba.org](mailto:barbara.shafranski@lsba.org). 



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Sponsorship opportunities are still available - deadline December 16, 2016.

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Nomination Deadline is Feb. 10, 2017: Young Lawyers Division Awards Nomination Form

The Young Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the following awards:

- Hon. Michaele Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award. This award is given to a young lawyer for commitment and dedication to upholding the quality and integrity of the legal profession and consideration towards peers and the general public.
Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. This award is given to a young lawyer who has made outstanding contributions to the legal profession and his/her community.
Service to the Public Award. This award is given to a young lawyer local affiliate organization that has implemented a program or provided a service to that local community by which the non-attorney public has been helped.
Service to the Bar Award. This award is given to a young lawyer local affiliate organization that has implemented a program or provided a service that has benefited and/or enhanced the attorney community in that area.
YLD Pro Bono Award. This award is given to a young lawyer for commitment and dedication to providing pro bono services in his/her community.

All entries must include a nomination form, which may not exceed 10 pages. In addition, entries should include a current photo and résumé of the nominee, newspaper clippings, letters of support and other materials pertinent to the nomination. Nomination packets must be submitted to Christie C. Wood, Chair, LSBA Young Lawyers Division Awards Committee, c/o Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. Any nomination packet that is incomplete or is not received or postmarked on or before Feb. 10, 2017, will not be considered.

1. Award nominee is being nominated for: (Individuals/local affiliate organizations may be nominated for more than one award. Please check all that apply. Candidates will only be considered for the award(s) for which they have been nominated.)

- Hon. Michaele Pitard Wynne Professionalism
Outstanding Young Lawyer
Service to the Public
Service to the Bar
YLD Pro Bono

2. Nominator Information:

Name
Address/State/Zip
Telephone/Fax
E-mail

3. Nominee Information:

Name
Address/State/Zip
Telephone/Fax
E-mail
Birth Date
Marital Status/Family Information

4. Describe the nominee's service to the public for the past five years (or longer, if applicable). Include details as to the nature of the service, value to the public, amount of time required, whether nominee's activities are a part of his/her job duties, and other pertinent information.

5. Describe the nominee's service to the Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for the past five years.

6. Describe the nominee's service to the legal profession for the past five years.

7. Describe the nominee's particular awards and achievements during his/her career.

8. Provide a general description of the nominee's law practice.

9. Describe what has made the nominee outstanding (answer for Outstanding Young Lawyer Award only).

10. Has the nominee overcome challenges (handicaps, limited resources, etc.)?

11. Why do you believe your nominee deserves this award?

12. Provide other significant information concerning the nominee.

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