Online voting underway: Kutcher, Sonnier, Sternberg, Jones certified elected for LSBA, YLD leadership positions

Robert A. Kutcher of Metairie and Shayna L. Sonnier of Lake Charles have been certified elected for the positions of 2018-19 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2018-20 LSBA treasurer, respectively, following the close of election qualifying on Oct. 16. Kutcher will automatically assume the presidency in 2019-20.

Scott L. Sternberg of New Orleans and Carrie L. Jones of Baton Rouge have been certified elected for the positions of 2018-19 Young Lawyers Division chair-elect and secretary, respectively. Sternberg will automatically assume the chair’s position in 2019-20.

Online voting continues through Dec. 11

First-round voting began Nov. 13 for several contested leadership positions on the Board of Governors, Nominating Committee, Young Lawyers Division and American Bar Association House of Delegates. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 11. Balloting will be conducted 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.

Robert A. Kutcher
Shayna L. Sonnier
Scott L. Sternberg
Carrie L. Jones

CONTESTED RACES

Board of Governors (three-year term)
Sixth Board District (1 position)
Douglas L. Bryan
William M. Ford
Toni R. Martin
Deidre Robert
Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.

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Seventh Board District (1 position)
Paul Loy Hurd
Justin N. Myers

Nominating Committee (one-year term)
District 1B (1 position)
Clayton J. Borne IV
Kelly M. Rabalais
Bradley J. Tate
District 2A (2 positions)
Kelly E. Balfour
Valerie B. Bargas
Frank A. Fertitta
Edward J. Walters, Jr.
District 2B (2 positions)
Erin O. Braud
Shayna Beevers Morvant
Raymond S. Steib
District 3C (1 position)
Daniel A. Cavell
Charles M. Raymond
Nicholas J. Zeringue
District 3D (1 position)
Lauren B. McKnight
Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr.

Young Lawyers Division Council
(two-year term)
Third District (1 position)
William N. Abel
Megan E. Reaux
Fifth District (1 position)
Richard G. Higgins
Dixon W. McMakin
Loren D. Shanklin

American Bar Association House of Delegates (two-year term, 2 positions)
Michael W. McKay
John H. Musser IV
Charles M. Raymond

CERTIFIED ELECTED

LSBA Officers
► Treasurer 2018-20: Shayna L. Sonnier.

Board of Governors
► Eighth Board District: Patrick J. Harrington.

Nominating Committee
► District 3B: Robert S. Dampf.
► District 3E: Thomas M. Hayes III.

LSBA House of Delegates
(Some districts have appointments pending.)
► Second Judicial District: Tammy L. Jump. (Two appointments pending.)
► Third Judicial District: Tyler G. Storms. (Two appointments pending.)
► Fourth Judicial District: M. Shane Craighed, Ramsey L. Oggi, Arthur L. Stewart, William M. Street, Peggy J. Sullivan and Thomas G. Zentner, Jr. (Five appointments pending.)
► Fifth Judicial District: John C. Hamilton. (Two appointments pending.)
► Sixth Judicial District: (One appointment pending.)
► Seventh Judicial District: Ann S. Siddall.
► Eighth Judicial District: Justin Keith Gates.
► Tenth Judicial District: Keenan K. Kelly. (One appointment pending.)
► Eleventh Judicial District: Rebecca L. Riall.
► Twelfth Judicial District: Dan B. McKay. (One appointment pending.)
► Thirteenth Judicial District: Abby Landreneau. (One appointment pending.)
► Fifteenth Judicial District: Steven G. (Buzz) Durio, Chase J. Edwards, Scott Hig-

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Bar Briefs

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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. 13. The sender address was “LSBA Election Admin” and the Subject Line referenced “Vote now in the LSBA 2017-2018 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. 13 through the end of the voting period on Dec. 11.
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House resolution deadline is Dec. 13 for 2018 Midyear Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Midyear Meeting is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 18-20, 2018, at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge. The deadline for submitting resolutions for the House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 13. (The House will meet on Jan. 20, 2018.)

Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary John E. McAuliffe, Jr., c/o Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. All resolutions proposed to be considered at the meeting must be received on or before Dec. 13. 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.

LSBA Section Membership: Renew or sign up by Dec. 15

The 2017-18 membership application for the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) 30 sections was recently mailed. Members are encouraged to sign up for the sections by returning the application and payment by Dec. 15 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; and download the LSBA Section Membership Application Form.

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

MCLE Committee seeking comments on proposed CLE requirement for legal writing

The MCLE Committee is seeking comments on a proposal regarding a new CLE requirement aimed at improving legal writing.

The new CLE requirement would require attorneys who have been admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana for at least three (3), but not more than five (5) years, to obtain six (6) hours of CLE credits concerning legal writing. The proposal is aimed at improving the legal writing skills of attorneys who are still early in their careers, but who have gained a few years of experience in legal writing. Before further consideration of the proposal, the MCLE Committee is interested in hearing comments from members of the Bar and the public.

Email comments by Dec. 31 to: member@lascmcle.org. Note that any comments submitted pursuant to this notice are available for public inspection.

To review the posting on the MCLE website or for more information on continuing legal education requirements, go to: https://lascmcle.org.

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Online registration is open for the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Midyear Meeting, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 18-20, 2018, 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. 19. Pre-registration is required for the YLD seminar and for the free CLEs scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 18.

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.lsba.org/midyearmeeting/.

Meeting Highlights

All events are at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., unless otherwise noted.

► Free CLEs. Register online for several free CLE programs scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 18. Among them are the LSBA Disabilities Series “Social Security” CLE and a program presented by the LSBA’s Class Action, Mass Tort and Complex Litigation Section.

► Pro Bono. The Louisiana Pro Bono Summit, co-sponsored by the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 18.

► YLD Seminar. The LSBA’s Young Lawyers Division will present its annual Professional Development CLE seminar on Friday, Jan. 19. 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. Onsite registration will not be allowed unless space is available. Topics to be discussed include ethics, law practice management issues and professionalism. To register, go to: www.lsba.org/YLD.

► Louisiana64. The LSBA’s Young Lawyers Division will present its annual Louisiana64 Symposium on Jan. 19. One young lawyer representative from each parish will be selected to participate. Those interested in participating should go to: www.lsba.org/YLD/la64.aspx.

► ACE Training. The Louisiana District Judges Association, the LSBA and the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education have partnered to form ACE (Adult Civics Education). The free ACE training session will assist legal professionals in presenting law-related education programs to adults is 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19. Enrollment is limited. To register, contact LCLCE Executive Director Peggy V. Cotogno, (504)619-0134 or email peggy.cotogno@lsba.org.

► Reception. The LSBA’s 50-, 60- and 70-year members will be recognized at a reception on Friday, Jan. 19. To review the list of 50-, 60- and 70-year honorees, see pages 12-13.

Hotel Reservations

The LSBA has negotiated a $139/night rate (single or double) plus tax. Members may make reservations by calling (866)469-5448 and stating that you are attending the “Louisiana State Bar Association Midyear Meeting” or access the hotel booking website via www.lsba.org/midyearmeeting/Hotel.aspx. The room block will expire on Dec. 19. After that date, rooms may not be available and the negotiated rate will not be honored.

Sponsors Sought for Reception

Sponsors are currently being sought for the 50-, 60- and 70-Year Members’ Reception on Friday, Jan. 19. For more information on sponsorship levels, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard at (504)619-0105, email crichard@lsba.org.

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Need to set up an arbitration/mediation session but your printed directory is back at the office? Go online! The “Who’s Who in ADR 2017” Directory, featuring profiles of arbitrators and mediators working throughout the state, is available 24/7.

Go to the LSBA’s website: www.lsba.org/goto/adrdirectory2017.

Go to the free LSBA App. The app is available for iPad, iPhone and Android users. Search “Louisiana State Bar Association” in your devices’ App Stores for the free download.
Adult Civics Education training to be offered at LSBA Midyear Meeting

Many Americans would like to learn more about the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the judicial system. To address this need, the Louisiana District Judges Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) and the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) have partnered to form ACE (Adult Civics Education). Modeled after The Florida Bar’s successful “Benchmarks” program, ACE will provide legal professionals with the training and tools they need to present informative and interactive law-related education programs to adults in their communities.

The free ACE training session is set for 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd. (The session is in conjunction with the LSBA’s Midyear Meeting.) Speakers are Richard H. Levenstein, member of The Florida Bar’s Constitutional and Judiciary Committee and co-developer of the Bar’s “Benchmarks” Program; and Annette Boyd Pitts, executive director of the Florida Law-Related Education Association, Inc. and co-developer of the “Benchmarks” Program.

LCLCE staff members are available to assist participants with setting up presentations in their communities.

Enrollment is limited. To register for the free program, contact LCLCE Executive Director Peggy V. Cotogno, (504)619-0134 or email peggy.cotogno@lsba.org.

SOLACE: Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel — All Concern Encouraged

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

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For more information, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/solace.
LBLS sets dates for certification applications

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) is accepting requests for applications for certification in six areas.

The application period for appellate practice, estate planning and administration, family law and tax law certification will continue through Feb. 28, 2018.

Applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification will be accepted from Jan. 1, 2018, through Sept. 30, 2018.

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) member in good standing who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. Further requirements are that each year a minimum percentage of the attorney’s practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought, 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 — 18 hours of estate planning law.
- Family Law — 18 hours of family law.
- Tax Law — 18 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 Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org or call (504)619-0128. For more information, go to the LBLS website: 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, 2017. 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 — 18 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, 2018. Failure to earn and/or timely report specialization CLE hours will result in a penalty assessment.

Specialists who are not yet compliant in their specialization CLE hours for 2017 will be notified in November. Specialists should satisfy all specialization CLE requirements by Dec. 31, 2017.

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

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

Health Law specialty approved; standards online

The Louisiana Supreme Court on Sept. 28 approved health law as a new specialty under the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS). To review the standards and more information online, go to: https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization. Or, contact LBLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org or call (504)619-0128.
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Space is still available for the Louisiana State Bar Association’s CLE Cruise on the Danube River, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8, through Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018.

The “Magical Christmas Markets” cruise will sail from Vienna to Nuremberg aboard the AmaCerto. The cruise will include stops in Dürnstein/Wachau Valley (with an optional excursion to Melk), Linz (with an optional excursion to Salzburg), Passau and Regensburg.

One hour of CLE will be offered on five days of the cruise (scheduled around shore excursions and onboard activities).

During the cruise, embrace the holiday spirit in Germany and Austria where many Christmas traditions began. Visit the giant Christmas tree at the Schönbrunn Palace market in Vienna. Enjoy a wine tasting in a local cellar in Dürnstein. Indulge in a decadent slice of the Linzer Torte. Join a guided bike ride in Passau, a fairytale-like city along the Danube River. Sample Bavaria’s specialties of beer, sausage and pretzels. Watch craftsmen make unique arts and crafts at Thurn and Taxis Castle, one of Germany’s most beautiful and romantic Christmas Markets. Browse through more than 100 red-and-white canvas-topped booths offering an assortment of unique treasures, toys and seasonal goodies at Nuremberg’s Christkindlesmarkt.

For more information on the itinerary and registration information, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/DanubeCLE2018.
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LSBA 50-, 60-, 70-year members to be recognized at 2018 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 2018. A reception honoring 50-, 60- and 70-year members will be conducted Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, 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.

The following Bar members will be recognized.

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Henri C. Billon ..........Rayne
Thomas R. Blum ..........New Orleans
Karl E. Boellert ..........Thibodaux
James E. Bolin, Jr. ..........SHREVEPORT
Oscar W. Boswell II .......LAFAYETTE
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Jack E. Carlisle, Jr. ........SHREVEPORT
Jules A. Carville III ......LaPLACE
Joseph T. Casey ..........METAIRIE
Bertrand M. Cass, Jr. ......NEW ORLEANS
Michael A. Cavanaugh ......BATON ROUGE
Dando B. Cellini ..........CHEVY CHASE, MD
Marion E. Chandler .........Dallas, TX
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The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is to assist and serve its members in the practice of law. 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.
Focus on Access to Justice

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

14th annual Louisiana Justice Community Conference focuses on “ATJ Heroes”

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) hosted the 14th annual Louisiana Justice Community Conference in October in Baton Rouge. The two-day event offers time to focus on supporting access to justice through relevant poverty law training, networking and collaborations for public interest attorneys throughout the state.

This year’s conference theme was “Access to Justice Heroes.” The conference showcased those “heroes,” often unrecognized, who work to change the lives of Louisiana’s indigent population through their efforts of providing critical civil legal aid. Leading up to the conference, the LSBA ran a social media campaign to spotlight individual attorneys from civil legal aid providers who are dedicated and passionate about their work. Lewis M. Gladney, an attorney with Acadiana Legal Services Corp. and one of the heroes highlighted, has dedicated more than 35 years to a career in public interest.

LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar delivered a powerful keynote address to kick off the conference. As a former legal aid attorney, she spoke about her experience representing survivors of domestic violence in Acadiana Legal Service Corp.’s Alexandria office right after graduating law school. In her remarks, she recognized the vital role legal aid attorneys play in meeting the needs of residents and the ways in which the access to justice community are working to ensure stable funding for legal aid programs in Louisiana. She encouraged attendees to remain actively involved in the bar association activities to bring a voice to the voiceless.

The Justice Conference is also a time to highlight the exceptional work of individual attorneys and programs that have increased access to legal representation through excellent advocacy or innovative programming. To this end, two civil legal aid awards were presented.

The Legal Service Excellence in Advocacy Award was presented to Hannah D. Adams, staff attorney in the housing unit at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, for her work preventing evictions, avoiding subsidy termination and representing low-income and disabled clients, resulting in an economic impact of nearly $1.3 million.

The Legal Service Innovation Award was presented to Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response (STAR) for its legal program. The program was established in 2015 to provide holistic and comprehensive legal services to sexual assault survivors, free of charge.

In addition to the regularly scheduled programming, the Child in Need of Care (CINC) Task Force, chaired by Danika A. Benjamin of Legal Aid of North Louisiana, hosted a six-hour pre-conference CLE program for CINC professionals.

The LSBA hosted a networking event that included door prizes and stand-up comedy performed by Southeast Louisiana Legal Services attorneys Amanda J. Golob and Hardell H. Ward.

The conference hosted participants from the state’s legal service programs and nonprofit public interest firms, including the Advocacy Center, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing, Louisiana Civil Justice Center, Pro Bono Project, the Baton Rouge Bar Association, Crescent Care, Southwest Louisiana Law Center, Mental Health Advocacy Center and Project Save.
LIFT welcomes two Shreveport attorneys in new collaborative program

The Louisiana State Bar Association’s legal incubator program, Legal Innovators for Tomorrow (LIFT), welcomes Felicia M. Hamilton and Ebenee Rhodes Norris to the new program launched, in partnership with the Justice and Accountability Center (JAC), in Shreveport.

LIFT is designed to address the legal needs of underserved and underrepresented populations in Louisiana by supporting new attorneys in building viable and sustainable public interest solo practices. This project, in particular, focuses on reducing barriers for youth (ages 18-24) who are reintegrating to their communities after incarceration. Through their work, Hamilton and Norris will provide representation in expungements, public benefits and housing law that will ultimately reduce recidivism, promote public safety, and create positive results in communities.

While in LIFT, Hamilton and Norris will receive free tools, training, resources and a stipend to provide pro bono representation for those eligible. JAC leads this project under a program called Juvenile Re-Entry Assistance Program (JRAP) and provides mentorship with substantive law training to the participating attorneys. Throughout the 15-month program, JAC and the new LIFT Fellows will host five legal clinics, in which individuals aged 24 and under who live or could live in public or Section 8 housing will have an opportunity for all expungement costs to be covered by a generous grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Housing Authority for the City of Shreveport.

To learn more about the events, go to: www.jaclouisiana.org.

Online Modest Means Directory coming soon!

The Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Access to Justice Commission formed the Modest Means Committee in 2016 to examine ways in which the legal profession can meet the growing need for affordable legal services for those falling into the “justice gap” — i.e., ineligible for free legal services but below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

After researching national and local modest means programs and surveying Louisiana lawyers to determine the availability of affordable legal services, the committee proposed an Online Modest Means Directory to connect attorneys offering discounted legal services with people who need them. This directory will provide a listing of attorneys who offer affordable legal services — in the form of sliding scale, reduced hourly, flat fees or other alternative fee arrangements — by parish and practice area on a page on the LSBA’s website.

Attorneys who wish to be listed on the website will be required to complete a one-hour, on-demand CLE through the LSBA’s online CLE programming and agree to the terms and conditions listed.

The public interested in accessing the list also must agree to certain terms and conditions and must verify that household income falls below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

The directory is scheduled for launch at the end of 2017. To learn more about this directory, go to: www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/Modest-Means.aspx.

Volunteering sharpens my skills because I face new issues that I do not deal with on a daily basis in my practice. Volunteers’ help is appreciated by the patron participants of Lawyers in Libraries. Lawyer volunteers make laypeople less fearful and worried about legal issues by pointing them in the right direction. It is so rewarding to reduce people’s stress on an altruistic basis.

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#yourLSBA: A Pro Bono Hero
Providing Justice for ALL
The Greater New Orleans (GNO) Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. conducted its annual Scholarship Jazz Brunch and 60th anniversary celebration on Sept. 9. From left, attorney Royce I. Duplessis, immediate past president of the GNO Chapter; lawyer and activist Bakari Sellers, keynote speaker; and master of ceremonies Kenneth A. Polite, Jr., former U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana.

Scholarships were awarded to undergraduate and law students at the Greater New Orleans (GNO) Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.’s Scholarship Jazz Brunch and 60th anniversary celebration on Sept. 9. With the scholarship recipients are, from left, Kenneth A. Polite, Jr., master of ceremonies; Bakari Sellers, keynote speaker; and Royce I. Duplessis, immediate past president, GNO Chapter.

GNO Martinet Society hosts annual Scholarship Jazz Brunch

The Greater New Orleans (GNO) Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. conducted its annual Scholarship Jazz Brunch and 60th anniversary celebration on Sept. 9. The theme of the event was “Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, and Embracing the Future.” At the brunch, $10,000 was awarded in scholarships to undergraduate and law students. More than 300 people attended.

This year’s program featured former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana Kenneth A. Polite, Jr. as master of ceremonies. Lawyer and activist Bakari Sellers was the keynote speaker. Other highlights included honoring all members for more than 40 years of service to the Martinet Society and the Louisiana Bar, and viewing the 60th anniversary tribute video honoring the history of the GNO Martinet Society and pioneers.

A silent auction was held for a painting featuring late civil rights attorney, activist and Martinet member Lolis Edward Elie. The painting, titled “Moments in the Movement,” is the work of New Orleans artist Ayo Scott.

Among those attending the “Marshall” movie screening were, from left, Orleans Parish Civil District Court Judge Cherrell R. Simms Taplin, attorney Trevor G. Bryan and attorney Dana M. Douglas, all former presidents of the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.

Attorney Kim M. Boyle, right, president of the Amistad Research Center, attended the pre-screening of the movie celebrating the life and legacy of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Also on hand for the event was former Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy.

Thurgood Marshall movie screening presented on Oct. 12

The board of directors of the Amistad Research Center celebrated the life and legacy of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall on Oct. 12. “A Celebration of Legal Giants” also paid homage to the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. for 60 years of service to the legal community. A reception was followed by a private pre-screening of “Marshall” at Canal Place Theater in New Orleans.
Update: Events

Black History Month CLE seminar set for Feb. 15, 2018

In honor of Black History Month, the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Diversity Committee and Adams and Reese, LLP, are sponsoring a CLE seminar on Feb. 15, 2018. Beginning at 3 p.m., the seminar will be held at Adams and Reese’s Baton Rouge office, 450 Laurel St. A networking reception will follow. For more information, email the LSBA’s Member Outreach and Diversity Department at diversity@lsba.org.

Chief Justice Gives Keynote at Event

In a celebration of inclusion, the Tangipahoa African-American Heritage and Veterans Archives hosted its 30th annual Black-Tie Affair on Aug. 5 at the Museum in Hammond. The keynote address was given by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson.

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11TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE ON DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

For the past ten years, the Louisiana State Bar Association has convened a “Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession,” as a “conclave” signifies “an assembly or gathering, especially one that has special authority, power or influence.” Join the LSBA for the 11th anniversary celebration of the Diversity Conclave on March 9, 2018, in New Orleans, with keynote speaker Paulette Brown (Partner, Locke Lored LLP, Morristown, NJ), workshop presenter Ritu Bhasin (Founder and Principal, Bhasin Consulting Inc.) and other dignitaries. Reserve your spot and register before Feb. 9, 2018, for a discounted rate - visit www.lsba.org/goto/conclave.
The Young Lawyers Division is accepting nominations for the following awards:

► **Hon. Michaelle 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. The program or service must be sponsored by the young lawyer local affiliate organization.

► **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. The program or service must be sponsored by the young lawyer local affiliate organization.

► **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 Kristi W. Richard, Chair, LSBA Young Lawyers Division Awards Committee, 301 Main St., Flr. 14, Baton Rouge, LA 70801. Any nomination packet that is incomplete or is not received or postmarked on or before Feb. 9, 2018, will not be considered. Please submit detailed and thorough entries, as nominees are evaluated based on the information provided in the nomination packets. All winners will be announced at the combined LSBA Annual Meeting and LSBA/LJC Summer School in Destin, Fla., in June 2018.

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. Michaelle 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.

For more information, contact Kristi W. Richard at (225)382-3704 or email krichard@mcglinchey.com.
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2017-2018 LSBA CLE Calendar

Ethics & Professionalism:
Watch Your P’s & Q’s
Dec. 1, 2017
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

An Evening with the New Orleans Pelicans
Pelicans vs Denver Nuggets
Dec. 6, 2017
Smoothie King Center

29th Summer School Revisited
Dec. 7 & 8, 2017
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Trial Practice CLE
Dec. 12, 2017
Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel

Quality of Life CLE
Dec. 12, 2017
Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel

Depositions CLE
Dec. 8, 2017
Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel

CLE Wrap Up
Dec. 15, 2017
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Historic Charleston CLE
Feb. 26-28, 2018
Renaissance Charleston Historic District Hotel

Cyber Security
March 23, 2018
New Orleans

Healthcare & Medicare
April 6, 2018
New Orleans

French Quarter Fest CLE:
9th Annual White Collar Crime Symp.
April 13, 2018
New Orleans
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