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## Renegar, Pipes, Tate, Thriffiley certified elected for LSBA, YLD leadership positions

**D**ona K. Renegar of Lafayette and H. Minor Pipes III of New Orleans have been certified elected for the positions of 2016-17 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2016-18 LSBA treasurer, respectively, following the close of election qualifying on Oct. 19. Renegar will automatically assume the presidency in 2017-18.

Bradley J. Tate of Lafayette and Dylan T. Thriffiley of New Orleans have been certified elected for 2016-17 Young Lawyers Division (YLD) chair-elect and secretary, respectively.

Renegar is a member in the Lafayette office of Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar, L.L.C.

Pipes is a member in the New Orleans



Dona K. Renegar



H. Minor Pipes III



Bradley J. Tate



Dylan T. Thriffiley

firm of Barrasso, Usdin, Kupperman, Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C.

Tate is an attorney with the firm of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C., CPAs and Advisors.

Thriffiley is assistant general counsel and director of compliance with the Ochsner Health System in Harahan.

**Online voting Nov. 16 to Dec. 14 for contested races, amendment**

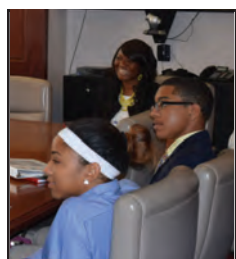
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the Board of Governors, Nominating Committee, LSBA House of Delegates, Young Lawyers Division Council and American Bar Association House of Delegates.

Also on the ballot is an amendment to eliminate the law student membership category.

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. 16. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 14.

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. 16.

### Contested Races

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

**Fifth Board District** (1 position)

David C. Bolton

Edward J. Walters, Jr.

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

**District 2A** (2 positions)

Frank A. Fertitta

Adrian G. Nadeau

Edward J. Walters, Jr.

**District 2B** (2 positions)

Robert A. Kutcher

Jennifer Z. Rosenbach

Raymond S. Steib

**District 2C** (1 position)

Daniel A. Cavell

Charles M. Raymond

**District 3A** (1 position)

Steven G. (Buzz) Durio

Jeffrey A. Riggs

**District 3B** (1 position)

Robert S. Dampf

Maggie T. Simar

**District 3C** (1 position)

Douglas L. Bryan

Robert L. Bussey

William M. Ford

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

**Fifteenth Judicial District** (13 positions)

Loretta B. Chretien

Steven G. (Buzz) Durio

Chase J. Edwards

Scott F. Higgins

Matthew J. Hill, Jr.

Katherine L. Hurst

Anthony B. Inzina

Andrew B. Mims

Donovan J. O'Pry II

Joseph R. Oelkers III

Jeffrey A. Riggs

Michael D. Skinner

Dwazendra J. Smith

Juliette B. Wade

**Nineteenth Judicial District** (21 positions)

B. Scott Andrews

Kelly E. Balfour

Jesse H. Bankston, Jr.

Valerie B. Bargas

James E. Boren

Dana B. Brown

Donald J. Cazayoux

Douglas J. Cochran

Catherine L. Fairchild

Jean M. Faria

Frank A. Fertitta

S. David Holladay

C. Frank Holthaus

Jay M. Jalenak

Luis A. Leitzelar

Michael W. McKay

Adrian G. Nadeau

Julie Baxter Payer

Lynette Roberson

Mary E. Roper

Valerie T. Schexnayder

Amanda S. Stout

David Abboud Thomas

Mary Ann M. White

Jack K. Whitehead, Jr.

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

**First District** (1 position)

Cristin F. Bordelon

Ryan M. McCabe

Robin Myers Primeau

**Second District** (1 position)

Ashley G. Belanger

Shayna Beevers Morvant

**Fifth District** (1 position)

Melynda (Mindy) L. LaBrosse

Kristi W. Richard

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

Kristen L. Burge

Jeremy S. Epstein

### Certified Elected

#### LSBA Officers

► President-Elect 2016-17: Dona K. Renegar.

► Treasurer 2016-18: H. Minor Pipes III.

#### Board of Governors

► First Board District: D. Skylar Rosenbloom.

► Fourth Board District: J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr.

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### Nominating Committee

► District 1A: Lawrence J. Centola, H. Minor Pipes III, D. Skylar Rosenbloom and Phillip A. Wittmann.

► District 1B: Adrienne L. Baumgartner.

► District 3D: Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr.

► District 3E: Thomas M. Hayes III.

### LSBA House of Delegates

*(Some districts have appointments pending.)*

► First Judicial District: Louis R. Avallone, Kila L. Bobier, Claude W. Bookter, Jr., James L. Fortson, Jr., Stephen C. Fortson, W. James Hill III, A. Michelle Perkins, Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., Scott R. Wolf and Paul L. Wood. *(Four appointments pending.)*

► Second Judicial District: Tammy L. Jump. *(Two appointments pending.)*

► Third Judicial District: Tyler G. Storms. *(Two appointments pending.)*

► Fourth Judicial District: Martin Shane Craighead, Ramsey L. Ogg, Arthur L. Stewart and W. Michael Street. *(Seven*

*appointments pending.)*

► Fifth Judicial District: John C. Hamilton. *(Two appointments pending.)*

► Sixth Judicial District: George F. Fox, Jr. *(One appointment pending.)*

► Seventh Judicial District: Joseph A. Boothe and Ann S. Siddall.

► Eighth Judicial District: *(One appointment pending.)*

► Ninth Judicial District: Bradley L. Drell, Stephen D. Wheelis and Zebulon M. Winstead. *(Four appointments pending.)*

► Tenth Judicial District: Kennan K. Kelly. *(One appointment pending.)*

► Eleventh Judicial District: *(One appointment pending.)*

► Twelfth Judicial District: Douglas L. Bryan and Dan B. McKay.

► Thirteenth Judicial District: Timmy J. Fontenot and Abby B. Landreneau.

► Fourteenth Judicial District: Theresa A. Barnatt, Cade R. Cole, Brian L. Coody, L. Paul Foreman, Thomas L. Lorenzi, Robert C. McCorquodale and David D. Palay, Jr. *(Two appointments pending.)*

► Sixteenth Judicial District: Adolph B. Curet III, Eric P. Duplantis, Pamela A. Lemoins, Marsha McNulty, Andrew Reed, Maggie Simar, Anne G. Stevens and

Dennis R. Stevens.

► Seventeenth Judicial District: William N. Abel, Daniel A. Cavell and Robert M. Pugh. *(Two appointments pending.)*

► Eighteenth Judicial District: J. Lane Ewing, Jr., Stephen P. Jewell and Deidre D. Robert. *(One appointment pending.)*

### Young Lawyers Division Officers

► Chair-Elect 2016-17: Bradley J. Tate.

► Secretary 2016-17: Dylan T. Thriffley.

### Young Lawyers Division Council

► Third Board District: Lauren L. Gardner.

► Seventh Board District: Ethan A. Hunt.

### American Bar Association House of Delegates (2 members)

► Michael W. McKay and John H. Musser IV.

**For more information on the election procedures and the schedule, go to:** [www.lsba.org/goto/elections](http://www.lsba.org/goto/elections). 

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Revisited**  
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& Litigation Section**  
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April 10, 2016  
New Orleans

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April 15, 2016  
Shreveport


**Tax Law  
Co-Sponsorship w/  
Tax Section**  
April 22, 2016  
New Orleans

**Jazz Fest CLE**  
April 29, 2016  
New Orleans

**Annual Meeting/  
Summer School**  
June 5-10, 2016  
Sandestin, Fla.

## House resolution deadline is Dec. 9 for 2016 Midyear Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 14-16, 2016, at the JW Marriott Hotel in New Orleans. The deadline for submitting resolutions for the House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 9. (The House will meet on Jan. 16, 2016.)


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. 9. 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). 

## 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. 19 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

- ▶ First Judicial District (4 appointments pending)
- ▶ Second Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- ▶ Third Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- ▶ Fourth Judicial District (7 appointments pending)
- ▶ Fifth Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- ▶ Sixth Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- ▶ Eighth Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- ▶ Ninth Judicial District (4 appointments pending)
- ▶ Tenth Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- ▶ Eleventh Judicial District (1 appointment pending)
- ▶ Fourteenth Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- ▶ Seventeenth Judicial District (2 appointments pending)
- ▶ Eighteenth Judicial District (1 appointment pending) 

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# Online registration is open for Midyear Meeting Jan. 14-16, 2016

Online registration is open for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 14-16, 2016, at the JW Marriott Hotel, 614 Canal St., New Orleans.

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. 15. Pre-registration is required for the YLD seminar and for the three free CLEs scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14.

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.

## Free CLE programs scheduled

Online registration is open for these free CLE programs, all scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 14.

► "Navigating Mass Torts, Class Actions and Consumer Litigation: Avoiding Self-Inflicted Wounds," from 10 a.m.-noon, will be led by Richard J. Arsenault and Val P. Exnicios.

► The LSBA Diversity Committee's LGBT Subcommittee is presenting "The Impact of *Obergefell v. Hodges*: What Does the Future Hold?" from 1-2 p.m. (Part 1) and 2:15-3:15 p.m. (Part 2). The program will address issues developing as a result of the landmark Supreme Court decision allowing gay couples to marry. Presenters are Professor Paul R. Baier, Professor Todd Brower, Ryan P. Delaney and Scott J. Spivey.

► "Making It Stick: How to Draft Enforceable Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Provisions," from 3:15-4:15 p.m., will be led by Thomas P. Owens, Jr.

For more information, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine Richard, (504)619-0105 or email [crichard@lsba.org](mailto:crichard@lsba.org).

## YLD's Professional Development CLE Seminar

The YLD's annual Professional Development CLE seminar is 8 a.m.-12:10 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15. 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 JW Marriott New Orleans. Onsite registration will not be allowed unless space is available. For more information, go to: [www.lsba.org/yld](http://www.lsba.org/yld).


## 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 7.

## Hotel Reservations

The LSBA has negotiated a \$169/night rate (single or double) plus tax. Members may make reservations by calling (877)622-3056 and stating that you are attending the "Louisiana State Bar Association Midyear Meeting" or go online: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/13981420/owner/4280/home>. The room block will expire on Dec. 15. 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/](http://www.lsba.org/midyearmeeting/). 

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# LSBA 50-, 60-, 70-year members to be recognized

**L**ouisiana 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 2016. A reception hon-

oring 50-, 60- and 70-year members will be conducted Friday, Jan. 15, 2016, at the JW Marriott New Orleans, 614 Canal St., 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](mailto:mindi.hunter@lsba.org).

The following Bar members will be recognized.

## 50-Year Honorees Admitted in 1966

William R. Alford, Jr. .... Covington  
Patrick J. Araguel, Jr. .... Columbus, GA  
Claude J. Aucoin, Jr. .... New Orleans  
Col. James R. Barrow ..... Walla Walla, WA  
Catherine L. Barter ..... The Woodlands, TX  
Gordon P. Bienvenu ..... Metairie  
Mary Coon Biggs ..... Monroe  
Donald E. Bradford ..... Baton Rouge  
D. Scott Brown ..... Mansfield  
Hon. Henry N. Brown, Jr. .... Shreveport  
Charles Emile Bruneau, Jr. .... New Orleans  
Kenneth W. Campbell ..... Leesburg, FL  
Donald T. Carmouche ..... Baton Rouge  
Maurice S. Cazaubon, Jr. .... Lafayette  
Robert P. Charbonnet ..... New Orleans  
L. Frank Chopin ..... West Palm Beach, FL  
Joseph F. Ciolino ..... Madison, MS  
Hon. Herman C. Clause ..... Carencro  
Philip Dev Claverie ..... New Orleans  
Robert M. Cordell ..... Lafayette  
Margaret A.O. Correro ..... New Orleans  
Jere L. Crago ..... Metairie  
Wilbert Oscar Crain, Jr. .... Shreveport  
C. Jerome D'Aquila ..... New Roads  
Peter T. Dazzio ..... Baton Rouge  
Gerald L. DeBlois ..... Metairie  
Oswald A. Decuir ..... New Iberia  
Charles I. Denechaud III ..... New Orleans  
Albert J. Derbes III ..... New Orleans  
Richard S. Derbes ..... Baton Rouge  
Charles W. Dittmer, Jr. .... Metairie  
Richard J. Dodson ..... Baton Rouge  
Donald W. Doyle, Jr. .... New Orleans  
Paul H. Due ..... Baton Rouge  
Bobbie J. Duplantis ..... Lafayette  
Hon. Stanwood R. Duval, Jr. .... New Orleans  
William T. Elliott ..... New Orleans  
James O. Ervin ..... Baton Rouge  
John P. Everett, Jr. .... Lake Charles  
Doris Falkenheiner ..... Baton Rouge  
James M. Field ..... Baton Rouge  
Iva Macdonald Futrell ..... Arlington, VA  
John W. Futrell ..... Arlington, VA  
William J.F. Gearheard ..... Mandeville  
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Mat Marion Gray III ..... New Orleans

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Samuel P. Love, Jr. .... Shreveport  
Joseph N. Marcal III ..... New Orleans  
Richard P. Massony ..... New Orleans  
L.V. McGinty ..... Paducah, KY  
Daniel A. McGovern IV ..... Slidell  
Farris Mitchell ..... Richardson, TX  
Alton T. Moran ..... Baton Rouge  
William Hugh Mouton ..... Lafayette  
Judith A. Nichols ..... Missouri City, TX  
Lancelot P. Olinde ..... Houston, TX  
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Eugene R. Preaus ..... New Orleans  
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John R. Schupp ..... Daphne, AL  
Kenneth F. Sills ..... Baton Rouge  
Michael Silvers ..... New Orleans  
Jerry Hugh Smith ..... Lexington, KY  
Gary R. Steckler ..... St. Landry  
Stephen A. Stefanski ..... Crowley  
Clement Story III ..... Lafayette  
Walter G. Strong, Jr. .... Sulphur  
Phyllis M. Taylor ..... New Orleans

James E. Toups, Jr. .... Baton Rouge  
William D. Treeby ..... New Orleans  
Peter J. Vernaci ..... Mandeville  
David C. Vosbein ..... Gulf Breeze, FL  
Joseph J. Weigand, Jr. .... Houma  
Andrew M. Weir ..... Metairie  
Charles R. Whitehead, Jr. .... Natchitoches  
John Duncan Wogan ..... New Orleans  
Leonard A. Young ..... New Orleans

## 60-Year Honorees Admitted in 1956

Donald J. Baker ..... Metairie  
Adelaide W. Benjamin ..... New Orleans  
Daniel V. Blackstock ..... Oroville, CA  
J. Joseph Blotner ..... Gretna  
Patrick T. Caffery ..... New Iberia  
Thomas A. Casey, Sr. .... Metairie  
Edward A. Champagne, Jr. .... New Orleans  
John Catlett Christian ..... Madisonville  
Joan A. Danner ..... Metairie  
James E. Diaz ..... Lafayette  
Abraham P. Friedman ..... Houston, TX  
Gayle K. Hamilton ..... Shreveport  
Robert H. Hodges ..... Baton Rouge  
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Huey K. McFatter ..... Sulphur  
George Hefley Meadors ..... Homer  
A. Charles Occhipinti ..... Metairie  
Edward J. Seymour, Jr. .... Monroe  
Hon. Anne Lennan Simon ..... New Iberia  
Hon. James T. Trimble, Jr. .... Alexandria  
Jack Crozier Watson ..... Lake Charles  
W. Leonard Werner ..... Baton Rouge  
John S. White, Jr. .... Baton Rouge  
Herbert F. Young ..... Bay St. Louis, MS

## 70-Year Honorees Admitted in 1946

Hon. Nestor Currault, Jr. .... Gretna  
Carol Byrns Fleddermann .... Pensacola, FL  
A. Lester Sarpy ..... Metairie  
Guyton H. Watkins ..... New Iberia

# LSBA launching online TECHCENTER in January

**P**reparations are underway for the January 2016 launch of the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) online TECHCENTER, a virtual comprehensive resource just a click away on the LSBA's website. Accessible to all LSBA members, from the tech savvy to the not-so-tech savvy, the TECHCENTER will become the one-stop shop for legal technology news and guidance to improve the efficiency and productivity of law practices.

Through the TECHCENTER, LSBA members will be offered assistance in:

► Choosing the right technology for law practices via product directories, product reviews by lawyers, video clips and podcasts

by lawyers, articles and books.


► Accessing general tech training with free, anywhere, anytime, on-the-spot videos and written materials.

► Accessing detailed, lawyer-centric tech training through the Chicago Bar Association's online "How To" video library.

► Registering for tech-related CLE and non-CLE programming and tech webinars.

The TECHCENTER is an initiative of LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham. "Technology is dramatically affecting lawyers and the practice of law, and this powerful trend will continue for the foreseeable future," Cunningham said. "Lawyers in Louisiana who need help integrating technology into their practices can benefit from

the TECHCENTER, which promises to be a practical, comprehensive resource for learning how to harness digital technology," he added.

Ernest Svenson, the LSBA's TECHCENTER Task Force chair, agreed. "The modern lawyer faces the challenge of learning to harness digital technology in the form of computers, tablets, smartphones and the software that powers those devices. But there are opportunities for lawyers who learn to streamline their practices by leveraging the automation power of digital technology," Svenson said. "The TECHCENTER will be an important resource for Louisiana lawyers who want to learn how to do that." 

## 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](http://www.lsba.org/goto/solace).




## Comments sought on proposed amendments to District Court Rules' Appendices

Proposed amendments to Appendices 28.1B and 28.2B of the District Court Rules (Title IV) are available for review on the Louisiana Supreme Court's website, [www.lasc.org](http://www.lasc.org), through Nov. 30.

Interested parties wanting to comment on the proposed amendments during the 30-day period may do so via email, [distctrules@lasc.org](mailto:distctrules@lasc.org); by fax to the Court Rules

Committee, (504)310-2606; or by U.S. mail to: Court Rules Committee, Louisiana Supreme Court, Ste. 1190, 400 Royal St., New Orleans, LA 70130.

Once the 30-day period has expired, the Court Rules Committee will review all comments, make any changes it deems appropriate, and then submit a final draft to the Louisiana Supreme Court for review and approval. 

## LBF seeks 2016-18 Scholar in Residence


The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is accepting applications for a Scholar in Residence (SIR) to serve a two-year term beginning in July 1, 2016. A \$7,500 honorarium will be paid to the scholar as consideration for his/her work product.

Over the term of the appointment, the scholar will produce for publication a scholarly quality written contribution on a subject and in a form agreed upon with the LBF, such as a law review article, book, booklet, essay or other legal publication, including film, television projects, etc., suitable for the intended LBF purpose.

The purpose of the SIR appointment is to incorporate an academic and scholarly dimension to the LBF's overall efforts of preserving, honoring and improving the system of justice by funding and promoting efforts that enhance the legal profession, increase

public understanding of the legal system, and advance the reality of equal justice under the law. The SIR appointment is intended to enrich the academic and intellectual perspective of the LBF's efforts, to enhance the LBF's overall educational program, and to support legal education in Louisiana by bringing the practicing bar and Louisiana's law schools closer together.

Applicants must submit a specific proposal, including topic, prospectus, suggested format, proposed timeline and applicant's qualifications. Applications must be received by Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 — by mail to Louisiana Bar Foundation, Education Committee, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112; by fax (504)566-1926; or by email to [dennette@raisingthebar.org](mailto:dennette@raisingthebar.org).

For more information, contact Dennette L. Young at the LBF at (504)561-1046. 

## Judges, volunteers needed for "We the People" state simulated congressional hearings


The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) is seeking volunteers to judge the district and state high school "We the People" simulated congressional hearings.

"We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" is a nationally acclaimed high school civics curriculum that focuses on the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Judges will sit on a panel of three and will be provided with the hearing questions and optional follow-up questions.

The district competition is Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, at Loyola University New Orleans.

The state competition is Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, in Baton Rouge. Competitions are three to four hours and are generally concluded by noon.

Volunteers from the legal and academic communities are integral to the success of this program. The winner of the state competition will represent Louisiana at the national competition in Washington, D.C.


To volunteer or for more information on the program, contact LCLCE Executive Director Peggy Cotogno at (504)619-0134 or email [peggy.cotogno@lsba.org](mailto:peggy.cotogno@lsba.org). 

## 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 between 8 a.m. and noon on Nov. 16. The sender address was "LSBA\_Election\_Admin@vres.us" and the Subject Line referenced "Louisiana State Bar Association E-ballot."


The email includes 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, may log-in from the LSBA website to a special page and will be asked to provide additional information (Bar roll number, birth date, zip code). The "Vote Now" icon will be active from Nov. 16 through the end of the voting period on Dec. 14. 

## LSBA is turning 75 in 2016!

Help the Louisiana State Bar Association celebrate its 75th anniversary by submitting material for the commemorative issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* in spring 2016.

Do you have an article idea? Do you want to write an article? Do you have photographs in your collection that would be of interest to the membership?

Email your ideas by Friday, Dec. 4, to Editor Alainna R. Mire, [alainna.mire@cityofalex.com](mailto:alainna.mire@cityofalex.com), or Publications Coordinator Darlene M. LaBranche, [dlabranche@lsba.org](mailto:dlabranche@lsba.org). 



## LBF selects honorees to be recognized at 30th Anniversary Fellows Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) has selected the 2015 distinguished honorees and Calogero Justice Award recipient. All honorees will be recognized at the 30th Anniversary Fellows Gala, set for Friday, April 8, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

The Distinguished Jurist is Judge Sarah S. Vance, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

The two Distinguished Attorneys are Judy Y. Barrasso, with Barrasso, Usdin, Kupperman, Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C.; and Herschel E. Richard, Jr., with Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway, A.P.L.C.

The Distinguished Professor is Alain A. Levasseur, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

The Calogero Justice Award recipient is the Family Justice Center of Ouachita Parish.

Discounted rooms are available on Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 8, 2016, at \$229/night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or go to: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/labarfoundationannuagala>. Reservations must be made before Monday, March 14.

For more Gala information, contact Danielle J. Marshall at (504)561-1046 or email [danielle@raisingthebar.org](mailto:danielle@raisingthebar.org).



The Louisiana Bar Foundation presented checks to three of 17 Kids' Chance Program scholarship recipients at the Oct. 19 fund-raising golf tournament hosted by the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. (LWCC). Front row from left, recipient Katelyn Kerner; Michelle M. Sorrells, Kids' Chance Committee co-chair; recipient Casey Shelton; Terry Shelton; and Kristin W. Wall, LWCC president and chief executive officer. Back row, a photo cutout of recipient Grant Klentzman and Will Klentzman.

## LBF presents Kids' Chance Program scholarships at golf tournament

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) presented checks to three of 17 Kids' Chance Program scholarship recipients for the 2015-16 school year. The checks were distributed at the Oct. 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 LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

Michelle M. Sorrells, LBF Kids' Chance Committee co-chair, addressed the golfers and scholarship recipient 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 \$52,500 to 17 students to help with their education. Since 2004, the program has awarded 235 scholarships totaling \$459,600.

Applications for the 2016-17 school year will be available on Dec. 1 at [www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance](http://www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance). For more information, contact Dee Jones at (504)561-1046 or email [dee@raisingthebar.org](mailto:dee@raisingthebar.org).

## Levasseur completes book on Civil Code

The 2014-16 Louisiana Bar Foundation's Scholar in Residence Professor Alain A. Levasseur has completed his book, *Deciphering A Civil Code*. Levasseur is a professor at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

The book, available for purchase at Claitor's Law Books in Baton Rouge, is an in-depth analysis of the Louisiana Civil Code, with emphasis upon the reasoning and methodologies employed by the various Louisiana courts.



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

The 2015-16 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). 

## Nomination deadline is Nov. 23 for Outstanding Civics Teacher Award

The nomination deadline is Monday, Nov. 23, for the 2016 President's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Civics Teacher, an award presented jointly by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) and the Louisiana State Bar Association.

This annual 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.

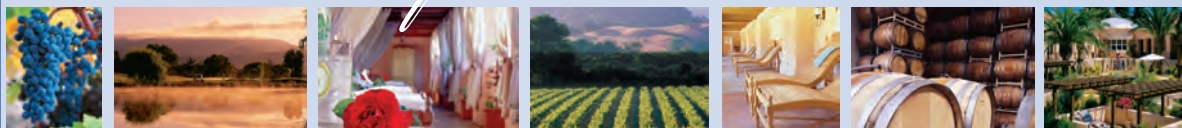
Anyone seeking to nominate an outstanding educator who teaches law-related subjects may obtain more information on the LCLCE's awards webpage: [www.lalce.org/awards.html](http://www.lalce.org/awards.html). 

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# LBSL adds Appellate Practice Specialty

**A**n amendment to the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Plan of Legal Specialization to add a new specialization certification in Appellate Practice was approved by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

An Appellate Practice Advisory Commission has been appointed and is currently working on implementing the specialty. The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) anticipates accepting applications for certification in Appellate Practice in 2016.

A copy of the amended Plan of Legal Specialization and the Appellate Practice Standards may be downloaded from the LBSL website at <https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization>.

For more information or if you are interested in applying for this certification, email LBSL Executive Director Barbara M. Shafranski, [barbara.shafranski@lsba.org](mailto:barbara.shafranski@lsba.org).

## LBSL sets Dec. 2 public hearing

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 2, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. The hearing will provide a forum for bar members to comment on a proposed amendment to the LBSL Appellate Practice, Estate Planning and Administration and Tax Law Standards which would permit specialists in the respective fields of law to obtain specialization CLE credit for the pro bono representation of client(s) in accordance with the Louisiana Supreme Court Rules on Continuing Legal Education. Any questions or requests for a copy of the proposed amendment to the individual Standards may be emailed to LBSL Executive Director Barbara M. Shafranski at [barbara.shafranski@lsba.org](mailto:barbara.shafranski@lsba.org).

## LBSL accepting requests for applications

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) is currently accepting requests for applications for January 2017 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, 2016. Applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification will be accepted through Sept. 30, 2016.

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 demonstrated ability and experience in a certain field of law.

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 Spe-

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

Applications are mailed. Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBSL 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 LBSL website at: <https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization>.

## Notice: CLE Compliance for Board-Certified Specialists

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL), 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, 2015.


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 Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) no later than Jan. 31, 2016. 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, 2015.

If you have questions, contact LBSL Executive Director Barbara M. Shafranski at (504)619-0128 or email [barbara.shafranski@lsba.org](mailto:barbara.shafranski@lsba.org).

For more information or to obtain a copy of specialization transcripts, go to the LBSL's website at: <https://www.lascmcle.org/specialization>. 

# Secret Santa



## Brightening the holidays for needy children

The Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee is inviting Bar members and other professionals to brighten the holidays for needy children by participating in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Secret Santa Project.

- Sponsors will shop with inspiration from the child's "Wish List."
- Informational packets will be distributed in November.
- No required minimum or maximum amount on gifts.
- Gift collection will run from Tuesday, Dec. 1 through Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015.
- More details about gift-wrapping, drop-off, etc., will be included in the informational packet.

The Secret Santa Project also welcomes monetary donations to help buy gifts for children not adopted. For more information, visit [www.lsba.org/goto/SecretSanta](http://www.lsba.org/goto/SecretSanta).

For more information or questions about the Project, contact Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez at (504)619-0131 or [secretsanta@lsba.org](mailto:secretsanta@lsba.org).

**SIGN UP EARLY!**

Sign up early and receive your informational packets in November!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ child(ren). Preferred age range (not guaranteed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(12 and under)

**To participate, fax this form to Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez at (504)566-0930.**

# Focus on *Access to Justice*

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

## Louisiana attorneys volunteer time and talent for “Lawyers in Libraries” Day of Service

Louisiana pro bono attorneys provided much-needed legal assistance during the Oct. 29 “Lawyers in Libraries” Day of Service program. The 133 attorney volunteers conducted 73 events, reaching more than 600 people. “Lawyers in Libraries,” an ongoing collaboration between the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Access to Justice Department and the Louisiana Library Association, directly connects the public with counsel and makes people aware of resources available to them.

The LSBA would like to acknowledge the LSBA members who volunteered on Oct. 29 at libraries in their communities and the agencies helping to coordinate the volunteers.

### “Lawyers in Libraries” Volunteers

Acadia Parish: Greg Landry  
Allen Parish: Adam Johnson  
Ascension Parish: Artis Ulmer  
Assumption Parish: Leah Poole  
Avoyelles Parish: Cory Roy, Ben James, Doug Bryan, Charles Riddle and Brandon Scott

Beauregard Parish: Lawanda Gibson  
Bienville Parish: Melanie Shrell  
Bossier Parish: Felicia Hamilton and Dayan Ryan

Caddo Parish: John Frazier  
Calcasieu Parish: Tom Shea  
Caldwell Parish: Dina Domangue  
Cameron Parish: Jennifer Jones  
Catahoula Parish: Christie Wood  
Claiborne Parish: Jerry Edwards and Charlie Tabor

Concordia Parish: Amelia Hoppe and Jonathan Rhodes

DeSoto Parish: Hon. Gary Evans  
East Baton Rouge Parish: Annette Pel-tier and Luis Leitzelar

East Carroll Parish: Laurie Brister  
East Feliciana Parish: Sara Bradley  
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Intyre, Scott Sartin and Caroline Hemphill  
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Lafourche Parish: John Sirois  
LaSalle Parish: Carmen Ryland and Brian Frazier

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Ouachita Parish: Clint Hanchey and Dayna Ryan

Plaquemines Parish: Chris Ralston and Ashley Heilprin

Pointe Coupee Parish: Don Cazayoux and Lane Ewing

Rapides Parish: Maria Losavio, Robert Levy, Barry Barnett, Ruby Freeman, Terry Aubin, Ted Roberts, Laurel White, Walter McClatchey and Amanda Westergard

Red River Parish: Nina Coleman

Richland Parish: Myrt Hales, Jr. and Josh Strickland

St. Bernard Parish: Van Robichaux, Jr., Brian Page, Daniel Nodurft, Lisa Borne, Paul Tabary III, David Serio, Cory Grant, Cullen Tonry, Alan Bouterie and Michael Ginart

St. Charles Parish: Michelle Stross  
St. Helena Parish: Sean Brady

St. James Parish: David Handelman  
St. John the Baptist Parish: Greg Hughes  
St. Landry Parish: Travis Broussard and Rick Keating

St. Martin Parish: Jennifer Maybery  
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Tangipahoa Parish: Greg Webb and Denise Lee

Tensas Parish: McCaleb Bilbro  
Terrebonne Parish: John Sirois  
Union Parish: Brian Dollar  
Vermilion Parish: Burton Guidry  
Vernon Parish: S. Christie Smith IV, Elvin Fontenot, Tiffany Ratliff, Willie Banks, Jr., and Wes Bailey


Washington Parish: Janet MacDonell and Lam Tran

Webster Parish: Justin Courtney  
West Baton Rouge Parish: Julie Payer  
West Carroll Parish: Clay Hamilton  
West Feliciana Parish: David Opperman  
Winn Parish: James Mixon

### “Lawyers in Libraries” Agencies

Acadiana Legal Services Corp.  
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation’s Pro Bono Project

Caldwell Parish Bar Association  
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project  
DeSoto Parish Bar Association  
Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers  
Legal Services of North Louisiana  
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services  
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services  
Northshore Pro Bono Project  
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation  
St. Landry Parish Bar Association

More “Lawyers in Libraries” events will be scheduled throughout the year. Attorneys wanting to volunteer their time and talent for future events should email Nicole Louque at [nicole.louque@lsba.org](mailto:nicole.louque@lsba.org). 





## Civil Legal Aid Awards Presented at Justice Conference

The 12th annual Louisiana Justice Community Conference in October in Baton Rouge focused on innovation and technology. Welcome remarks were given by Louisiana State Bar Association President Mark A. Cunningham, at podium, and Louisiana Bar Foundation President H. Minor Pipes III, left. R. Judson Mitchell, right, clinical professor and creator of the Technology and Legal Innovation Clinic at Loyola University College of Law, delivered the keynote address.



Two awards were presented at the 12th annual Louisiana Justice Community Conference. Sachida R. Raman, left, managing attorney of the Family Law Unit at Acadiana Legal Services Corp., received the Legal Service Excellence in Advocacy Award for his dedication to representing vulnerable clients for more than 20 years. Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, represented by Jay Welch, right, received the Legal Service Innovation Award for its Single Stop Project that offers direct legal services on-site at Delgado Community College to at-risk students.

# Supreme Court establishes Access to Justice Commission

**T**he Louisiana Supreme Court, by court order, recently established the Louisiana Access to Justice (ATJ) Commission, said Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson.

The mission of the ATJ Commission is to ensure continuity of policy and purpose in the collaboration between the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), the courts and the civil justice community in furtherance of the goal to ensure that all Louisiana citizens have access to equal justice under the law.

“Recognizing the importance of civil equal justice to the proper functioning of our democracy, and the need for leadership and effective coordination of civil justice efforts in our state, the Supreme Court was pleased to support the outstanding work of the LSBA’s Access to Justice Committees and to encourage the continuation of that ongoing work with the creation of this commission. Through the ATJ Commission, the Supreme Court and the LSBA will work in concert, promoting effective and economical civil legal services delivery for low and moderate income citizens of Louisiana,” Chief Justice Johnson said.

The ATJ Commission will operate as a standing committee of the LSBA, consist-

ing of 21 voting members appointed by the LSBA president and the Supreme Court chief justice. Members will represent diverse ethnic, gender and geographic communities of Louisiana. Lawyers serving on the commission will have demonstrated a commitment to access to justice issues and will reflect the various types of legal aid providers in Louisiana.

Some of the commission’s goals are:

- ▶ educating the people of Louisiana about the importance of equal access to justice and the challenges many face in effectively accessing the civil justice system in Louisiana;
- ▶ developing a strong statewide civil legal services delivery system by licensed attorneys;
- ▶ developing and recommending initiatives intended to maximize resources and funding for access to justice in civil matters and to encourage efficient use of the available resources;
- ▶ recommending initiatives to reduce systemic barriers to access to justice, including enhancing resources for self-represented litigants; and
- ▶ encouraging members of the bar to provide *pro bono* legal services as a regular component of their practices.

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## Through the Lens: “Suit Up for the Future” High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program 2015



Louisiana State Bar Association President Mark A. Cunningham welcomed the 2015 Suit Up class.



Suit Up presenters Erin Phifer, left, Career Services and Employer Relations, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and Jeffrey Brooks, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.



Class of 2015 Suit Up students on their first day of the program. Professor Mary Garvey Algero from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, far right. On her immediate right, Suit Up co-chairs Scherri N. Guidry and Kandace R. Hamilton.



Orleans Parish Civil District Court Judge Piper D. Griffin with two Suit Up interns, Borjius J. Guient and Kyree M. Magee. Guient and Magee “shadowed” Judge Griffin for a day.



Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Fredericka Homberg Wicker, center, with Suit Up students, from left, Desmond C. LeBlanc, Derrick F. Ransom, Victoria S. Suazo and Treslyn E. Davenport.



Panel and students, from left, Arlene T. McCarthy, Compliance Officer, Office of General Counsel, Loyola University New Orleans; C. Nicole Gaiter, Staff Attorney, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services; Kayla C. Barthelmy; Lawrence J. Pichler, Attorney at Law; Derrick F. Ransom; Treslyn E. Davenport; Jee Y. Park, Deputy District Defender, Orleans Public Defenders Office; and Victoria S. Suazo.





Suit Up students on their field trip to the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office. DA Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr., second row, third from left.



Suit Up students visited Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Presenter Tajira J. McCoy, Director of Law Admissions, far left.



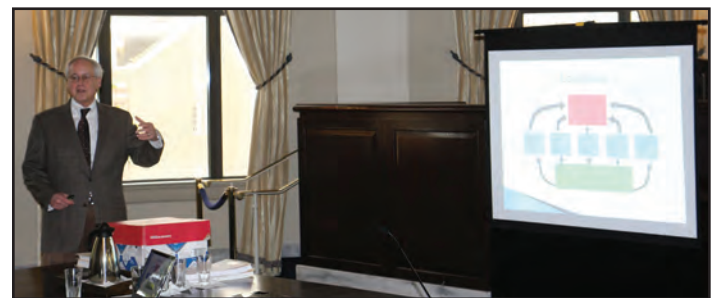
U.S. District Court Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle (Eastern District of Louisiana) with his Suit Up shadows, Treslyn E. Davenport (immediately behind Judge Lemelle) and Desmond C. LeBlanc (immediately behind Davenport) and staff.



Suit Up students on their field trip to the Orleans Parish Public Defenders Office. Derwyn D. Bunton, Chief District Defender, center of the photo.



Suit Up students visited the Tulane University Law School. Far left, Emily Wojna, Assistant Director of Admissions; and, far right, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr., Vice Dean of Academics.



Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Max. N. Tobias, Jr. presented a program to Suit Up students.

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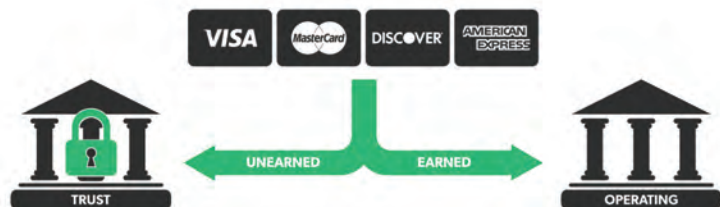
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