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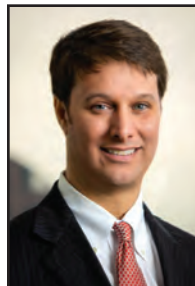
## Pipes, McAuliffe, Borel nominated for LSBA, YLD leadership positions

**H**. Minor Pipes III of New Orleans and John E. McAuliffe, Jr. of Metairie have been nominated for the positions of 2020-21 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2020-22 LSBA treasurer, respectively.

The LSBA's Nominating Committee formulated these recommendations on Aug. 23 and presented its report to the Board of Governors on Aug. 24.

The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Council also finalized its nominations. Danielle L. Borel of Baton Rouge has been nominated for 2020-21 LSBA YLD secretary and will automatically succeed to chair-elect in 2021-22. Current LSBA YLD Secretary Graham H. Ryan will succeed to 2020-21 YLD chair-elect.

Pipes is a partner at Pipes Miles Beckman, L.L.C., in New Orleans. McAuliffe is an attorney at Frederick A. Miller & Associates in Metairie. Borel is



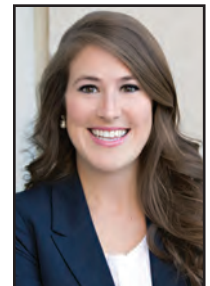
H. Minor Pipes III



John E. McAuliffe, Jr.



Graham H. Ryan



Danielle L. Borel

an associate in the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P. Ryan is a partner in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker LLP.

### Election Schedule

For the 2019-20 election cycle, balloting will be conducted electronically only, as approved by the LSBA Board of Governors. No paper ballots will be provided.

On Monday, Sept. 23, notice of the action of the Nominating Committee and self-qualification forms for positions on the Board of Governors, LSBA House of Delegates, Nominating Committee, Young Lawyers Division and American Bar Association House of Delegates will be provided to the membership.

Deadline for return of nominations by petition and qualification forms is Monday,

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Oct. 21. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 18. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 16.

### Other Positions Open

According to the president-elect rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 1 (parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany).

According to the treasurer rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 2 (parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana).

Other positions to be filled in the 2019-20 elections are:

**Board of Governors** (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2020 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2023 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the First, Second, Third and Fifth Board Districts.

**LSBA House of Delegates** (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2020 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2022 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one delegate from each of the First through Nineteenth Judicial Districts, plus one additional delegate for every additional district judge

in each district.

**Nominating Committee** (15 members, one-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2020 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2021 LSBA Annual Meeting) — District 1A, Orleans Parish, four members; District 1B, parishes of Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany, one member; District 2A, East Baton Rouge Parish, two members; District 2B, Jefferson Parish, two members; District 2C, parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana, one member; District 3A, Lafayette Parish, one member; District 3B, parishes of Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion, one member; District 3C, parishes of Allen, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry and Vernon, one member; District 3D, parishes of Bossier and Caddo, one member; and District 3E, parishes of Bienville, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll and Winn, one member.

**Young Lawyers Division.** Secretary (2020-21 term), nominee shall be a resident of or actively practicing law in any parish in Louisiana, based on preferred mailing address. Petitions for nomination must be signed by 15 members of the Young Lawyers Division. Also to be elected, one representative each from the First, Second,

Third, Fifth and Seventh districts (two-year terms).

**American Bar Association House of Delegates** (*must be members of the American Bar Association*) — two delegates from the membership at large and one delegate from that portion of the membership not having reached his/her 35th birthday by Aug. 4, 2020 (that delegate being the “young lawyer delegate”). All LSBA members may vote for both sets of candidates. The delegates will serve two-year terms, beginning with the adjournment of the 2020 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2022 ABA Annual Meeting, as provided in Paragraph 6.4(e) of the ABA Constitution.

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

### Pay dues and assessment, file statement, file trust account disclosure to avoid penalties and ineligibility

**T**he 2019-20 Louisiana State Bar Association membership dues, the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board assessment, the Attorney Registration Statement and the Louisiana Supreme Court Trust Account Disclosure and Overdraft Notification Authorization were all due on July 1.

Delinquency notices were mailed the first week of August to members who have not complied. Members who have not complied by end of business on Monday, Sept. 16, will be certified ineligible to practice law.

Attorneys who fail to timely pay their assessment and dues and file their registration statement and trust account disclosure will ultimately be subject to monetary penalties and certification of ineligibility to practice law, pursuant to the Association’s By-Laws and the Supreme Court’s Rule XIX.

Note on electronic payments: Confirm with your financial institution prior to making an ACH electronic check payment. If your account is Positive Pay Protected, update the Company ID to 1000091175.

For guidelines on the online payment/filing procedure, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/MemberDuesInfo.aspx>. 📄

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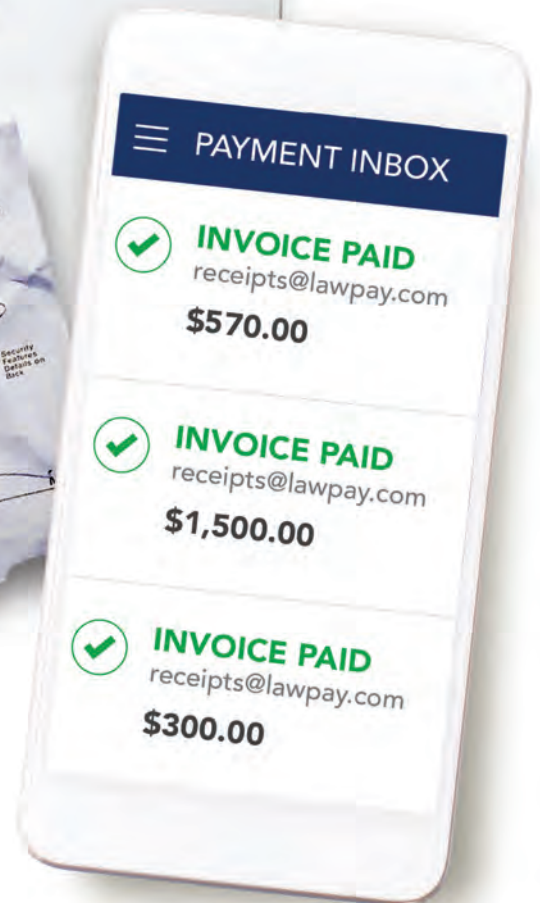
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## House resolution deadline is Dec. 18 for 2020 Midyear Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 16-18, 2020, at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge. The deadline for submitting resolutions for the House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 18. (The House will meet on Jan. 18, 2020.)

Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary Patrick A. Talley, 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. 18. Resolutions must be signed by the author. Also, copies of all resolutions should be emailed (in MS Word format) to LSBA Executive Assistant Jen France at [jen.france@lsba.org](mailto:jen.france@lsba.org). 

## Still time to register for Management Monday, Tech Tuesday CLEs

Management Monday and Tech Tuesday CLE season is here. Programs cost \$10 each, either attending in person at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, or by live webinar. The presentations are 10:30-11:30 a.m. and all qualify for 1 hour of LPM CLE. If joining by webcast, the session will count toward the 4 hour technologically assisted limitation under Rule 3(d) of Continuing Legal Education.

To register for these upcoming CLEs, go online to: [www.lsba.org/cle](http://www.lsba.org/cle).

▶ Sept. 16, Management Monday: Justices of the Peace: What They Do & How They Help Solo Practitioners.

▶ Sept. 17, Tech Tuesday: A Luddite Looks at Technology: Where We've Been and Where We Are Going.

▶ Sept. 23, Management Monday: Managing Professionalism and Activism in Social Media.

▶ Sept. 24, Tech Tuesday: E-Discovery for Solos.

### LSBA CLE Resources

▶ For more information or to register, visit [www.lsba.org/cle](http://www.lsba.org/cle)

▶ Upcoming Management Mondays:  
**Monday, September 16, 2019**  
**Monday, September 23, 2019**  
**Monday, October 21, 2019**  
**Monday, October 28, 2019**

▶ Upcoming Tech Tuesdays:  
**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**  
**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**  
**Tuesday, October 29, 2019**

▶ Oct. 21, Management Monday: Caveat Notarius: What You Didn't Learn in Law School But Should Have.

▶ Oct. 22, Tech Tuesday: Cybersecurity: A Practical Application.

▶ Oct. 28, Management Monday: Recent Developments in Legal Malpractice.

▶ Oct. 29, Tech Tuesday: Technology to Build a Firm from Scratch. 

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# Secret Santa

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## 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 23<sup>rd</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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4 through Friday, Dec. 6, 2019.
- 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).

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

# LBSLS accepting certification applications in bankruptcy law


The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSLS) is accepting applications for certification in business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law through Sept. 30, 2019.

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 percentage of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought, and the attorney must pass a written examination to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought and provide five favorable references. Peer review is 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. Refer to the LBSLS Bankruptcy Law Standards

(business and consumer) for a detailed description of the requirements: [www.lbsba.org/specialization](http://www.lbsba.org/specialization).

In addition, applicants must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the year in which application is made and the examination is administered. For bankruptcy law, CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification (ABC), 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 ABC, attorneys should apply for approval of the LBSLS simultaneously with the testing agency to avoid delay of board certification by the LBSLS. Information concerning the ABC will be provided with the application form(s) and can be viewed online at: [www.abeworld.org](http://www.abeworld.org).

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBSLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email [maryann.wegmann@lbsba.org](mailto:maryann.wegmann@lbsba.org), or call (504)619-0128. For more information, go to the LBSLS website link listed above. 

# Red Mass scheduled for Oct. 7 in New Orleans; LSBA's Memorial Exercises to follow

The St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association is coordinating the annual Red Mass, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. A reception will follow at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel.

Assembly for the Red Mass begins at 9 a.m. Judges are to assemble at the Supreme Court Building. St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association members and guests are to assemble at the St. Louis Cathedral for the ecclesiastical, judicial and legal procession.

The Louisiana State Bar Association has scheduled its annual Memorial Exercises to honor deceased members of the Bench and Bar following the Red Mass, beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal St., New Orleans. 

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## 2019-2020 LSBA CLE Calendar

### **Deposition Deep Dive**

Sept. 10, 2019

Hilton Riverside Hotel, New Orleans

### **Hanging Out Your Own Shingle**

Oct. 15, 2019

LA Bar Center, New Orleans

### **26th Annual Admiralty Symposium**

Sept. 13, 2019

Windsor Court, New Orleans

### **59th Bi-Annual Bridging the Gap**

Oct. 16 & 17, 2019

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans

### **Ethics & Professionalism (New Orleans)**

Sept. 20, 2019

Hilton Riverside Hotel, New Orleans

### **Deposition Deep Dive (Lake Charles)**

Oct. 18, 2019

Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, Lake Charles

### **Cyber Security:**

#### **The Practice, The Ethics and The Risk!**

Sept. 24, 2019

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### **Jury Trials Revisited**

Oct. 21, 2019

Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel, New Orleans

### **Appellate Practice**

Oct. 3, 2019

Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, Lake Charles

### **Motions, Motions, Motions**

Oct. 22, 2019

Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel,  
New Orleans

### **13th Annual Dispute Resolution Seminar The Modern Mediator: Striving for Excellence in an Increasingly Complex World**

Oct. 11, 2019

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, Baton Rouge



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

## LBF grant application, LRAP application available online Oct. 1

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) grant application for 2020-21 funding will be available online beginning Oct. 1. The deadline for submitting grant applications is Dec. 2, 2019.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) application for 2020-21 funding will be available online beginning Oct. 1. The deadline for submitting the LRAP application is Feb. 7, 2020.

For more information, contact Renee LeBoeuf at (504)561-1046 or email [renee@raisingthebar.org](mailto:renee@raisingthebar.org). Grant applications will be available online at: [www.raisingthebar.org](http://www.raisingthebar.org). 

## LBF Kids' Chance Awareness Week is Nov. 11-15

Every year, the entire Kids' Chance community (now in 47 states) dedicates one special week to raising awareness of Kids' Chance nationwide. This year, Kids' Chance Awareness Week is Nov. 11-15. Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards has issued a formal proclamation designating the special week.

During this week, the committee will be sending care packages to current Kids' Chance scholarship recipients. Also, the Kids' Chance Awareness Meet and Greet will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Urban South Brewery in New Orleans.

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program is for dependents of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in a work accident. Applications for the 2020-21 academic year will be available online Dec. 1.

For more information about the program, go online to: <https://raisingthebar.org/>

[programs-and-projects/kids-chance-scholarship-program](https://raisingthebar.org/programs-and-projects/kids-chance-scholarship-program).

For program guidelines, go online to: <https://raisingthebar.org/kids-chance-scholarship-program/kids-chance-scholarship-guidelines>.


Too young for college? Sign up for "Planning for the Future." When the time is right, Kids' Chance will make contact. Go online to: [www.kidschance.org/planning-for-the-future/](http://www.kidschance.org/planning-for-the-future/).

Other opportunities to assist in the Awareness Week include:

▶ Donate company swag and gift cards to include in the Kids' Chance care packages.

▶ Host a "Dress Down for Kids' Chance Day," with donors wearing jeans to work for the day.

▶ Host a "Pizza Party for Kids' Chance," with donors having a pizza party at work.

For more information or to get involved, contact Dee Jones at (504)561-1046 or email [dee@raisingthebar.org](mailto:dee@raisingthebar.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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# Lawsuit challenges mandatory LSBA membership; 8th Circuit concludes *Janus* does not alter prior grant of summary judgment in Bar's favor

**A** Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) member filed suit against the LSBA, the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Justices of the Court on Aug. 1, challenging mandatory Bar membership on First and 14th amendment grounds.

See, *Boudreaux v. Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana Supreme Court et al.*, [www.lsba.org/documents/Suit/LA00LSBAComplaint.pdf](http://www.lsba.org/documents/Suit/LA00LSBAComplaint.pdf).

In a similar challenge involving the State Bar Association of North Dakota (*Fleck v. Wetch*), on Aug. 30, a three-judge panel of the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals found that the Bar's procedures for collecting mandatory membership fees do not violate the First Amendment. The panel had previously ruled in favor of the Bar, but the

U.S. Supreme Court vacated and remanded that ruling for reconsideration in light of *Janus v. AFSCME*. In its recent decision, the 8th Circuit concluded that *Janus* does not alter its prior grant of summary judgment in favor of the Bar. Review the 8th Circuit's Judgment and Opinion at: [www.lsba.org/Challenge/NorthDakota.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/Challenge/NorthDakota.aspx).

Mandatory membership in a state Bar and payment of compulsory fees were held constitutional in *Keller v. State Bar of California*, 496 U.S. 1 (1990), and *Lathrop v. Donohue*, 367 U.S. 820 (1961), and the LSBA operates in accordance with these decisions.

The LSBA's legislative advocacy is subject to a number of provisions set forth in the Association's Bylaws. These activities are limited to matters involving

issues affecting the profession, the regulation of attorneys and the practice of law, the administration of justice, the availability and delivery of legal services to society, the improvement of the courts and the legal profession, and other matters consistent with the mission and purposes of the Association.

The LSBA will vigorously defend its mandatory structure, established by the Louisiana Supreme Court nearly 80 years ago to aid in the administration of justice and assist with the regulation of the practice of law.

Similar legal challenges are facing other states with mandatory Bars, including Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Michigan and Wisconsin. For updates on these cases, go to: [www.lsba.org/Challenge/](http://www.lsba.org/Challenge/). 📄

## Community Action Committee & 'WEEN DREAM Partnering for Halloween Costume Donations

The Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee is assisting the 'WEEN DREAM program in the collection of new and/or slightly used Halloween costumes for children in need.

Law firms, attorneys and legal professionals wishing to donate should drop off costumes at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, on Nov. 1-9, during business hours (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

Costumes may simply be placed in bags. There is no labeling or sorting process required. 'WEEN DREAM volunteers will handle the sorting process and match the costumes to children for Halloween 2020. (Costumes that were donated after Halloween 2018 are being distributed to children for 2019.)

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# LSBA Young Lawyers Division Award Nominations

## Deadline: September 15, 2019

Nominations are open for the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Young Lawyers Division (YLD) awards. To be eligible for consideration, individual nominees must be current members of the YLD (attorneys who have not yet reached the age of 39 or who have been admitted to the practice of law for fewer than five years) in good standing. The YLD Council selects award winners from recommendations made by a committee of young lawyers appointed from throughout the state.

► **Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer who has made exceptional contributions to the legal profession and his/her community. In determining the award recipient, the YLD considers several factors, including the nominee's service to the public and community, the nominee's service to the legal profession, the nominee's service to the LSBA YLD, awards and achievements received during the nominee's legal career, challenges the nominee may have overcome, and specific examples of the nominee's outstanding characteristics. Present or former members of the YLD Council are ineligible.

► **Outstanding Local Affiliate.** This award is given to a local affiliate organization that has impacted the lives of young lawyers in an outstanding way.

In determining the award recipient, the YLD considers several factors, including the organization's service to the public, service to the legal profession, success of initiatives that serve the public and the profession, challenges overcome, creative use of resources, involvement of young lawyers in programming and services, and inclusiveness.

► **Program of the Year.** This award is given to an organization (bar association, firm or other entity) that has implemented an outstanding program or service that serves the public or the profession and enhances the lives of young lawyers or was primarily planned by young lawyer(s). In determining the award recipient, the YLD considers several factors, including young lawyer involvement, impact on the public and/or profession, innovation, inclusiveness and success.

► **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. In determining the award recipient, the YLD considers several factors, including the nominee's commitment to promoting respect for the legal system and profession by exhibiting the highest standards of competence, integrity, civility and ethics as well as a

dedication to enhancing professionalism among lawyers.

► **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 or the state at large. In determining the award recipient, the YLD considers several factors, including the total number of pro bono hours per year, the impact of the nominee's pro bono work and ongoing contributions that have resulted in the increased access to legal services for Louisiana citizens.

1. Submit a type-written nomination entry, not to exceed 1,000 words, that describes why the nominee should be considered for the award and that specifically addresses the award criteria and includes, where applicable, nominator's and nominee's: (a) name, (b) address, (c) telephone number and (d) email address.

2. Nominations for individual awards must include a current photo and résumé of the nominee. Additional attachments for all nominations are encouraged, including newspaper clippings, letters of support and other materials pertinent to the nomination. Submissions should not exceed 10 pages total.

3. Nomination packets must be submitted by email or regular mail to:


**LSBA Young Lawyers Division Awards**  
**Attn: Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez**  
**601 St. Charles Ave.**

**New Orleans, LA 70130**

**email: [kbellanger@lsba.org](mailto:kbellanger@lsba.org)**

4. Any nomination packet that is incomplete or not received by **September 15, 2019**, will not be considered. Submit detailed and thorough entries as nominees are evaluated based on the information provided in the nomination packets.

5. Finalists will be announced in late November. All finalists and winners will be recognized at the LSBA Midyear Meeting and the Louisiana Young Lawyers' Conference luncheon in Baton Rouge on January 17, 2020.

For questions, email Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez at [kbellanger@lsba.org](mailto:kbellanger@lsba.org). 

## Public Notice: Magistrate Judge

### U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana


Subject to the approval of the Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System and the 5th Circuit Judicial Council, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana will fill a vacancy in the position of U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The position will be available June 1, 2020.

The current annual salary of the position is \$194,028. The term of office is

eight years.

A full public notice and application for the Magistrate Judge position is posted on the court's website at [www.laed.uscourts.gov](http://www.laed.uscourts.gov) and in the office of the Clerk of the District Court at 500 Poydras St., Room C-151, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees personally and must be received by Sept. 13, 2019.

The District Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 

# 2020 Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory

The Louisiana State Bar Association is publishing its Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory. The supplement to the *Louisiana Bar Journal* will be printed separately and shrink-wrapped for mailing with the December 2019/January 2020 *Louisiana Bar Journal*. The directory is published annually, guaranteeing a year's worth of exposure in print and on the LSBA Web site.

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601 St. Charles Ave.  
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**Sept. 16, 2019**

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# Focus on *Access to Justice*

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

## Innovative CLE builds a bridge between civil and criminal justice

The Louisiana State Bar Association Access to Justice Commission's Building Bridges and Modest Means Committees hosted a CLE, "Successful Re-Entry: Addressing Legal Needs after Incarceration," to recruit and educate attorney volunteers of the New Orleans Re-Entry Legal Clinic and attorneys listed on the Modest Means Directory. The CLE programming was designed to provide information on how to assist formerly incarcerated clients with their most pressing civil legal issues, such as obtaining a driver's license and handling consumer debt collection matters.

The New Orleans Re-Entry Legal Clinic is operated by the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana, The First 72+ and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) and offers walk-in civil legal assistance once a month to people who have recently returned from incarceration. This free legal aid helps ensure that returning citizens get back on their feet quickly and avoid becoming mired in legal issues and debt that could ultimately return them to incarceration.

The Modest Means Directory is an online directory that connects attorneys with clients whose income falls in the gap between eligibility for legal aid and ability to afford a full-cost attorney. Attorneys who choose to be listed on the directory offer affordable legal options with sliding scale payment, flat fees or limited-scope representation. Because many of the patrons of the Re-Entry Legal Clinic fall into this income eligibility gap and require legal assistance beyond what is provided on site at the clinic, the directory is used as a resource for these individuals to obtain affordable legal assistance.

Overall, the session fits into the Building Bridges Committee's larger goal of "trying to get both sides of the justice system, the civil and criminal side, to come together to better address the legal issues folks



Laura Tuggle, executive director of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, gave opening remarks at the "Successful Re-Entry: Addressing Legal Needs after Incarceration" CLE.

caught up in the system face," SLLS Executive Director Laura Tuggle explained in her opening remarks. In this way, legal professionals can respond "as a coordinated system to break down policy issues, address systemic barriers, and include direct services to individuals," with the ultimate goal of ensuring that returning citizens successfully reintegrate into the community rather than returning to incarceration.

Both the Re-Entry Legal Clinic and the Modest Means Directory are seeking attorneys to participate in the programs. Attorneys interested in volunteering for the clinic should email Vanessa Spinazola at [vanessa@jaclouisiana.org](mailto:vanessa@jaclouisiana.org). Attorneys interested in being listed on the Modest Means Directory can



Louisiana State Bar Association Access to Justice assistant Jordan Maier displayed the educational materials associated with the "Successful Re-Entry: Addressing Legal Needs after Incarceration" CLE.

sign up at [www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx). 

# Legal professionals offer training to area librarians

The Legal Education and Assistance Program (LEAP) is a collaborative effort between the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), the Law Library of Louisiana and the Louisiana Library Association. LEAP's goal is to provide training and resources to help empower public librarians to serve the legal reference needs of their patrons.

The New Orleans Public Library system requested training for its library staff at the Algiers Regional, Norman Mayer and Mid-City library branches. Rachael M. Mills and Joanna Laidler from the LSBA's Access to Justice Department and Sara V. Pic from the Law Library of Louisiana provided librarians with practical information and best practices for assisting self-represented litigants

and highlighted the LSBA initiatives offering legal resources to the public. The librarians were also provided with handouts detailing statewide legal resources, reference materials and referral information.

The LEAP partners are currently organizing additional trainings in regional library branches. Further, LEAP will record the training so it can be made available to all public libraries in Louisiana. 📺



Right: Providing legal resources training to librarians in the New Orleans Public Library system were, from left, Joanna Laidler, Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Department; Sara V. Pic, Law Library of Louisiana; and Francie Trimble, LSBA Access to Justice intern.



## LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES

*October 21-26, 2019*

In support of National Celebrate Pro Bono Week, the Louisiana Library Association and the Louisiana State Bar Association are sponsoring Lawyers in Libraries events across Louisiana, where libraries host attorney volunteers for educational workshops and "Ask a Lawyer" sessions. *Your volunteerism at these events helps ensure that justice is available to all, regardless of income.*

**Make a difference and ensure justice:  
volunteer in your local library!**

To participate in a **Lawyers in Libraries** event, sign up at [www.lil.ivolunteer.com/2019](http://www.lil.ivolunteer.com/2019).

# Focus on Diversity

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

## Nomination procedures listed, forms online for Trailblazer Award, Guardian of Diversity Award

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Member Outreach and Diversity Department has announced the nomination periods and procedures for the Trailblazer Award and the Guardian of Diversity Award. Nomination deadlines are Feb. 28, 2020, for both awards.

For more information on awards and to access nomination forms, go online: [www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx). Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards." Or email the Member Outreach and Diversity Department at [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org).

### LSBA Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award

The LSBA Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award was established in 2016. It combined two previous diversity awards — the Trailblazer Award (established in 2013) and the Human Rights Award (established in 2010). The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award is awarded by the Association annually in June at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

The nomination period runs from October through February.

This 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 always exhibited an unwavering commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Nominees must be admitted to practice in Louisiana. Judges must have been elected or appointed to a state or federal court in Louisiana; the lawyer or judge

can be on active or inactive status and from any practice setting; and the lawyer or judge cannot be a current member of the LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession.

The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award recipient should demonstrate a unique blend of experience, skills and accomplishments which translate into successful diversity and inclusion efforts which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ▶ supporting and encouraging attorneys who are members of an unrepresented group within the legal profession to reach their career and personal potential;
- ▶ ensuring opportunities for the advancement of diverse people through mentoring efforts and diversity outreach;
- ▶ commitment to addressing issues of equality, fairness and injustice in the legal profession; and
- ▶ participation in community service activities which promote and broaden the diversity pipeline to the legal profession.

### Guardian of Diversity Award

The Guardian of Diversity Award, established in 2013, 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. It is presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

The nomination period is October through February.

Nominees can be bar associations, courts, law firms/departments, or community organizations (including non-profits and public interest organizations).

Recipients should demonstrate the

following diversity and inclusion efforts:

- ▶ creating and implementing innovative strategies to promote and advance the concept and spirit of diversity and inclusion in society;
- ▶ making a significant impact on diversity issues in the legal profession;
- ▶ enhancing access and equality in employment, economic and educational opportunities;
- ▶ advocating and promoting an understanding and awareness of diversity;
- ▶ dedication to improving and bridging the relationship between diverse groups; and
- ▶ proven commitment to creating a culture of diversity and inclusion. 🗳️

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## Become a signatory to the LSBA Statement of Diversity Principles!

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession asks all Louisiana law firms, law departments and courts to execute the voluntary Statement of Diversity Principles.

By executing the Statement, the leaders of a legal organization or court agree to use their best efforts to increase the diversity in their hiring, retention and promotion of attorneys and the elevation of attorneys to leadership positions within their organizations. They also agree to promote and participate in appropriate diversity awareness training programs as well as programs to measure their progress in the pursuit of the stated diversity principles.

To access the Statement online, go to: [www.lsba.org/documents/Diversity/2018StatementofDiversity.pdf](http://www.lsba.org/documents/Diversity/2018StatementofDiversity.pdf).

Signed forms may be returned to Tricia R. Pierre at [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org), by fax (504)566-0930 or by mail to 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. 



### New Admittees Reception

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans

A professional photographer will be onsite to offer a free professional headshot to newly admitted lawyers. RSVP: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewAdmittee2019](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewAdmittee2019).

### LSBA Labor and Employment CLE Seminar Title VII at 55: Where We've Been and Where We're Going

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans

The LSBA Diversity Committee's LGBT Subcommittee is hosting the free CLE. Approval pending for 1.5 CLE credits. For more information, go to: [www.lsba.org/goto/EmploymentCLE2019](http://www.lsba.org/goto/EmploymentCLE2019).

### Natchitoches Lights CLE Seminar

Friday, December 13, 2019

Chateau Saint Denis Hotel, 751 Second St., Natchitoches, LA

The LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession is hosting the "Natchitoches Lights" CLE seminar on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Chateau Saint Denis Hotel, Natchitoches. Register: [www.lsba.org/goto/NatchitochesCLE2019](http://www.lsba.org/goto/NatchitochesCLE2019).

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession Celebrating 55 Years of Civil Rights: Moving from "Why" to How?"

March 27, 2020

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal St., New Orleans

Questions? Contact Member Outreach and Diversity team members by email at [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org).

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**The Louisiana Public Defender Board** is accepting résumés for state public defender. Qualifications are in accordance with La. R.S. 15:152 and 15:150(B). Résumés, required references and writing samples should be sent to Chair C. Frank Holthaus, via mail or email, Ste. 700, 301 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801, or [employment@lpdb.la.gov](mailto:employment@lpdb.la.gov). For application details, review

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