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LSBA Responds to Louisiana Flooding Disaster

Message from the LSBA President: Assistance Continuing in Many Forms

As floodwater recedes across the state, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is continuing its support of members who are now starting the process of rebuilding their lives and practices.

The LSBA recently hosted a free disaster recovery CLE in Baton Rouge, “The Nuts and Bolts of Re-Establishing Your Practice.”

The LSBA has set up a webpage dedicated to giving and receiving non-monetary donations like housing help, office equipment, commuting assistance and employment opportunities. Visit the Disaster Response Donations page if you are willing

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Grodsky, McAuliffe, Thriffiley, Sternberg nominated for LSBA, YLD leadership positions

Barry H. Grodsky of New Orleans and John E. (Eddie) McAuliffe, Jr. of Metairie have been nominated for the positions of 2017-18 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2017-19 LSBA secretary, respectively. The LSBA’s Nominating Committee formulated these recommendations on Aug. 19 and presented its report to the Board of Governors on Aug. 20.

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



Barry H. Grodsky



John E. (Eddie) McAuliffe, Jr.



Dylan T. Thriffiley



Scott L. Sternberg

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to donate or are in need of donations: www.lsba.org/DR/drmmessageboard.aspx.

The LSBA also encourages members who would like to lend a helping hand during the recovery process. Attorney volunteers are being sought to provide legal advice and counseling to flood victims. Volunteers are needed to answer questions from individuals seeking assistance at Disaster Recovery Centers and to assist the Louisiana Civil Justice Center in answering calls through the Statewide Disaster Hotline. Counseling is needed in many topic areas, including insurance claims, home-repair contracts and consumer-protection matters. For more information or to volunteer, go to: www.lsba.org/dr/DisasterVolunteering.aspx.

The LSBA's disaster response website, www.lsba.org/dr/, is a single source for flooding-related information, including access to the LSBA Disaster Planning Handbook, which contains practical information on emergency response, the recovery process, and how to prepare your law practice for emergencies in the future.

The LSBA remains dedicated to serving the needs of our members and the public throughout this long road to recovery.

—Darrel J. Papillion

2016-2017 LSBA President

Supreme Court Offering Free Replacement Licenses

The Louisiana Supreme Court Clerk of Court's Office will issue replacement licenses, free of charge, for those damaged by recent flooding. Make requests to rbarney@lasc.org.

Donations Being Accepted Online for Flood Disaster Relief

The Baton Rouge Bar Foundation has established a Disaster Relief Fund to assist legal professionals who have been impacted by the flooding. For more information, to apply for a grant or make a donation, go to: www.brba.org/Web/Foundation/Bar_Foundation.aspx.

SOLACE Support for Those Affected by Flooding

SOLACE is accepting assistance requests for non-monetary needs from those affected by the severe weather. Requests can be for gift cards, furniture, office space, temporary housing, food, etc. Requests for assistance will be circulated to the 20,000+ SOLACE members. If you or someone you know needs assistance, email the request to SOLACE: solaceinfo@lasolace.org. Include an email address that protects the sender's identity. For more information on the SOLACE Program, go to: www.lsba.org/Members/Solace.aspx.

Call for Volunteers: Flooding Victims Need Legal Assistance

Attorney volunteers are being sought to provide legal advice and counseling to individuals impacted statewide by the recent flooding. Volunteers are needed to answer questions from individuals seeking assistance at Disaster Recovery Centers, to assist the Louisiana Civil Justice Center in answering calls through the Statewide Disaster Hotline and to work with local pro bono organizations. To volunteer online, click on the "Volunteer" button at: <https://www.lsba.org/dr/>. Or contact Rachael Mills at (504)619-0104 or email rachael.mills@lsba.org. 📧

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representative for 2017-19.

The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Council nominated Dylan T. Thriffley of New Orleans for 2017-18 YLD chair-elect and Scott L. Sternberg for 2017-18 YLD secretary.

Self-Qualifying Deadline is Oct. 17

Several leadership positions are open in the 2016-17 LSBA election cycle.

On Monday, Sept. 19, 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, Oct. 17.

First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 14. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 12. Balloting will be conducted electronically only; no paper ballots will be provided.

The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2018-19.

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 secretary 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 Open

Other positions to be filled in the 2016-17 elections are:

Board of Governors (three-year

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terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2017 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2020 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the First, Second, Third and Fifth districts.

LSBA House of Delegates (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2017 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one delegate from each of the Twentieth through Forty-Second 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 2017 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2018 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 Par-

ish, 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. Chair-elect (2017-18 term), nominee shall be a resident of or actively practicing law in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St.

Bernard or Plaquemines, based on preferred mailing address. Secretary (2017-18 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, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth districts (two-year terms).

American Bar Association House of Delegates (must be members of the American Bar Association) — one delegate from the membership at large. The delegate will serve a two-year term, beginning with the adjournment of the 2017 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2019 ABA Annual Meeting, as provided in Paragraph 6.4 of the ABA Constitution.

For more information on the election procedures and the schedule, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/elections. 

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La. Board of Legal Specialization sets dates for certification applications

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

The application period for appellate practice, estate planning and administration, family law and tax law certification is Nov. 1, 2016, through Feb. 28, 2017.

Applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification will be accepted from Jan. 1, 2017, through Sept. 30, 2017.

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) member in good standing who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. Further requirements are that each year a mini-


imum percentage of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought, passing a written examination to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought, and five favorable references. Peer review will be used to determine that an applicant has achieved recognition as having a level of competence indicating proficient performance handling the usual matters in the specialty field. LSBA members should refer to the LBLS standards for the applicable specialty for a more detailed description of the requirements for application.

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

- ▶ Appellate Practice — 18 hours of appellate law.
- ▶ Estate Planning and Administration Law — 18 hours of estate planning law.

- ▶ Family Law — 18 hours of family law.
- ▶ Tax Law — 20 hours of tax law.
- ▶ Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, the testing agency.

With regard to applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification, although the written test(s) is administered by the American Board of Certification, attorneys should apply for approval of the LBLS simultaneously with the testing agency in order to avoid delay of board certification by the LBLS. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s).

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

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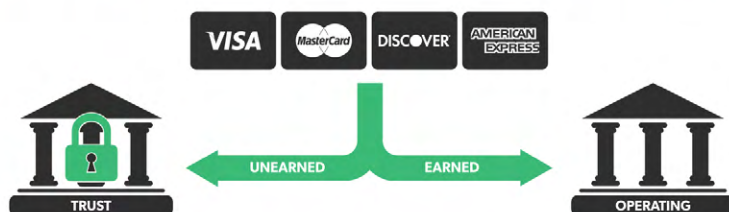
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House resolution deadline is Dec. 15 for 2017 Midyear Meeting

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

Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary Alainna R. Mire, c/o Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. All resolutions proposed to be considered at the meeting must be received on or before Dec. 15. Resolutions must be signed by the author. Also, copies of all resolutions should be emailed (in MS Word format) to LSBA Executive Assistant Mindi Hunter at mindi.hunter@lsba.org.

LBF sets grant application deadlines

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's grant application for 2017-18 funding will be available online beginning Oct. 3. The deadline for submitting grant applications is Dec. 1.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) application for 2017-18 funding will be available online beginning Oct. 3. The deadline for submitting LRAP applications is Feb. 10, 2017.

For more information, go to: www.raisingthebar.org.

Save the Date! LBF 31st Annual Fellows Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's 31st Annual Fellows Gala is Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

Discounted rooms are available Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21, 2017, at \$239 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference Louisiana Bar Foundation or go to: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/LBFANNUALGALA>. Reservations must be made before Thursday, March 30.

For more Gala information, contact Danielle J. Marshall at (504)561-1046 or email danielle@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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For more information, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/solace.

LBF to participate in second National Kids' Chance Awareness Week

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is participating in the second National Kids' Chance Awareness Week from Nov. 14-18.

The LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. Applications for the 2017-18 school year will be available on the LBF's website on Dec. 1.

For more information about the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program or to find out how you can participate in a Kids' Chance Awareness Week activity, contact Dennette Young at (504)561-1046



or email dennette@raisingthebar.org. Or visit the LBF website, <http://raisingthebar.org/ProgramsAndProjects/KidsChanceProgram.asp>.

LBF creates new funding category: Self-Represented Litigants

Louisiana courts and legal service programs are struggling to meet the increasing needs of self-represented litigants (SRL). To help ensure equal access and justice for all, the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) created a new funding category for non-profit organizations to develop innovative solutions to assist and empower individuals to gain meaningful access to the courts. These initiatives include self-help centers, pro se clinics, unbundled legal services and mediation programs.

2016-17 Self-Represented Litigants Programs

Catholic Charities of New Orleans..	\$10,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$10,000
Louisiana Civil Justice Center (Concordia Parish).....	\$10,000
Louisiana Civil Justice Center (Webster Parish).....	\$10,000
Louisiana Center for Civil Justice (Iberia Parish).....	\$10,000
Louisiana District Judges Association.....	\$5,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$6,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (17th JDC).....	\$8,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (22nd JDC).....	\$10,000
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation.....	\$10,000

Applications for the 2017-18 funding cycle will be available beginning Oct. 3. For more information, contact LBF Grants Coordinator Renee LeBoeuf at (504)561-1046 or email renee@raisingthebar.org.

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 Tuesday through Friday, Nov. 1-4, 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 2017. (Costumes that were donated after Halloween 2015 are being distributed to children for 2016.)

For more information, contact Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez at (504)619-0131 or email kbellanger@lsba.org.

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2016-2017 LSBA CLE Calendar

23rd Annual Admiralty Symposium
Sept. 16, 2016 • New Orleans

Ethics & Professionalism
Sept. 23, 2016 • New Orleans

Expert Witness
Sept. 30, 2016 • New Orleans

Energy & Environmental Law Summit
Oct. 7, 2016 • New Orleans

10th Annual Dispute Resolution Seminar
Oct. 14, 2016 • Baton Rouge

Military Law
Oct. 14, 2016 • New Orleans

56th Bi-Annual Bridging the Gap
Oct. 18 & 19, 2016 • New Orleans

Voodoo Fest CLE
October 28, 2016 • New Orleans

Workers' Comp CLE
Nov. 2, 2016 • Baton Rouge

Ethics & Professionalism
Nov. 4, 2016 • Bossier City

**16th Annual Class Action/ Complex
Litigation Symposium**
Nov. 11, 2016 • New Orleans

CLE with the Pelicans (NO vs Boston)
Nov. 14, 2016 • New Orleans

In-House Counsel/Outside Practice
Nov. 15, 2016 • New Orleans

New York, New York CLE
Nov. 19-21, 2016 • New York, NY

**Ethics & Professionalism:
Watch Your P's & Q's**
Dec. 2, 2016 • New Orleans

CLE with the Pelicans (NO vs Boston)
Dec. 5, 2016 • New Orleans

28th Summer School Revisited
Dec. 8 & 9, 2016 • New Orleans

Trial Practice CLE
Dec. 13, 2016 • New Orleans

Quality of Life CLE
Dec. 13, 2016 • New Orleans

CLE Wrap Up
Dec. 16, 2016 • New Orleans

Dazzling Disney CLE
Feb. 27-March 1, 2017
Disney's Grand Floridian, Orlando, FL

**French Quarter Fest CLE:
9th Annual White Collar Crime Symp.**
April 7, 2017 (Tentative Date)
New Orleans

Medical Malpractice
April 7, 2017 • New Orleans

Immigration Law
April 21, 2017 • Shreveport

57th Bi-Annual Bridging the Gap
April/May, 2017 • New Orleans

Jazz Fest CLE
April 21, 2017 (Tentative Date)
New Orleans

Healthcare Law
April 28, 2017 • New Orleans

Rhine River Cruise
Dec. 9-16, 2016 • The Viking Longship Mani

**Consumer Law Protection & Mortgage
Lending**
April 28, 2017 • New Orleans

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June 4-9, 2017 • Destin, Fla.

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June 16, 2017 • New Orleans



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Reminder: CLE compliance by Dec. 31 for board-certified specialists

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS), as set forth in the individual Specialty Standards for each field of legal specialization, board-certified attorneys in a specific field of law must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2016. The requirement for each area of specialty is:


- ▶ Appellate Practice — 18 hours of appellate practice law.
- ▶ Estate Planning and Administration Law — 18 hours of estate planning law.
- ▶ Family Law — 18 hours of family law.
- ▶ Tax Law — 20 hours of tax law
- ▶ Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification.

CLE credits will be computed on a calendar year basis and all attendance informa-

tion must be delivered to the Supreme Court Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) no later than Jan. 31, 2017. Failure to earn and/or timely report specialization CLE hours will result in a penalty assessment.

Preliminary specialization transcripts will be mailed in November to all specialists who are delinquent in their specialization CLE hours. Specialists should satisfy all specialization CLE requirements by Dec. 31, 2016.


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

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

Nomination deadline is Nov. 21 for Outstanding Civics Teacher Award

The nomination deadline is Monday, Nov. 21, for the 2017 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. 

Red Mass scheduled for Oct. 3 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. 3, at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans. A reception will follow at the Louisiana Supreme Court.

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 about 11:45 a.m. at the Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal St., New Orleans. 

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Focus on *Access to Justice*

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

Attorney volunteers: Register with *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org!*


L*A.FreeLegalAnswers.org*, a new website that connects low-income individuals with attorneys, was launched on Aug. 22. Through the website, attorney volunteers are able to log in whenever and wherever they like to anonymously respond to legal questions submitted by individuals who could not otherwise afford to consult an attorney. Volunteers will be covered by malpractice insurance provided by the American Bar Association for any legal advice given through the site.

La.FreeLegalAnswers.org is not only an incredibly convenient way for attorneys to do pro bono, but also it will help expand pro bono access throughout Louisiana, especially to those in rural areas where few pro bono resources are currently available.

To learn more about *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org*, go to the LSBA's Access to Justice webpage, www.lsba.org/atj. Or contact Rachael Mills with the Access to Justice Department at (504)619-0104 or email rachael.mills@lsba.org. 

LSBA continuing disaster assistance in response to flooding

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), in conjunction with the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA/YLD), the Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has activated the statewide disaster plan for legal assistance in response to the recent flooding throughout the state.

Currently, LCJC is offering free legal counseling via its toll-free disaster hotline (1-800-310-7029). LCJC operates the hotline from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The staff provides resources and assists callers with legal issues, including FEMA disaster assistance, insurance claims, landlord-tenant issues, home-repair contracts, and consumer protection matters. Legal assistance for Spanish-speaking callers can be arranged via a callback appointment. The hotline has begun receiving disaster-related calls and the numbers have steadily increased. To learn more about the LSBA's latest efforts to respond to the recent flooding, visit the LSBA's Disaster Response webpage, www.lsba.org/dr. 



LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES *October 27, 2016*



Louisiana lawyers are proud to partner with Louisiana libraries to help address the legal needs of our communities.

On October 27, 2016, the Louisiana Library Association and the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will sponsor "Lawyers in Libraries" events across the state in support of the National Pro Bono Celebration. Attorney volunteers will provide "Ask-a-Lawyer" sessions, or educational presentations, free of charge to library patrons.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to be the Lawyer in your local Library.

To participate in a "Lawyers in Libraries" event, contact the LSBA Access to Justice Department at (504)619-0106 or (800)421-5722, ext. 106, or email Nicole.Louque@lsba.org. More info on the project can be found at: www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org

Special thanks to all the participating attorneys helping to make this project a success.

How You Can Help Flood Victims

► Volunteer Your Time.

There are several available volunteer opportunities.

The Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) operates the disaster legal assistance hotline and is seeking attorney volunteers to respond to the growing volume of disaster calls and voice messages. Volunteers will be trained on how to use LCJC's case management software and work alongside LCJC attorneys to take disaster calls, give legal information and make referrals. Volunteers can sign up for a two-hour shift, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m., working from the LCJC office at 601 St. Charles Ave., 3rd floor, New Orleans (in the Louisiana Bar Center). Lawyers and law students are encouraged to volunteer. To sign up for a volunteer shift with LCJC, go to: <http://laciviljustice.org/volunteer-signup/>.

Attorney volunteers are needed to staff the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs). Currently, there are 28 DRCs open in the state. For security reasons, volunteers must have clearance to enter a DRC, and both Acadiana Legal Services and the Baton

Resources

LSBA Disaster Recovery website:
www.lsba.org/dr

Volunteer to help those affected:
www.lsba.org/goto/volunteer

SOLACE information
www.lsba.org/goto/solace

LSBA Disaster Response Message Board - post offers of help or requests for assistance (for LSBA members only):
www.lsba.org/goto/DRmessage

Rouge Bar Association are cleared to enter DRCs. DRC locations are identified in the sign-up process.

To volunteer at the DRCs with Acadiana Legal Services, sign up through its "Sign Up Genius" program at this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f44aaa72ba4fb6-acadiana>.

To volunteer at the DRCs with the


Baton Rouge Bar Association, sign up through its "Sign Up Genius" program at this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084daea72eaafc1-2016>.

Volunteer resources and training materials are available on the LSBA's Disaster Response webpage, www.lsba.org/dr, under the "Volunteer Resources" tab on the right side of the page. To access the Emergency/Disaster Training Manual for Volunteer Lawyers, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/documents/DR/2016VolunteerManual.pdf>.

► Donate Money.

Tax-deductible donations to either of the organizations listed below will be used exclusively to help members of the Louisiana legal community devastated by the flood to begin to rebuild their lives and practices.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Fund
http://www.brba.org/Web/Foundation/Bar_Foundation.aspx

Lafayette Bar Foundation Fund
<https://squareup.com/store/lafayette-bar-foundation> 



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org

A free online forum for civil legal questions

Fulfill your pro bono obligation of 50 hours without ever leaving your office, seeing a client, or even changing out of your pajamas. *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* offers attorneys a quick, easy way to help low-income, elderly, and disabled Louisiana residents.

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org allows volunteers to:

- Log in whenever/wherever
- Choose the question you answer and respond anonymously
- Receive training and access to resources
- Be covered by malpractice insurance

To volunteer contact Rachael Mills with the LSBA at rachael.mills@lsba.org or 504-619-0104.

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

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

▶ LSBA's Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award

The Trailblazer Award recognizes individual attorneys and judges who champion the ideals set forth by Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, the first African-American chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, who has exhibited an unwavering commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. The award will be presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting in June 2017.

Lawyer nominees must be admitted to practice in Louisiana. Judge nominees must have been elected or appointed to a state or federal court in Louisiana. Lawyers and judges can be on active or inactive status and from any practice setting. Lawyers and judges cannot be a current member of the LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession.

The 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:

- ▶ 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;
- ▶ addressing issues of equality, fairness and injustice in the legal profession; and

▶ participating in community service activities which promote and broaden the diversity pipeline to the legal profession.

For more information on the award, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx>. Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards."


▶ LSBA's Guardian of Diversity Award

The award recognizes non-profit groups, local and specialty bar associations, and public interest organizations that implement and advance diversity programs to promote and support diversity in the legal community. The award will be presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting in June 2017.

Nominees may be a bar association, court, law firm/department, or community organization (including non-profits and public interest organizations).

Award 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;
- ▶ improving and bridging the relationship between diverse groups; and
- ▶ proving commitment to creating a culture of diversity and inclusion.

For more information on the award, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx>. Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards." 


Broussard elected president of the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association

Travis J. Broussard, an associate in the Lafayette firm of Durio, McGoffin, Stagg & Ackermann, will be the first male African-American president of the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association and the second African-American president of the association. He will be sworn in on Sept. 29.



Travis J. Broussard

Broussard joined the Durio McGoffin firm in 2011. He is an active member of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and is an adjunct professor of law at Southern University Law Center. He is a 2010 graduate, *cum laude*, of Southern University Law Center.

He was named a *Louisiana Super Lawyers* Rising Star in business litigation in 2016. He recently received the 2016 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award at the Lafayette Bar Association's Hall of Fame Gala. 



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For latest news on diversity and inclusion in the profession, visit www.lsba.org/diversity

2017 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 2016/January 2017 *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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Contact Info, Deadlines & Pricing

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Louisiana State Bar Association
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New Orleans, LA 70130-3404
e-mail: kbellanger@lsba.org

If you prefer to charge your listing (Visa, Mastercard or Discover only), please contact Krystal at (504)619-0131 or (800)421-5722, ext. 131.

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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 20th 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 Thursday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 2, 2016.
- 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.

For more information or questions about the Project, contact Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez at (504)619-0131 or 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: _____

E-mail: _____

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.

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