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Mire, Talley, Jones, Ryan nominated for LSBA, YLD leadership positions

Alainna R. Mire of Alexandria and Patrick A. Talley, Jr. of New Orleans have been nominated for 2019-20 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2019-21 LSBA secretary, respectively. The LSBA's Nominating Committee formulated these recommendations on Aug. 24 and presented its report to the Board of Governors on Aug. 25.

The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Council nominated Carrie L. Jones of Baton Rouge and Graham H. Ryan of New Orleans for 2019-20 YLD chair-elect and secretary, respectively.

The LSBA's Nominating Committee also accepted the nominations of three LSBA members for 2019-21 terms on the Board of Governors — Professor Monica Hof Wallace of New Orleans, representing Loyola University College of Law; Professor Donald W. North of Baton Rouge, representing Southern University Law Center; and Zelda W. Tucker of Shreveport, representing the Louisiana State Law Institute.



Alaina R. Mire



Patrick A. Talley, Jr.



Carrie L. Jones



Graham H. Ryan

Self-qualifying deadline is Oct. 22

Several leadership positions are open in the 2018-19 LSBA 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. 24, 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 was provided to the membership.

Deadline for return of nominations by petition and qualification forms is Monday, Oct. 22. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 19. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 17.

The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2020-21.

According to the president-elect rota-

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tion, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 3 (parishes of Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tensas, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Webster, West Carroll and Winn).

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

Other positions open

Other positions to be filled in the 2018-19 elections are:

Board of Governors (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2022 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the First, Fourth and Fifth Board Districts.

LSBA House of Delegates (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2021 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 2019 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2020 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. Chair-elect (2019-20 term), nominee **shall not** be a resident of or actively practicing law in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard or Plaquemines, based on preferred mailing address. **Secretary** (2019-20 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. 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 2019 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2021 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. 📄

House resolution deadline is Dec. 14 for 2019 Midyear Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 17-19, 2019, at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge. The deadline for submitting resolutions for the House of Delegates meeting is Friday, Dec. 14. (The House will meet on Jan. 19, 2019.)

Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary John E. McAuliffe, Jr., c/o Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. All resolutions proposed to be considered at the meeting *must be received* on or before Dec. 14. 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. 📄

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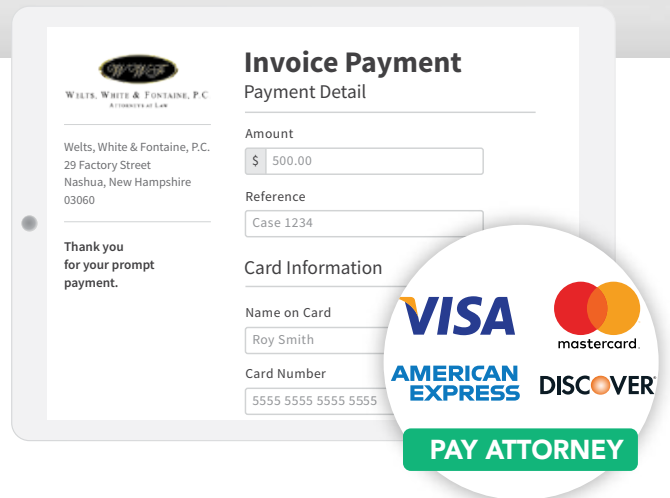
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For more details and to register online, go to: www.lsba.org/CLE/.

Management Monday: Oct. 22, 2018

Protecting Your Office Through Malpractice & Cyber Insurance; Avoiding Claims with Madeline Rice

Tech Tuesday: Oct. 23, 2018

Social Media Authentication with Gayle O'Connor and Tom O'Connor

Management Monday: Oct. 29, 2018

THE Most Important Contract You'll Ever Draft: Why Your Engagement Letter is Probably Inadequate (and How to Fix it) with Andrew Lilly

Tech Tuesday: Oct. 30, 2018

E-Discovery with Craig Ball

LBF grant application available online

The Louisiana Bar Foundation grant application for 2019-20 funding will be available online beginning Oct. 1. Deadline for submitting grant applications is Dec. 3, 2018.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) application for 2019-20 funding also will be available online on Oct. 1. Deadline for submitting LRAP applications is Feb. 8, 2019.

For more information, contact Renee LeBoeuf at (504)561-1046 or email renee@raisingthebar.org.

Grant applications are available online at: www.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.

Red Mass scheduled for Oct. 1 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. 1, 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. 📱

ABA Retirement Funds Program hosting webinar on "Closing the Retirement Savings Gap"

Ginger Brennan, senior vice president of national sales and marketing director for the ABA Retirement Funds Program, will present a live webinar, "How to Save Like a Girl: Closing the Retirement Savings Gap," beginning at noon (Central Time) Thursday, Oct. 4. All LSBA members may participate.

Despite the many roadblocks and challenges, women are poised to be good savers. The one-hour webinar will define what it means to "save like a girl" by understanding challenges women face when it comes to earning, saving and investing and discussing solutions to improve financial outcomes.

To register for the webinar, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/ABAwebinar. 📱

Pro Bono Project's Justice For All Ball is Oct. 5

The Pro Bono Project's (New Orleans) 30th anniversary Justice For All Ball is Friday, Oct. 5, at the Audubon Tea Room, 6500 Magazine St., New Orleans.

Honorary Chair is attorney Calvin C. Fayard, Jr., with the firm Fayard & Honeycutt, with offices in New Orleans and Denham Springs.

In honor of the 30th anniversary, the event will honor 30 individuals and groups who have played a critical role in the success of The Project.

The event is 8 p.m. to midnight. Music is by Rockin' Dopsie, Jr. and the Zydeco Twisters. More than 25 restaurants and bars will provide refreshments. A raffle, silent and live auction and a tribute to the 30 honorees will round out the event.

A private patron party will precede the Ball at 6:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Audubon Zoo.

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JLAP publishes 2018 Summer newsletter

There is excellent news on all fronts for the Louisiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (JLAP).

JLAP's professional Monitoring Program continues to set records, now with a three-year, no-relapse success rate average of 95 percent. JLAP's work has been nationally recognized as "astounding" and "profoundly important" to the medical field. JLAP now pro-

vides Diagnostic Monitoring when supported via a JLAP-approved clinical assessment.

Also, JLAP has greatly increased its available services to law schools because statistics now show that law students and young lawyers are at highest risk for alcohol and drug problems. JLAP's overall performance statistics continue to set records and JLAP serviced more than 800 open files last fiscal year. In 87.5 percent of those cases, the assistance was

totally confidential and did not involve referrals from bar admissions or the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. More than ever, and with the strong support of the profession, JLAP is confidentially helping to save lives and careers in hundreds of cases each year.

To access the 2018 Summer newsletter and read about these stories and more, click the Summer Newsletter link on JLAP's homepage at: <http://louisianajlap.com/>.

LBF announces 2018-19 CPP, committee chairs

Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) President W. Michael Street appointed 2018-19 LBF Community Partnership Panel (CPP) and committee chairs.

CPP chairs include Acadiana CPP, Shannon Seiler Dartez; Bayou Region CPP, Teresa D. King; Capital Area CPP, Linda Law Clark; Central CPP, Elizabeth W. Randall; Greater Orleans CPP, Paula A. Ates; North-east CPP, Thomas M. Hayes IV; Northshore

CPP, Patricia R. Bonneau; Northwest CPP, John C. Nickelson; and Southwest CPP, Judge Guy E. Bradberry.

Committee chairs include Budget/Investment, Christopher K. Ralston; Communications, Harry J. (Skip) Philips, Jr.; Development, Alan G. Brackett; Education, Prof. Russell L. Jones; Governance, Valerie Briggs Bargas; Grants, Christopher K. Ralston; and Kids' Chance, Matthew R. Richards and Sherry A. Watters.

Save the Date! Louisiana Bar Foundation 33rd Annual Fellows Gala Friday, April 5, 2019 Hyatt Regency New Orleans

Discounted rooms are available Thursday, April 4, and Friday, April 5, 2019, at \$244 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or go to <https://book.passkey.com/go/labargala2019>. Reservations must be made before Friday, March 15, 2019. For more Gala information, contact Danielle J. Marshall at (504)561-1046 or email danielle@raisingthebar.org.

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- 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, Nov. 29 through Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.
- 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.



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Second public hearing Oct. 3 for comments on LBLs Employment Law Standards, Labor Law Standards

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) will hold a second public hearing beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law Center, 2nd Floor, Tucker Room, W303, Baton Rouge, to provide a forum for Bar members to comment on the LBSL Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards.

Parking is available on the LSU campus at a metered spot or in the Union Square Garage for \$1.50 per hour.

The resolutions of two members of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates (HOD) to suspend the LBSL's Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards were approved by the LSBA HOD and the Board of Governors (BOG) at the Jan. 20 meeting. Both the Employment Law Standards and the Labor Law Standards had been approved by the HOD

and BOG a year earlier at the Jan. 21, 2017, meeting without any opposition.

The HOD and BOG have now requested that the LBSL conduct further study on both the Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards, including whether a majority of affected practitioners support the standards, and whether concerns over discriminatory effects and unfair competitive advantages can be adequately addressed.

The LBSL held its first public meeting on Aug. 16 in New Orleans. LBSL Chair Carl J. Servat III presided over the meeting and Board member William R. Corbett attended the meeting. The LBSL thanks LSBA President Barry H. Grodsky for his attendance and participation in the meeting and the interested members of the Bar who attended and voiced their opinions.

The purpose of the public hearings is to determine whether the LBSL Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards

need to be revised based upon the resolutions passed on Jan. 20. LSBA members also may submit comments concerning the LBSL Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards to Mary Ann Wegmann by email at maryann.wegmann@lsba.org, or by letter addressed to the LBSL, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404.

The Standards may be reviewed on the LBSL website at: www.lsba.org/goto/2018mclemploymentlawstandards and www.lsba.org/goto/2018mclelaborlawstandards.

In order to receive input on the Employment Law Standards and Labor Law Standards from interested members of the Bar throughout the state, the LBSL plans to hold additional hearings in Lafayette and Shreveport in 2018 and early 2019.

For more information, email LBSL Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann or visit the LBSL website at: www.lsba.org/specialization.

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 2019. (Costumes that were donated after Halloween 2017 are being distributed to children for 2018.)

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LBSL accepting requests for certification applications

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBSL) is accepting applications for certification in five areas — appellate practice, estate planning and administration, family law, health law and tax law — from Nov. 1, 2018, through Feb. 28, 2019. Also, the LBSL will accept applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification from Jan. 1, 2019, 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 LBSL standards for the applicable specialty for a detailed description of the requirements: www.lsba.org/specialization.

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 practice law.
- ▶ Estate Planning and Administration Law — 18 hours of estate planning law.
- ▶ Family Law — 18 hours of family law.
- ▶ Health Law — 15 hours of health law.
- ▶ Tax Law — 18 hours of tax law.
- ▶ Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, the testing agency.

With regard to applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy

law certification, although the written test(s) is administered by the American Board of Certification, attorneys should apply for approval of the LBSL simultaneously with the testing agency to avoid delay of board certification by the LBSL. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s).



Anyone interested in applying for

certification should contact LBSL Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org, or call (504)619-0128. For more information, go to the LBSL website link listed above.

Approved specialization CLE courses can be viewed on the LBSL Approved Course Calendar at: www.lascmcle.org/apps/calendar.aspx.

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LSBA celebrates two-year anniversary of *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org*

L *A.FreeLegalAnswers.org*, the online pro bono program hosted in Louisiana by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), is celebrating its second anniversary.

On Aug. 22, 2016, Louisiana was one of the first eight states to launch a Free Legal Answers site. *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* is part of an American Bar Association (ABA) initiative to expand pro bono access throughout the nation; currently, 38 jurisdictions are participating.

The LSBA partners with the ABA to administer the day-to-day needs of the site while also recruiting volunteers to answer questions. The ABA maintains the software and provides malpractice insurance to all registered volunteers.

Attorney volunteers are able to log into the site whenever and wherever they like and



anonymously respond to legal questions submitted by individuals who could not otherwise afford to consult an attorney. Users who submit questions also must meet certain requirements; users must be at least 18 years of age, not currently in jail or prison, have an income within 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, and have less than \$10,000 in assets.

Since August 2016, 701 questions have

been submitted to the site, of which 613 questions have been answered by the 109 registered volunteers. This is an answer rate of 87 percent, much higher than the national answer rate average. On the national level, more than 38,000 questions have been submitted to the participating sites, with more than 5,000 attorneys providing responses to approximately 70 percent of those questions.

As the site continues to expand and the number of questions submitted continues to rise, the LSBA is always recruiting volunteers, particularly family law attorneys as about half of the questions submitted pertain to family law issues.

Those interested in volunteering or promoting this LSBA project to a local bar should email LSBA Access to Justice Projects Counsel Rachael M. Mills at rachael.mills@lsba.org.



LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES October 22-27, 2018



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

On October 22-27, 2018, 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 Joanna.Laidler@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.

ATJ staff attends Clerk of Court Institute

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice (ATJ) staff attended the Louisiana Clerks of Court Institute in Lafayette on Aug. 22.

Clerks of court are often inundated with legal questions from the public, but unable to provide legal advice so as to avoid the unauthorized practice of law. However, clerks of court can provide information about civil legal aid to the public.

To help the state's clerks of court to assist the public, ATJ staff promoted materials with information about LSBA programs for low-income Louisianians. These programs include *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org*, the on-

line pro bono program, and the new Modest Means Online Directory for clients who do not qualify for legal aid yet still cannot afford to hire an attorney. All resources can be accessed via the new LSBA "Find Legal Help" Portal at: www.lsba.org/public/findlegalhelp.

In addition, the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission will host a Self-Represented Litigant (SRL) Service Provider Summit on Nov. 2 in Natchitoches to provide courts with resources and direct assistance to better serve the public.

For more information about these programs, email LSBA Access to Justice Projects Counsel Rachael M. Mills at rachael.mills@lsba.org. 📧



Attending the Louisiana Clerks of Court Institute in Lafayette on Aug. 22 were, from left, Steve Andrews, president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association and Louisiana Access to Justice Commission member; and Rachael M. Mills, Louisiana State Bar Association Access to Justice Projects Counsel.



#yourLSBA: A Pro Bono Hero *Providing Justice for ALL*

“ Several years ago, a fellow attorney encouraged me to begin doing pro bono work representing children in Child in Need of Care (“CINC”) cases through the Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation. With an undergraduate degree in Sociology/Social Work, CINC cases seemed a natural fit.

While it is disheartening to see first-hand the issues that many children face today, it is very satisfying to play even a small part in ensuring that these children get the best start possible given their particular circumstances, some of which are very difficult.

I encourage all attorneys, regardless of educational or legal background, to make time for pro bono work in a field that interests them. Doing so brings a sense of self-satisfaction unlike that achieved in our day-to-day work. ”

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LSBA Young Lawyers Division Award Nominations

Deadline: October 18, 2018

Nominations are open for the following LSBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) awards. To be eligible for consideration, individual nominees must be a current member of the YLD (attorneys who have not yet reached the age of thirty-nine (39) years or who has been admitted to the practice of law for less than five (5) years) in good standing. The YLD Council selects award winners from recommendations made by a Committee of young lawyers appointed from around the state.

► **Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer who has made exceptional contributions to the legal profession and their community. In determining the recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of 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 Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, awards and achievements received during the nominee's legal career, challenges the nominee may have overcome, as well as 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 recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of factors, including the organization's service to the public, service to the legal profession, successes 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 recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of 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 recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of 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 recipient of this award, the YLD considers a number of factors, including the total number of *pro bono* hours per year, the impact of the nominee's *pro bono* work, ongoing contributions that have resulted in the increased access to legal services for the citizens of Louisiana.

1. Please 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 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, which may include newspaper clippings, letters of support and other materials pertinent to the nomination. Submissions should not exceed ten (10) pages total.
3. Nomination packets must be submitted by e-mail or hard copy to:
Kristi W. Richard, LSBA YLD Awards Committee Chair
301 Main St., Flr. 14, Baton Rouge, LA 70801
email: krichard@mcglinchey.com
4. Any nomination packet that is incomplete or is not received or postmarked on or before Friday, **October 18, 2018**, will not be considered. Please 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, and both finalists and winners will be recognized at the LSBA Midyear Meeting and Young Lawyer Professional Development Conference luncheon in Baton Rouge on January 18, 2019.

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

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2018 LSBA CLE Calendar

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Friday, September 28, 2018
LA Bar Center
601 St. Charles Ave. • New Orleans

12th Annual Dispute Resolution Seminar - Strategic Negotiation: Advanced Mediator Techniques for the Bargaining Stage

Friday, October 12, 2018
Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel
7000 Bluebonnet Blvd. • New Orleans

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Monday, October 15, 2018
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
500 Canal St. • New Orleans

58th Bi-Annual

Bridging the Gap Seminar
Tuesday, October 16, 2018 -
Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
500 Canal St. • New Orleans

Law Practice Management CLE

Friday, October 19, 2018
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
500 Canal St. • New Orleans

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Friday, October 26, 2018
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
500 Canal St. • New Orleans

When the Parent Becomes the Child: Advising Caregivers of Elderly Persons

Friday, November 2, 2018
Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel
800 Rue Iberville • New Orleans

Workers' Comp. Roundup: The Latest What's, When's, How's and Why's

Friday, November 2, 2018
Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel
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Standing Out before Standing Up: A Guide to Written and Oral Arguments from the Benches & Trenches

Monday, November 5, 2018
Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel
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An Evening with the New Orleans Pelicans - Pelicans v. Bulls!

Wednesday, November 7, 2018
New Orleans Smoothie King Center
1501 Dave Dixon Dr. • New Orleans

18th Annual Complex Litigation Symposium

Friday, November 9, 2018
JW Marriott Hotel
614 Canal St. • New Orleans

Energy & Environmental Law Summit

Friday, November 16, 2018
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
500 Canal St. • New Orleans

New York, New York Multi-Topic CLE

Saturday, November 17, 2018 -
Tuesday, November 20, 2018
InterContinental New York
Times Square Hotel
300 W 44th St. • New York

Advanced Appellate Practice

Friday, November 30, 2018
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
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Focus on Diversity

For more information on items in this section, visit 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, 2019, for both awards.

For more information on awards and to access nomination forms, go online: www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx. Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards." Or email the Member Outreach and Diversity Department at 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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Questions? Contact Member Outreach and Diversity team members by email at diversity@lsba.org.



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Hosted by the LSBA Diversity Committee’s Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee

November 1, 2018

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

New Admittees Reception

Hosted by the LSBA Member Outreach and Diversity Department

November 8, 2018

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

“Natchitoches Lights” CLE Seminar

Hosted by the LSBA Diversity Committee’s Specialty Bars Subcommittee

December 14, 2018

Chateau Saint Denis Hotel, 751 Second St., Natchitoches

LSBA Midyear Meeting CLE Seminar

Hosted by the LSBA Diversity Committee

January 17, 2019

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge

12th Annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession

“Strides in Diversity: Opening Doors for the Next Generation”

Hosted by the LSBA Diversity Committee

March 8, 2019

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

For more information on all Member Outreach and Diversity Department events, go to:
www.lsba.org/diversity.

Newest Diversity signatories spotlighted

The Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession would like to acknowledge and thank the newest signatories of the LSBA Statement of Diversity Principles.

By executing the Statement, the leaders of a legal organization or court agree to promote a culture that adopts best practices to improve retention of diverse talent and encourages the hiring and promotion of diverse talent.

2017-18 New Signatories

Charles Elliott & Associates, LLC

Hawkins Kee Law Group

Kinchen Walker Bienvenu Bargas Reed & Helm, LLC

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

Mickey S. deLaup, APLC

Pamela Alfred George



2019 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 2018/January 2019 *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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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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..... **Oct. 18, 2018**

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Staff attorneys. The Litigation and Child In Need of Care Unit is looking for Louisiana-licensed, full-time staff attorneys to represent its clients. Three positions are available in Monroe and Alexandria offices. Travel is required. These positions offer a competitive salary, depending on experience, and great fringe benefits. For the attorney positions, an outside practice of law is prohibited by federal law. AA/EEO Employer. Email résumés to jobs@la-law.org or taugustine@la-law.org immediately, indicating the specific office location.

Staff attorney. The Child In Need of Care Unit (CINC) is looking for a licensed, full-time staff attorney to represent children in abuse, neglect and abandonment cases. One position is available in the CINC Unit in the Alexandria office. Legal experience in child welfare law is preferred, but not required. Extensive local travel is required. This position offers a competitive salary, depending on experience, and great fringe benefits. For the attorney positions, federal law prohibits an outside practice of law. AA/EEO Employer. Salary DOE with great benefits provided by employer. Email all résumés to jobs@la-law.org.

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Family law staff attorney, Shreveport and Alexandria. Acadiana Legal Service Corp. is seeking a staff attorney. Must be a Louisiana-licensed attorney and is expected to provide quality family law legal services to a low-income client population in a compassionate and efficient manner. The attorney will handle domestic violence, uncontested adoptions, divorces, and custody and support matters covering eight parishes. The attorney must be a self-starter and have a demonstrated commitment and understanding of the legal problems and needs of low-income clients. The attorney must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and the ability to meet deadlines and perform multiple tasks while maintaining attention to detail. Previous family law experience is preferred. The successful candidate should have good people skills and the ability to maintain positive relations with a diverse population. The position offers a competitive salary, depending on experience, and great fringe benefits. Federal regulations prohibit the outside private practice of law. Email all résumés to jobs@la-law.org. EEO/AA Employer.

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