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The 2017-18 Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors. Seated from left, Shannon S. Dartez, President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky, Secretary John E. McAuliffe, Jr., Immediate Past President Darrel J. Papillion, President Dona Kay Renegar, Treasurer H. Minor Pipes III, Valerie T. Schexnayder and Monique Y. Metoyer. Standing from left, L. Kent Breard, Jr., Sandra K. Cosby, Daniel A. Cavell, John M. Church, Darryl J. Foster, Edward J. Walters, Jr., Jermaine Guillory, Young Lawyers Division Chair Bradley J. Tate, Charles D. Elliott and C.A. (Hap) Martin III. Not in photo, D. Skylar Rosenbloom, Stephen I. Dwyer, J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr., Marjorie L. Frazier, Ronald J. Scalise, Jr., Julie Baxter Payer and Jeffrey A. Riggs. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

LSBA Installs 2017-18 Officers and Board of Governors at Annual Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 2017-18 officers and members of the Board of Governors were installed June 8, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla.

Dona Kay Renegar was installed as the 77th LSBA president by Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John L. Weimer. Renegar is a member in the Lafayette law firm Veazey, Felder & Renegar, L.L.C.

Barry H. Grodsky, a partner in the New Orleans law firm Taggart Morton, L.L.C., was installed as 2017-18 president-elect. He will assume the presidency in 2018-19.

John E. McAuliffe, Jr., an attorney in the Metairie office of the law firm Frederick A. Miller & Associates, is beginning his first year of a two-year term as secretary. He also serves as editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*.

H. Minor Pipes III, a founding member of the New Orleans law firm Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C., is beginning his second year of his two-year term as treasurer.

Darrel J. Papillion, a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, L.L.C., will continue his service to the LSBA as 2017-18 immediate past president.

Bradley J. Tate, tax manager for the firm Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C., was installed as 2017-18 chair of the LSBA Young Lawyers Division.

Members of the 2017-18 Board of Governors also were installed by Justice Weimer.

First District

► **D. Skylar Rosenbloom**, an associate in the New Orleans office of the law firm Fishman Haygood, L.L.P.

► **Darryl J. Foster**, a partner in the New Orleans office of the law firm Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea, L.L.C.

Second District

► **Stephen I. Dwyer**, a partner in the Metairie law firm Dwyer, Cambre & Suffern, A.P.L.C.

Third District

► **Shannon Seiler Dartez**, an attorney with the Glenn Armentor Law Corporation in Lafayette.

Fourth District

► **J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr.**, a partner in the Lake Charles law firm Hoffoss Devall, L.L.C.

Fifth District

► **Edward J. Walters, Jr.**, a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, L.L.C.

► **Valerie T. Schexnayder**, a solo practitioner attorney and mediator in Baton Rouge.

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2017-18 Louisiana State Bar Association President Dona Kay Renegar. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice John L. Weimer swore in the 2017-18 Louisiana State Bar Association officers and Board of Governors during the Installation Luncheon. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

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Sixth District

► **Charles D. Elliott**, a solo practitioner in the law firm Charles Elliott & Associates, L.L.C., in Alexandria.

Seventh District

► **C.A. (Hap) Martin III**, a member in the Monroe law firm Shotwell, Brown & Sperry, A.P.L.C.

Eighth District

► **Marjorie L. (Meg) Frazier**, a shareholder in the Shreveport law firm Wiener, Weiss & Madison, A.P.C.

At-Large Members

► **Daniel A. Cavell**, a partner in the Thibodaux law firm Morvant & Cavell, A.P.L.C.

► **Jermaine Guillory**, section chief for the 19th Judicial District Attorney's Office in Baton Rouge.

► **Monique Y. Metoyer**, an assistant district attorney and chief of Section 3 for the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office in Shreveport.

2017-18 LSBA President Dona Kay Renengar was sworn in by Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice John L. Weimer during the Installation Luncheon. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

► **John M. Church**, Baton Rouge, Professor of Law at LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Tulane University Law School

► **Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.,** New Orleans, the A.D. Freeman Professor of Civil Law at Tulane University Law School.

Louisiana State Law Institute

► **L. Kent Breard, Jr.**, an attorney in the Monroe law firm Snellings, Breard, Sartor, Inabnett & Trascher, L.L.P.

House of Delegates Liaison Committee

► Chair **Julie Baxter Payer**, executive counsel for the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs in Baton Rouge.

► Member **Sandra K. Cosby**, an associate in the Metairie office of the law firm Frederick A. Miller & Associates.

► Member **Jeffrey A. Riggs**, a partner in the Lafayette office of the law firm Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, L.L.P.

R. Christian Johnsen, left, was presented with a President's Award by 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion during the General Assembly. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Keenan Kelly, left, was presented with a President's Award by 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion during the General Assembly. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

AngelaWhite-Bazile, left, was presented with a President's Award by 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion during the General Assembly. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

LSBA Members Receive President's Awards

Three Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members received 2017 President's Awards during the Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla., in June. Recipients were chosen by 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion and were recognized for services to the Association.

R. Christian Johnsen, senior partner in the Washington, D.C., office of the law firm Jones Walker LLP, was recognized for his exemplary efforts in annually assisting the LSBA with its ABA Day visits on Capitol Hill, an opportunity for Bar leadership to meet with legislators on various legal issues. He has developed strong relationships with key committees on Capitol Hill, including the Senate Commerce Committee, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. He is a member of the Executive Committee and the board of directors of the Coast Guard Foundation, serves as vice chair of the board of directors of the American Maritime Congress and is a member of the Advisory Board of the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia.

Keenan K. Kelly, a partner in the Natchitoches law firm Kelly & Townsend, L.L.C., was recognized for his exemplary accomplishments as a member and chair of the LSBA's Legislation Committee. A graduate of Northwestern State University in 1990 and Loyola University College of Law in 1993, he has been a member of the LSBA's House of Delegates since 2004. He has served on the Legislation Committee since 2008, chairing the committee since 2014. He is a member of the Natchitoches Parish Bar Association (vice president since 1996), the Natchitoches Inn of Court, the American Bar Association, the American Association of Justice, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Louisiana Association of Justice, the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Trial Lawyers' Association.

Angela White-Bazile, executive counsel of the Louisiana Supreme Court under Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, was recognized for her exemplary efforts in advancing the partnership between the Louisiana Supreme Court and the LSBA. She received her JD degree in 1996 from Southern University Law Center and earned a doctorate of philosophy in psychology and biblical counseling. A practicing attorney for more than 20 years, she has worked as a research attorney, a judicial law clerk, an associate attorney (Dr. Kevin U. Stephens and Associates and Thornhill Law Firm), an associate professor of law (Baton Rouge College of Paralegals) and in-house counsel for Prudential Life Insurance. She is a member of the LSBA's Bar Governance Committee and the Diversity Committee. She also is a member of the American Bar Association, the National Bar Association and the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.

Judge (Ret.) Kathleen Stewart Richey, left, was presented with the Kimball Award by 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion during the General Assembly. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Richey Honored with Kimball Award

Judge (Ret.) Kathleen Stewart Richey of Baton Rouge received the 2017 Catherine D. Kimball Award for the Advancement of the Administration of Justice.

She became the president/CEO of LouisianaChildren.org in May 2015. She began her career as an attorney representing children in child dependency and delinquency matters. During this time, she served on the Children's Code Project Committee which drafted the Louisiana law regarding children's issues.

In 1991, she became the first juvenile judge in East Baton Rouge Parish, serving until 2015. During her 24 years on the bench, she was instrumental in establishing Capital Area CASA and was named Louisiana CASA Judge of the Year in 1997. She is a member of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (president in 2001) and chaired the Department of Children and Family Services' Liaison Committee from 2001-08. She has served on the Legislative Task Force on Legal Representation in Child in Need of Care (CINC) Matters which created the Child Advocacy Program in Louisiana.

She is the recipient of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Children's Law Award and the Baton Rouge Children's Coalition "For the Love of Children" Award.

Francophone Section Chair Warren Perrin addressed the General Assembly and accepted the Hernandez Memorial Award on behalf of Professor Alain A. Levasseur at the LSBA Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

LSU Law Professor Receives Hernandez Award

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center Professor Alain A. Levasseur of Baton Rouge received the 2017 John A. "T-Jean" Hernandez III Memorial Award, presented for achievements in Francophone leadership.

He obtained an MCL degree in 1966 from Tulane University where he returned to teach in 1968. He joined the LSU Law Center faculty in 1977. He is a member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, the American Association for the Comparative Study of Law, the Société de Législation Comparée, the Association Henri Capitant and the International Association of Legal Methodology.

He also is a member of several boards, including the Fondation pour le Droit Continental, the Revue Internationale de Droit Comparé, E-Competition, the Revue Trimestrielle de Droit Civil, El Foro de Derecho Mercantil, the American Journal of Comparative Law and the LSU Center for French and Francophone Studies.

Magistrate Judge, Students Honored with Diversity Awards

The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award and the Guardian of Diversity Award were presented during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in June.

Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans received the 2017 Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award.

Judge Roby, who took her oath of office in 1999, was the first African-American woman to serve as president of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association (FMJA). She received the FMJA's 2016 Founder's Award for her work resulting in increased salaries of U.S. magistrate judges. While in private practice, she was the first African-American female in Louisiana to represent General Motors Corporation in defense of its automotive products. As a partner with the law firm Vial Hamilton Koch & Knox, L.L.P., she assisted in the hiring process and worked toward diversifying the practice.

A strong believer in pipeline initiatives, Judge Roby has worked to improve clerkship opportunities in the federal judiciary. As the coordinating judicial officer of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Suit Up for the Future Program, she annually inspires high school students to consider the legal profession. She has traveled to Kenya as part of the Lawyers Without Borders program and brought U.S. case management best practices to magistrates in the country. She served as co-chair of the American Bar Association Litigation Section's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and was a member of the Federal Bar Association's Ethics Committee and the Eastern District's Bench Bar Communications Committee and Technology Committee.

Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, left, and 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion, right, presented Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, center, with the Trailblazer Award. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

The **Louisiana State University Hispanic Law Students Association (HSLA)** in Baton Rouge received the 2017 Guardian of Diversity Award. Chartered in 2015, the organization's goals are awareness and integration. Awareness involves educating HLSA members about the federal, state and local Hispanic legal realm. Integration involves assimilating law students into the Hispanic legal community, especially those Spanish speakers who can utilize their bilingual abilities. Among its events, HLSA hosts the roundtable discussion "Que Pasa, PMH?" where students can practice and learn Spanish phrases while discussing current Latin American political events. HLSA President Tatiana Torres said the pressing need for Spanish speakers in the legal community became evident in the lack of translation services during disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina and the Baton Rouge floods. Undocumented workers functioned as day laborers in the clean-up and rebuilding efforts but many were not paid for their labor. Spanish-speaking lawyers and law students (regardless of ethnicity) are needed to assist in these cases.

Monica Vela-Vick, left, accepted the Guardian of Diversity Award on behalf of the LSU Hispanic Law Students Association from 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Alainna R. Mire presented member representatives of the Leadership LSBA Class with the Victory Award at the LSBA Annual Meeting during the General Assembly. Inset photo at right, Micah J. Fincher, Shayna B. Morvant, Mire and Kimberly R. Silas. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Leadership LSBA Class Recognized for *Journal* Contributions

The Leadership LSBA 2015-2016 Class received the 2017 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the *Louisiana Bar Journal*.

For its class project, the Leadership Class coordinated a special issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* to commemorate the LSBA's 75th Anniversary. The Class members wrote articles, compiled historic information and photographs, and conducted interviews with prominent Bar members on the past and the future of the profession.

Class members were Shayna Lynn Beevers Morvant, Gretna; Simone B. Boustead, New Orleans; L. Sean Corcoran, Lake Charles; Mark R. Deethardt, New Orleans; Jacqueline M. Epstein, New Orleans; Jamie Polozola Gomez, Hammond; Cassandra R. Hewlings, New Orleans; Tara R. Jones, Shreveport; Tracy O. Joseph, New Orleans; P.J. Kee, Sr., New Orleans; Richard D. Lamb III, Shreveport; Lisha C. Landry, Baton Rouge; Amani C. Perkins, Alexandria; Kimberly R. Silas, New Orleans; David M. Stein, New Orleans; Micah J. Fincher (co-chair), New Orleans; and Lynette Roberson (co-chair), Baton Rouge.

Desmond LeBlanc, left, was presented with the LCLCE Civics In Action award by Lawrence J. Centola III, right, during the General Assembly at the LSBA Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

New Orleans Student Receives LCLCE Civics in Action Award

Desmond LeBlanc, a senior at Warren Easton Charter High School in New Orleans, received the 2017 Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education's Civics in Action Award. The award recognizes an outstanding middle or high school student who has demonstrated outstanding civic virtue and involvement in the community.

LeBlanc participates in the Grow Dat Program, a sustainable youth farming initiative, and the Louisiana State Bar Association's Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Internship Program. He also is a research assistant in Tulane University's Psychology Department. He is a school ambassador, a Student Council member, a member of the National Honor Society and a trumpet player in the marching band.

LBF President Valerie Briggs Bargas presented Emmett C. Sole with the Boisfontaine Award during the General Assembly at the LSBA Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Lake Charles Attorney Recognized with Boisfontaine Award

Emmett C. Sole of Lake Charles received the 2017 Louisiana Bar Foundation's Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award.

Currently "of counsel" with the Lake Charles law firm Stockwell, Sievert, Viccellio, Clements & Shaddock, L.L.P., Sole completed his undergraduate studies at Louisiana State University and received his JD degree from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1968. He has an active litigation, mediation and arbitration practice. He served as a special assistant attorney general for the State of Louisiana in boundary litigation and Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act litigation. In 1999, he played a major role for a large industrial client in securing a no liability jury verdict in a high-profile environmental civil action in Calcasieu Parish.

He is chair emeritus and a past president (2001-03) of the Louisiana State Law Institute and has been a member of the Council for more than 30 years. He is a Charter Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (Louisiana State chair, 2003-10). He served on the Louisiana State Bar Association's Board of Governors, in the House of Delegates, on the Nominating Committee and is the immediate past chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and vice chair of the Fidelity, Surety and Construction Law Section. He is a member of the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the International Association of Defense Counsel.

2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion, right, presented the Leadership LSBA Class with certificates of appreciation for their work over the last year. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion, left, and Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, right, during the General Assembly. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion during the General Assembly at the LSBA Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

The Young Lawyers Division Council was sworn in by Judge Karelia R. Stewart at the LSBA Annual Meeting during the YLD Awards & Installation Reception. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Young Lawyers Division's 2017-18 Officers and Council Installed

The Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division's (LSBA YLD) 2017-18 officers and council members were installed June 7, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla.

Bradley J. Tate, tax manager for Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C., in Metairie, was installed as 2017-18 YLD chair by Judge Karelia R. Stewart, 1st Judicial District Court, Shreveport.

Also sworn in as officers were Chair-Elect **Dylan T. Thriffiley**, director of compliance for Ochsner Health System in New Orleans (she will assume the chair's position in 2018-19); Secretary **Scott L. Sternberg**, a partner in the New Orleans law firm Sternberg, Naccari & White, L.L.C.; and Immediate Past Chair **Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.**, an assistant district attorney for the 18th Judicial District and a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm Saunders & Chabert.

Judge Stewart also installed members of the 2017-18 YLD Council.

District 1: Cristin F. Bordelon, an associate in the New Orleans office of the law firm Leake & Andersson, L.L.P.; and James E. Courtenay, an attorney with The King Firm, L.L.C., in New Orleans.

District 2: Shayna B. Morvant, managing partner of the Gretna law firm Beevers & Beevers, L.L.P.; and Jeffrey D. Hufft, with the law firm Jeffrey D. Hufft, Attorney at Law, L.L.C., in New Orleans.

District 3: Lauren L. Gardner, an associate in the Onebane Law Firm in Lafayette.

District 4: Adam P. Johnson, a partner in The Johnson Firm in Lake Charles.

District 5: Kristi W. Richard, a member in the Baton Rouge office of the law firm McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C., and an adjunct instructor of business law and sports law at Louisiana State University; and Carrie L. Jones, a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm Shows, Cali & Walsh, L.L.P.

District 6: Nicholas R. Rockforte, a partner in the Plaquemine law firm Pendley, Baudin & Coffin, L.L.P.

District 7: Ethan A. Hunt, a solo practitioner in Monroe.

District 8: Joshua K. Williams, an assistant district attorney for Caddo Parish in Shreveport.

At-Large Representative: Travis J. Broussard, a partner in the Lafayette law firm Durio, McGoffin, Stagg & Ackermann.

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Representative: Graham H. Ryan, a business litigation associate in the New Orleans office of the law firm Jones Walker LLP.

Young Lawyer Member/American Bar Association House of Delegates: Kristen L. Burge, an associate in the Metairie office of the law firm Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, L.L.C.

2017-18 LSBA YLD Chair Bradley J. Tate, left, presented Betty Ann Maury with the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award during the YLD Reception. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

2017-18 LSBA YLD Chair Bradley J. Tate, right, presented Lauren L. Gardner with the Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award during the YLD Reception. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

2017-18 LSBA YLD Chair Bradley J. Tate, right, presented Adam P. Johnson with the Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award during the YLD Reception. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

LSBA Members, Bar Association Honored with 2017 YLD Awards

Five Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members and the Baton Rouge Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section received 2017 LSBA Young Lawyers Division awards.

► **Outstanding Young Lawyer Award**

Betty Ann Maury is law clerk to 24th Judicial District Court Judge Lee V. Faulkner, Jr. in Gretna. She received her BA degree from Concordia University in Wisconsin and her JD degree from Loyola University College of Law. She serves in the LSBA's House of Delegates, is a member of the LSBA's Access to Justice Committee and is the Region 4 High School Mock Trial Competition coordinator. She is chair of the Jefferson Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, a member of the CASA Jefferson Planning Committee and a board member of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. She was the 2016 recipient of the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center Public Service Award. She also was named the 2013 Outstanding Loyola Family Law Clinic Student by the New Orleans Association of Women Attorneys.

► **Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award**

Lauren L. Gardner is an associate in the Onebane Law Firm in Lafayette. She received her BA degree in 2003 from Louisiana State University and her JD/BCL degree in 2006 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She is admitted to practice law in Louisiana and Texas. She is currently serving as the District 3 representative on the LSBA's Young Lawyers Division Council. She is a member of the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen and the Acadiana Society of Human Resource Management and serves on the board of directors for the Lafayette Education Foundation.

► **Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award**

Adam P. Johnson is a partner in The Johnson Firm in Lake Charles. He received a bachelor's degree in business management in 2006 from Louisiana State University and his JD degree in 2009 from Southern University Law Center. He was admitted to practice law in Louisiana in 2009. He is currently serving as the District 4 representative on the LSBA's Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Council and co-chairs the YLD's Wills for Heroes Committee. He was a member of the Leadership LSBA 2013-14 Class and co-chaired the Leadership LSBA 2014-15 Class. He serves on the Executive Council for the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association and is a member of the American Association of Premier DUI Attorneys. He was recognized as a "Top 40 Under 40" professional and as a "Top Criminal Defense Lawyer" by *Acadiana Magazine* (2014 and 2017). In his community, he is a member of the V.I.S.A. Coalition of Lake Charles.

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2017-18 LSBA YLD Chair Bradley J. Tate, left, presented Monica M. Vela-Vick with the Wynne Professionalism Award during the YLD Reception. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

2016-17 LSBA YLD Chair Scotty E. Chabert, Jr., right, presented Janeane Gorcyca Abbott with the Pro Bono Award. *Photo by LSBA Staff.*

► Hon. Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award

Monica M. Vela-Vick is an associate in the Baton Rouge office of the law firm Hammonds, Sills, Adkins & Guice, L.L.P. She received her undergraduate degree from Rice University and her JD degree from the University of Michigan Law School, where she served on the *Michigan Journal of Gender and Law* Editorial Board and as chair of the Latino Law Students Association. She is a member of the LSBA's Diversity Committee and Diversity Conclave Subcommittee and was a member of the Leadership LSBA 2013-14 Class. She served on the LSU Law Center's Diversity Task Force and is a member of the Wex Malone American Inn of Court and the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Louisiana. She chairs the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation's Teen Court of Greater Baton Rouge Program and the Regional High School Mock Trial Competition. In 2015, she received the Baton Rouge Bar Association's President's Award.

► Pro Bono Award

Janeane Gorcyca Abbott is an attorney with the Joubert Law Firm in Baton Rouge and currently leads the Family Law Department. She first joined the firm as a law clerk in 2014. She received a BA degree in history, with minors in political science and German, from Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport and her JD degree in 2014 from Southern University Law Center. She is a member of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and its Family Law Section. Since 2011, she has been a volunteer with the Sexual Trauma and Awareness Center in Baton Rouge, where she assists victims through hospital and phone advocacy. Since 2015, she has been an active volunteer at the legal Self-Help Desk at East Baton Rouge Family Court. She regularly accepts pro bono cases for representation through the Baton Rouge Bar Association's Pro Bono Project.

► Service to the Public Award

In fall 2016, the Baton Rouge Bar Association's (BRBA) Young Lawyers Section and the Federal Bar Association conducted a joint collection drive of personal hygiene items for homeless veterans in recognition of Veterans Day. After the hygiene products were received, the BRBA's Teen Court volunteers put together 75 packages that were delivered to the Veterans Administration for the veterans in transitional housing.

► Service to the Bar Award

The Baton Rouge Bar Association's (BRBA) Young Lawyers Section coordinates a Sidebar Luncheon each quarter in a court of different jurisdiction. The luncheons are an opportunity for young lawyers to interact with judges and their staffs in an informal setting while learning more about the practice of law in that judge's courtroom. In July 2016, with the assistance of Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Guy P. Holdridge, 10 appellate judges participated in a Panel Sidebar Luncheon, with 50 young lawyers attending. Discussion topics included "do's and don'ts" at the 1st Circuit, mistakes made by attorneys, requests accepted from the judges and court procedures.

2017-18 LSBA YLD Chair Bradley J. Tate and 2016-17 LSBA YLD Chair Scotty E. Chabert, Jr. during the YLD Reception at the LSBA Annual Meeting in Destin, Florida. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

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2017-18 LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar and 2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion during the Installation Luncheon at the LSBA Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice John L. Weimer and his wife Penny, left, chat with Peggy Cotogno during the LCLCE Reception. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Hon. John B. Breaux (Ret.) during a CLE seminar held during the Joint Summer School. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

2016-17 LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion addressed the House of Delegates during the LSBA Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Golf tournament held during the LSBA Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Feeling (LSBA) presidential: Barry H. Grodsky, 2017-18 president-elect; Darrel J. Papillion, 2016-17 president; Dona Kay Renegar, 2017-18 president; Michael W. McKay, 2004-05 president; Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., 2014-15 president; and Richard K. Leefe, 2013-14 president. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*