

# Louisiana Attorneys Volunteer Time and Talent for “Lawyers in Libraries” Day of Service Programs

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**L**ouisiana pro bono attorneys provided much-needed legal assistance to the public during the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) “Lawyers in Libraries” Day of Service on Oct. 29. A total of 133 attorneys volunteered for 73 events, reaching more than 600 people statewide.

“Lawyers in Libraries,” an ongoing collaboration between the LSBA’s Access to Justice Department and the Louisiana Library Association, directly connects the public with counsel, and makes people aware of the resources and options available to them when they cannot afford an attorney.

The Oct. 29 Day of Service was scheduled to mark Louisiana’s participation in “National Celebrate Pro Bono Week” (Oct. 25-31), but attorneys are encouraged to volunteer throughout the year. Helpful resources are available at [www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org](http://www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org) and LSBA staff will help coordinate events with libraries throughout the state.

“Lawyers in Libraries” is part of the Legal Education & Assistance Program (LEAP), which delivers information and assistance to the public via libraries. Earlier this year, representatives of the LSBA, Louisiana State University Law Library and the Law Library of Louisiana toured the state to provide training for library staff



Attorneys participating in the “Lawyers in Libraries” program at Rapides Parish Main Library were, front row from left, Amanda Westergard, Terry Aubin and Laurel White. Back row from left, Ted Roberts, Walter McClatchey and Robert Levy. A total of 40 people were served through the Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc.

on how to respond to legal inquiries. Also, Louisiana’s legal aid organizations have helped develop specialized print and online resources available to the public via local libraries.

The LSBA would like to acknowledge Louisiana libraries, the LSBA members who volunteered on Oct. 29 in their communities, and the agencies helping to coordinate this annual event.

## “Lawyers in Libraries” Volunteers

Acadia Parish: Greg Landry  
 Allen Parish: Adam Johnson  
 Ascension Parish: Artis Ulmer and Pamela Moran  
 Assumption Parish: Leah Poole  
 Avoyelles Parish: Cory Roy, Ben James, Doug Bryan, Charles Riddle and Brandon Scott  
 Beauregard Parish: Lawanda Gibson  
 Bienville Parish: Melanie Shrell  
 Bossier Parish: Felicia Hamilton and Dayan Ryan  
 Caddo Parish: John Frazier

Calcasieu Parish: Tom Shea  
 Caldwell Parish: Dina Domangue  
 Cameron Parish: Jennifer Jones  
 Catahoula Parish: Christie Wood  
 Claiborne Parish: Jerry Edwards and Charlie Tabor  
 Concordia Parish: Amelia Hoppe and Jonathan Rhodes  
 DeSoto Parish: Hon. Gary Evans  
 East Baton Rouge Parish: Annette Peltier and Luis Leitzelar  
 East Carroll Parish: Laurie Brister  
 East Feliciana Parish: Sara Bradley  
 Evangeline Parish: Laura Picard  
 Franklin Parish: Emily Shields, E. McIntyre, Scott Sartin and Caroline Hemphill  
 Grant Parish: Gwenda Lamb  
 Iberia Parish: Julie Rosenzweig  
 Iberville Parish: Wendy Ramnarine and Thomas McCormick  
 Jackson Parish: Mike Rhymes  
 Jefferson Parish: Jeremy Epstein, Jacqueline Ep-



Terrebonne Parish attorney volunteer John Sirois presented a program on elder law and other legal information.





**St. James Parish librarian Betsy Octave and attorney volunteer David Handelman.**

stein, James Maguire, Shayna Beevers, Thomas Robbins and Martha Maher

Jefferson Davis Parish: David Marcantel

Lafayette Parish: Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers

Lafourche Parish: John Sirois

LaSalle Parish: Carmen Ryland and Brian Frazier

Lincoln Parish: Paul Lensing

Livingston Parish: Sam Pleasant

Madison Parish: Edwin Moberley

Morehouse Parish: Jay Mitchell

Natchitoches Parish: Lewis Gladney

Orleans Parish: Kelsey Jarrett, Elizabeth Men-  
eray, Kimya Holmes, Charles Nelson, Jason  
Freas, Michelle Semmes, John Bihm, Margaret  
Woodward, Roy Bellina, Leandro Area, Bonnie  
Dye and Thomas Dunn

Ouachita Parish: Clint Hanchey and Dayna Ryan

Plaquemines Parish: Chris Ralston and Ashley  
Heilprin

Pointe Coupee Parish: Don Cazayoux and Lane  
Ewing

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

Red River Parish: Nina Coleman

Richland Parish: Myrt Hales, Jr. and Josh  
Strickland

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



**Ascension Parish attorney volunteers Pamela Moran and Artis Ulmer, and librarian Chriselle Henry.**

St. Charles Parish: Michelle Stross

St. Helena Parish: Sean Brady

St. James Parish: David Handelman

St. John the Baptist Parish: Greg Hughes

St. Landry Parish: Travis Broussard and Rick  
Keating

St. Martin Parish: Jennifer Maybery

St. Mary Parish: Adolph Curet

St. Tammany Parish: Dorian Tuminello, Cindy  
Petry, Kim Sanders Vanderbrook, Shanda Red-  
mon, Teresa Robertson, Thad Minaldi, William  
Cass and William Magee

Tangipahoa Parish: Greg Webb and Denise Lee

Tensas Parish: McCaleb Bilbro

Terrebonne Parish: John Sirois

Union Parish: Brian Dollar

Vermilion Parish: Burton Guidry

Vernon Parish: S. Christie Smith IV, Elvin  
Fontenot, Tiffany Ratliff, Willie Banks, Jr., and  
Wes Bailey

Washington Parish: Janet MacDonell and Lam  
Tran

Webster Parish: Justin Courtney

West Baton Rouge Parish: Julie Payer

West Carroll Parish: Clay Hamilton

West Feliciana Parish: David Opperman

Winn Parish: James Mixon

### **LIL Supporting Agencies**

Acadiana Legal Services Corp.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation's Pro Bono Project

Caldwell Parish Bar Association



**Pointe Coupee Parish attorney volunteers Lane Ewing and Don Cazayoux with Pointe Coupee Library Director Melissa Hymel.**

Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project

DeSoto Parish Bar Association

Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers

Legal Services of North Louisiana

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Northshore

Pro Bono Project

Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation

St. Landry Parish Bar Association

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

For a recap of other events conducted during Pro Bono Week, go to: [www.lsba.org/ATJ/ProBonoCelebrate.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/ATJ/ProBonoCelebrate.aspx).

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**St. Bernard Parish attorney volunteers, from left, Alan Bouterie, Mike Ginart, Adele Faust, Paul Tabary and Daniel Nodurft.**



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