Louisiana 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 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 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 Rammarine and Thomas McCormick
Jackson Parish: Mike Rhymes
Jefferson Parish: Jeremy Epstein, Jacqueline Ep-
stein, James Maguire, Shayna Buevers, 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
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
St. Charles Parish: Michelle Stross
St. Helena Parish: Sean Brady
St. James Parish librarian Betsy Octave and attorney volunteer 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 Redmon, 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

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.

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

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