



2014-15 Louisiana State Bar Association President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. addresses the audience during the Installation Dinner at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*



The 2014-15 Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla. Back row, from left: Patrick A. Talley, Jr., Mickey S. deLaup, John M. Church, S. Jacob Braud, C. Kevin Hayes, Blake R. David, John E. McAuliffe, Jr., Marguerite L. (Peggy) Adams, Thomas M. Hayes III, Julie Hayes Ferris, J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr. and Michael E. Holoway. Front row, from left: Treasurer Robert A. Kutcher, David W. Leefe, Alaina R. Mire, Karelia R. Stewart, President-Elect Mark A. Cunningham, President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., Immediate Past President Richard K. Leefe, Shayna L. Sonnier, Secretary Barry H. Grodsky and John M. Frazier.

LSBA Installs 2014-15 Officers and Board of Governors at Annual Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 2014-15 officers and members of the Board of Governors were installed June 5, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla.

Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. was installed as the 74th LSBA president by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson. Shea is a member in the Shreveport office of Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea, L.L.C.

Mark A. Cunningham, a partner in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker, L.L.P., was installed as 2014-15 president-elect. He will assume the presidency in 2015-16.

Barry H. Grodsky, a partner in the New Orleans firm of Taggart Morton, L.L.C., is serving his second year of a two-year term as secretary. He also serves as editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*.

Robert A. Kutcher, a partner in the Metairie firm of Chopin, Wagar, Richard & Kutcher, L.L.P., was installed as 2014-16 treasurer (a two-year term).

Richard K. Leefe, a senior partner in the Metairie firm of Leefe Gibbs Sullivan

& Dupré, L.L.C., will continue his service to the LSBA as 2014-15 immediate past president.

J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr., a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Hoffoss Devall, L.L.C., was installed as 2014-15 chair of the LSBA Young Lawyers Division.

Members of the 2014-15 Board of Governors also were installed by Chief Justice Johnson.

First District

► **David W. Leefe**, a shareholder in the New Orleans office of Liskow & Lewis, P.L.C.

► **Patrick A. Talley, Jr.**, a partner in the New Orleans office of Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P.

Second District

► **John E. (Eddie) McAuliffe, Jr.**, an attorney in the Metairie office of Frederick A. Miller & Associates.

Third District

► **Blake R. David**, founding partner of the Lafayette firm of Broussard & David, L.L.C.

Fourth District

► **Shayna L. Sonnier**, a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Hunter, Hunter & Sonnier, L.L.C.

Fifth District

► **Michael E. Holoway**, a partner in the Covington office of Milling Benson Woodward, L.L.P.

► **C. Kevin Hayes**, a capital partner in the Baton Rouge office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P.

Sixth District

► **Robert G. Levy**, a partner in the Alexandria firm of LaCroix, Levy & Barnett, L.L.C., and an assistant district attorney for the 9th Judicial District.

Seventh District

► **Thomas M. Hayes III**, a partner in the Monroe firm of Hayes, Harkey, Smith & Cascio, L.L.P.

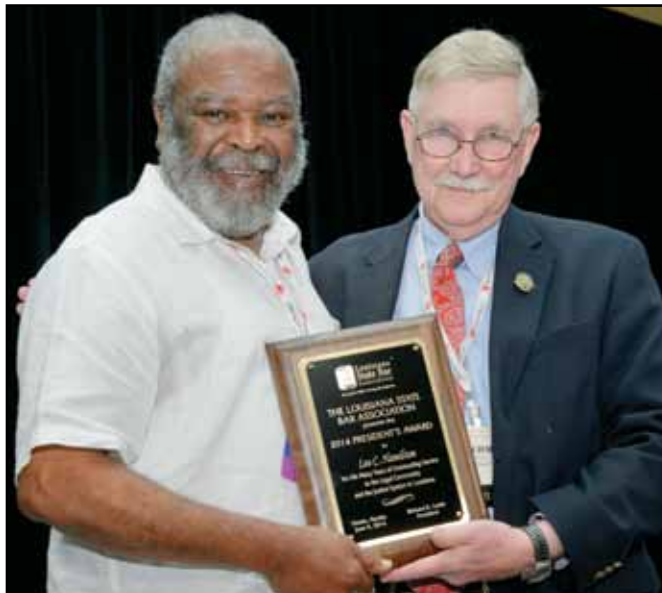
Eighth District

► **Karelia R. Stewart**, Shreveport, a prosecutor in the Caddo Parish District At-

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Timothy F. Averill, left, is presented with the President's Award by 2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.



Leo C. Hamilton, left, is presented with the President's Award by 2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Three LSBA Members Receive President's Awards

Three Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members (one recognized posthumously) received 2014 President's Awards during the Annual Meeting in June. All recipients were chosen by 2013-14 LSBA President Richard K. Leefe and were recognized for various services to the Association.

Timothy F. Averill of Mandeville was recognized for his years of service to the Louisiana Supreme Court and the state's justice system. From 2011 through February 2014, he served as the Supreme Court's judicial administrator and chief executive officer of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana. He was involved in several initiatives of importance to the LSBA, including the adoption of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement and significant changes to the Code of Judicial Conduct, the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Bar Admission Rules. He received a BA degree in 1979 from James Madison University, a master of public administration degree in 1980 from the University of Alabama and a JD degree in 1985 from

Loyola University College of Law.

Leo C. Hamilton of Baton Rouge was recognized for his years of service to Louisiana's legal community and justice system. He is a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P. He represents the City of Alexandria and Pointe Coupee Parish and is general counsel for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. He received his BA degree and his JD degree from Louisiana State University and its Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Hamilton was the 2013-14 president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. He is chair of the LSBA's Bill of Rights Section and a member of the LSBA's House of Delegates. He is a past president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. He serves as a council member of the Louisiana State Law Institute and is a member of the Louisiana Indigent Defender Assistance Board.

Mark A. Moreau of New Orleans was recognized (posthumously) for his years of service as a public interest advocate. From 1988-2003, he was executive director of

the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corp. When that program merged with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) in 2003, he became co-executive director, serving until 2013. He received a bachelor's degree from Brown University and his law degree from Buffalo University. In 1982, he earned his master in law degree in taxation. His Hurricane Katrina-related housing work earned him and the SLLS staff an award in 2009 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He recently co-authored the "2013 Louisiana Legal Services and Pro Bono Desk Manual." He served on the boards of the New Orleans Pro Bono Project, the Louisiana Civil Justice Center, the Family Justice Center and the Multi-Service Center for the Homeless. He was a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court Task Force for Self-Represented Litigants and the LSBA's Access to Justice Committee.

To read the recipients' full profiles, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/2014LSBA Awards.



2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe, left, presents Barry H. Grodsky with the Distinguished Service to the Profession Award during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Grodsky Receives Distinguished Service to the Profession Award

New Orleans attorney Barry H. Grodsky received the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Distinguished Service to the Profession Award for his years of service as chair of the LSBA's Committee on the Profession. The award was presented during the Annual Meeting in June.

Grodsky is a partner in the New Orleans firm of Taggart Morton, L.L.C. He received a BBA degree, with honors, in 1979 from the University of Texas-Austin and his JD degree in 1982 from Tulane Law School.

He is the 2013-15 LSBA secretary and editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. He represented the First Board District on the LSBA's Board of Governors and chairs the LSBA's Committee on the Profession. He has coordinated several law school professionalism programs for the Bar. In 2009, he accepted the American Bar Association's Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award on behalf of the Committee on the Profession. He is a member of the Bar Governance Committee and serves on the LSBA Fee Arbitration Panel. He received the LSBA's President's Award in 2008 and 2010.



Hon. Fredericka Homberg Wicker, left, accepted the 2014 Kimball Award on behalf of Hon. Jules D. Edwards III with 2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Judge Edwards Receives 2014 Kimball Award

Hon. Jules D. Edwards III of Lafayette is the recipient of the 2014 Catherine D. Kimball Award for Advancement of the Administration of Justice. The award was presented during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in June.

Judge Edwards presides over Division B of the 15th Judicial District Court in Lafayette. He received his BA and JD degrees from Loyola University, a master of public administration degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and a master of strategic studies degree from the U.S. Army War College.

He has served as chief judge and is a pioneer in the Drug Treatment Court movement. He is vice chair of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana, works with the Louisiana Sentencing Commission, is first vice president of the Louisiana District Judges Association, and has served as an indigent defender attorney, assistant district attorney, and counsel to the Senate's Select Committee on Crime and Drugs. He is a partner in the law firm of Edwards and Edwards.



Jaimmé A. Collins, a partner at Adams and Reese, accepted the 2014 Human Rights Award on behalf of Adams and Reese. She is pictured with 2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*



Lynn Luker is presented with the 2014 Human Rights Award by 2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Attorney, Law Firm Receive 2014 Human Rights Awards

New Orleans attorney **Lynn Luker** and the New Orleans office of **Adams and Reese, L.L.P.**, received 2014 Human Rights Awards, presented during the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in June.

Lynn Luker, owner of Lynn Luker & Associates, L.L.C., in New Orleans, is committed to working toward inclusion within the legal profession. After graduation from Tulane Law School, she systematically built trial teams that included women attorneys and has mentored those inside and outside her firm. A trained LSBA diversity speaker, she conducts diversity and inclusion training across Louisiana. She is chair of the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms. In the 1980s, she co-founded the "Mommy Malpractice Avoidance Club," a diverse group of women who supported each other's efforts to balance the demands of being a good mother and being a good lawyer.

In 2015, Luker will celebrate 30 years of teaching at Tulane Law School as co-director of Trial Ad and the Civil Pre-Trial Litigation Boot Camp. She has been instrumental in fundraising for Tulane's Black Law Students Association's Moot Court team. She has been trained on "undoing racism" by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond. She also has been trained by the Industrial Areas Foundation, a faith-based organization working for racial reconciliation.

The **Adams and Reese, L.L.P.**, Diversity Committee is comprised of the Diversity Committee chair, the recruiting partner, the

partner for associates, an Executive Committee appointee, three Practice Group leaders, the chief marketing officer and additional representatives throughout the firm. The Minority Attorney Committee develops and promotes diversity through events targeted to minority attorneys, clients and the community. The committee has coordinated minority receptions in conjunction with the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, the Bayou Classic and the Essence Music Festival, as well as sponsorships including the Urban League, Diversity Summits, Black Business Networks, Minority Bar Association events, National Minority AIDS Council efforts, and endowed professorships and scholarships at historically black universities.





Brian D. Lenard, left, is presented with the 2014 McKay Award by 2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe during the Pro Bono Awards Ceremony on May 20 at the Louisiana Supreme Court. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Lenard Receives 2014 McKay Award

Attorney Brian D. Lenard of Hammond received the 2014 Leah Hipple McKay Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. The award was presented during the Access to Justice Department's Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards ceremony in May.

Lenard served as executive director of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services for 36 years, retiring in May 2014.

In 1982, he joined the board of the Southeast Spouse Abuse Program, a non-profit domestic violence prevention and intervention program serving four parishes. He worked with the program for nearly three decades, also serving as the president and treasurer.

Also in 1982, he joined the Tangipahoa Social Services Council, serving in various leadership capacities for nearly 25 years, including as board chair and secretary. He also chaired the agency's United Way Committee and Resource Directory Committee.

Lenard was appointed to the board of the National Center for Survivor Agencies and Justice (CSAJ) in 2009. He currently serves as board president. CSAJ provides technical assistance to the national network of more than 200 legal agencies receiving funding from the Office of Violence Against Women and the U.S. Department of Justice.



From left, Hon. C. Wendell Manning, Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, C. Jefferson Manning III and Mark A. Cunningham. C. Jefferson Manning III was presented with the 2014 Civics in Action Award at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

High School Senior Receives 2014 Civics in Action Award

C. Jefferson Manning III of Monroe received the 2014 Civics in Action Award, presented by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. The award was presented during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in June.

Manning is a 2014-15 senior at St. Frederick Catholic High School in Monroe. His school activities include the National Honor Society, class president for ninth, 10th and 11th grades, Interact Club, state officer of the Future Business Leaders of America and varsity basketball and golf teams. He has won several awards for public speaking.

He was a state finalist for the Richard D. Clanton Scholarship, served on the Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D.C., was the Louisiana delegate for the National Young Leaders Southern Regional Conference, and is a member of the Louisiana All-District Academic Basketball Team.

Manning is a council member for the Louisiana Legislative Youth Advisory. He is the creator and chair of "Louisiana's Largest King Cake Fundraisers," which raised funds for a homeless shelter and food pantry. He also chairs the Senior Citizen Pneumonia Awareness Campaign Community Service Project.



From left, 2014-15 LSBA President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Greg G. Guidry, C. Jefferson Manning III and his father Hon. C. Wendell Manning at the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education reception. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.



Dona K. Renegar, Secretary Barry H. Grodsky and Scott T. Whittaker during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Renegar and Whittaker were awarded with the 2014 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award recognizing their work on their collaborative article “The Cause and Effect of Recent Changes to the Louisiana Bar Examination.” Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Two Attorneys Receive 2014 Victory Memorial Award

Attorney **Scott T. Whittaker** of New Orleans and attorney **Dona K. Renegar** of Lafayette received the 2014 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. The award was presented during the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Annual Meeting in June.

They were recognized for their article, “The Cause and Effect of Recent Changes to the Louisiana Bar Examination,” published in the August/September 2013 issue.

Whittaker, a member of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., in New Orleans, received the LSBA’s President’s Award in 2011 for his service as chair of the two LSBA special committees seated to study the proposed changes to the Louisiana Bar Exam. He received his undergraduate degree, *cum*

laude, in 1982 from Tulane University and his JD degree, *magna cum laude*, in 1984 from Tulane Law School. He is a former chair of the Louisiana Supreme Court’s Committee on Bar Admissions.

Renegar, a member in the Lafayette office of Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar, L.L.C., served as the Third District representative on the LSBA’s Board of Governors. She also served in the LSBA’s House of Delegates and as chair of the LSBA’s Young Lawyers Division. She received two BA degrees in 1988 in English and French, both from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, and her JD degree in 1992 from Tulane Law School. She served on the two LSBA special committees seated to study the proposed changes to the Louisiana Bar Exam.

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torney’s Office and section chief of the Drug Division in the District Attorney’s Office.

At-Large Members

► **Julie Hayes Ferris**, an attorney in Baton Rouge.

► **Mickey S. deLaup**, owner of Mickey S. deLaup, A.P.L.C., in Metairie.

► **John M. Frazier**, a shareholder in the Shreveport law firm of Wiener, Weiss & Madison, A.P.C.

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center

► **John M. Church**, Baton Rouge, professor of law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Tulane University Law School

► **Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.**, New Orleans, vice dean for academic affairs and the A.D. Freeman Professor of Civil Law at Tulane Law School.

Louisiana State Law Institute

► **Marguerite L. (Peggy) Adams**, a shareholder in the New Orleans office of Liskow & Lewis, P.L.C.

House of Delegates Liaison Committee

► Chair **Alainna R. Mire**, an assistant attorney for the Alexandria City Attorney’s Office.

► Member **S. Jacob Braud**, a partner in the Belle Chasse firm of Ballay, Braud & Colon, P.L.C.

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



2013-14 LSBA President Richard K. Leefe pins the president’s pin onto 2014-15 LSBA President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.



2014-15 LSBA President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Jeffrey P. Victory and former Supreme Court Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. during the Supreme Court Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting. All photos by Matthew Hinton Photography.



Louisiana Supreme Court Justice John L. Weimer and Darrel J. Papillion during the Supreme Court Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting.



2014-15 LSBA President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. and Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson during the Supreme Court Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting.



Warren A. Perrin accepted the 2014 John Ashby Hernandez III Memorial Award for Francophone Leadership on behalf of Professor Olivier Moreteau with 2013-14 President Richard K. Leefe during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.



From left, LBF President Hon. C. Wendell Manning, Charles F. Gay, Jr., and 2013-14 LSBA President Richard K. Leefe during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Gay Receives 2014 Boisfontaine Award

Attorney Charles F. Gay, Jr. of New Orleans received the Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award, presented by the Louisiana Bar Foundation. The award was presented during the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in June. He received a plaque and \$1,000 was donated to The Pro Bono Project in his name.

Gay is a partner in the New Orleans office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P., currently serving as a member of the firm's Pharmaceuticals and Products Liability Team of the

Litigation Practice Group. He also works with the Healthcare Litigation Group.

He is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Society of Barristers and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. He is a former chair of the International Association of Defense Counsel's Pharmaceutical-Medical Device Committee. Gay has served as chair of the LSBA's Legal Malpractice Insurance Committee and has co-chaired the LSBA's Medical-Legal Interprofessional Committee.

Law Professor Receives Award for Francophone Leadership

Professor Olivier Moréteau of Baton Rouge received the 2014 John Ashby Hernandez III Memorial Award for Francophone Leadership. The award was presented during the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in June.

Professor Moréteau joined the Louisiana State University faculty in 2005, when he was named the first holder of the Russell B. Long Eminent Scholars Academic Chair. He is the director of the Center of Civil Law Studies, the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Civil Law Studies* and the associate vice chancellor for international programs.

Hereceived his Ph.D., *summa cum laude*, at the Université Jean Moulin in 1990. He has authored and edited books in French and English, and written articles in various languages on the civil law, common law, comparative law, law and languages, tort law, the law of obligations and legal education. He is a member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, the European Group on Tort Law, the European Centre of Tort and Insurance Law, the Société de Législation comparée, the American Law Institute, the Louisiana Bar Equivalency Panel and the Louisiana Bar Foundation.



2014-15 LSBA YLD officers and council are sworn in by Judge David A. Ritchie at the 2014 Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

YLD's 2014-15 Officers, Council Installed

The Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division's (LSBA YLD) 2014-15 officers and council members were installed June 2, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla.

J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr. of Lake Charles was installed as 2014-15 Division chair by Judge David A. Ritchie, 14th Judicial District Court, Division E. Hoffoss is a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Hoffoss Devall, L.L.C.

Also sworn in as officers were Chair-Elect **Erin O. Braud**, staff counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. (Law Offices of Robert E. Birtel) in Metairie (she will assume the chair's position in 2015-16); Secretary **Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.**, an assistant district attorney for the 18th Judicial District and a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm of Saunders & Chabert; and Immediate Past Chair **Kyle A. Ferachi**, a partner in the Baton Rouge office of McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C.

Judge Ritchie also installed members of the 2014-15 YLD Council.

District 1: Dylan T. Thriffiley, an associate in the New Orleans office of Kean Miller, L.L.P.; and James E. (Jimmy) Courtenay, a partner in the New



2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi and 2014-15 LSBA YLD Chair J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr. at the YLD reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

Orleans office of Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles, L.L.P.

District 2: Jason M. Baer, a partner in the Metairie office of Hailey, McNamara, Hall, Larman & Papale, L.L.P.; and Jennifer Z. Rosenbach, Gretna, an assistant district attorney with the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office.

District 3: Kassie L. Hargis, a law clerk for Judge John R. Walker, 32nd Judicial District Court, Houma (Terrebonne Parish).

District 4: Lynsay M. Fontenot, an associate in the Lake Charles firm of Stockwell, Sievert, Viccellio, Clements & Shaddock, L.L.P.

District 5: Bradley J. Tate, tax manager for the firm of Postlethwaite & Netterville in Baton Rouge; and Kristi W. Richard, an associate in the Baton Rouge office of McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C.

District 6: Christie C. Wood, an associate in the firm of Faircloth Melton, L.L.C., in Alexandria.

District 7: Ashley L. Smith, Monroe, a law clerk for Judge Sharon I. Marchman and Judge James H. Boddie, Jr. with the 4th Judicial District Court, Ouachita and Morehouse parishes.

District 8: Jerry Edwards, Jr., a director in the Shreveport firm of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts.

At-Large Representative: Kellen J. Mathews, an associate in the Baton Rouge office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P.

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Representative: Cristin G. Fitzgerald, a member/partner in the New Orleans firm of Fitzgerald & Brown, L.L.C.

Young Lawyer Member/American Bar Association House of Delegates: Ryan M. McCabe, an associate in Steeg Law Firm, L.L.C., in New Orleans.



Victor J. Suane, Jr., left, is presented with the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award by 2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi during the YLD Chair's Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting. All photos by Matthew Hinton Photography.



Lynsay M. Fontenot, left, is presented with the Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award by 2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi during the YLD Chair's Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting.



2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi, left, presents Seth T. Mansfield with the YLD Pro Bono Award during the YLD Chair's Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Attorneys, Bar Associations Receive 2014 LSBA YLD Awards

Five Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members and two local Bar Associations received 2014 LSBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) awards. The awards were presented by 2013-14 YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi of Baton Rouge and other YLD Council members during a June 2 ceremony, held in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla.

► Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

Victor J. Suane, Jr., a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Kean Miller, L.L.P., received the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. He received his BA degree in business administration in 1998 from Rhodes College and his JD degree, *cum laude*, in 2007 from Southern University Law Center (a member of the *Southern University Law Review*).

Active in the Baton Rouge Bar Association (BRBA), he served as a member of the Young Lawyers Section Council and chaired the Belly Up with the Bar Committee. He received the BRBA's 2013 President's Award. He is a past president of the Louisiana School for the Deaf Foundation and a board member of Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge. From 2007-09, he was the Kean Miller Team co-captain of the Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area "Walk to Remember." He currently volunteers with the Kean Miller Dictionary Project and the BRBA Easter Egg Hunt at Buchanan Elementary School.

► Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award

Two Chair's Awards were presented.

Lynsay M. Fontenot, an associate in the Lake Charles firm of Stockwell, Sievert, Viccellio, Clements & Shaddock, L.L.P.,

received a BS degree in risk management and insurance in 2002 from Florida State University and her JD degree in 2006 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was a member of the 2011-12 Leadership LSBA Class and co-chaired the 2012-13 Leadership LSBA Class. She is a representative on the LSBA YLD Council. She is a member of the Junior League of Lake Charles and "Fusion Five," a young

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2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi, right, presents the Baton Rouge Young Lawyers Section with the Service to the Public Award With him are Scotty E. Chabert, Jr. and Ann K. Gregorie.



2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi, right, presents the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association with the Service to the Bar Award. With him is Lafayette Bar President Tricia R. Pierre.



2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi, left, presents Lawrence Centola III with a plaque for his service as YLD Immediate Past Chair during the YLD Chair's Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting.



2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi presents Erin O. Braud, left, with a plaque for her service as YLD Secretary during the YLD Chair's Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting.



2013-14 LSBA YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi, left, presents J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr. with a plaque for his service as YLD Chair-Elect during the YLD Chair's Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

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professionals' organization sponsored by the Chamber of Southwest Louisiana.

Sara B. Rodrigue, an associate in the Lafayette firm of NeunerPate, received her bachelor of arts and sciences degree in 2005 from Nicholls State University and her JD degree in 2009 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She served as a representative on the LSBA's YLD Council and co-chaired the LSBA YLD's High School Mock Trial Competition. She is a member of the Lafayette Bar Association and the Acadiana Inn of Court. She received the 2011 Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers Outstanding Attorney Award. She participates in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana.

► Hon. Michaele Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award

Mackenzie S. Ledet, an associate in the Baton Rouge office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C., received the Hon. Michaele Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award.



Louisiana Attorney General Buddy Caldwell, left, talks with former LSBA President Frank X. Neuner, Jr. at the YLD Chair's Reception during the 2014 Annual Meeting.

She practices in general commercial and business litigation, health care litigation, insurance defense, gaming and other regulatory matters. She is a lobbyist registered with the Louisiana Board of Ethics (Executive Branch and Legislative Branch).

Ledet has experience in state and federal politics as a head page to former Presidents of the Louisiana State Senate, Sen. John Hainkel, Jr. of New Orleans and Sen. Donald Hines of Bunkie, and as a staff assistant to U.S. Congressman Charles W. Boustany Jr., M.D., in Washington, D.C. She worked as a criminal prosecutor in the Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, and obtained the first conviction under Louisiana's movie bootlegging law. She is a member of the Federal Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Baton Rouge Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Council.

► Pro Bono Award

Seth T. Mansfield, an associate in the Lafayette firm of NeunerPate, received the Pro Bono Award. He joined the law firm in 2012 after graduating from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He received a BS degree in criminal justice from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and a MS degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to attending law school, he worked as a deputy in the Patrol Division of the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office.

He is a member of the Lafayette Bar Association, the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association and the John M. Duhe, Jr. American Inn of Court. He participates in the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP) Program and was presented with

the Outstanding Attorney Award from the Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers in 2013.

► Service to the Public Award

The **Baton Rouge Bar Association Young Lawyers Section's** Holiday Star Project works with 12 Baton Rouge social services agencies to provide children in need a brighter Christmas. The children assisted by the project include those with serious illnesses to those who are visually impaired, and from underprivileged children in early Head Start programs to those born HIV-positive or exposed to AIDS. The Holiday Star Project is in its 22nd year.

► Service to the Bar Award

The **Lafayette Young Lawyers Association (LYLA)** hosted its first Young Lawyers' CLE Program in November 2013. About 30 young lawyers earned 3 hours of CLE credit while engaging in discussions about courtroom "dos and don'ts," the importance of maintaining professionalism in practice, and creating strong working relationships. Because of the first program's success, the LYLA hosted a second CLE in spring 2014.



2013-14 YLD Chair Kyle A. Ferachi, left, and 2013-14 LSBA President Richard K. Leefe during the YLD Chair's Reception during the 2014 Annual Meeting.



Left Upper: 2013-14 LSBA President Richard K. Leefe with keynote speaker Ruby Bridges and Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson.



Left: Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson addresses the General Assembly and House of Delegates during the 2014 Annual Meeting.



Left: A photo of many of the Shreveport lawyers in attendance at the Installation Dinner during the 2014 Annual Meeting.



Left: 2013-14 LSBA President Richard K. Leefe dances with his wife, Barat, in the background while 2014-15 LSBA President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. dances with his wife, Jane, in the foreground during the 2014 Annual Meeting.



Left bottom: The Beach Bash was well attended by families and friends during the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Right upper: 2013-14 LSBA President Richard K. Leefe receives a plaque from 2014-15 LSBA President Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. during the Installation Dinner at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Right bottom: All four deans of Louisiana law schools on a panel during the LJC/LSBA Summer School - including Dean Maria Pabón López of Loyola University College of Law, New Orleans; Dean David D. Meyer of Tulane University Law School, New Orleans; Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. of Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge; and Dean Jack M. Weiss of LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge.

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