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Darrel J. Papillion addressed the membership after being sworn in as the 76th Louisiana State Bar Association president. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

## LSBA Installs 2016-17 Officers and Board of Governors at Annual Meeting



The 2016-17 Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors. Seated from left, Patrick A. Talley, Jr., First Board District; Donald W. North, Southern University Law Center; Monica Hof Wallace, Loyola University College of Law; Treasurer H. Minor Pipes III; President Darrel J. Papillion; President-Elect Dona Key Renegar; Secretary Alainna R. Mire; Jermaine Guillory, at-large; Kevin C. Curry, Louisiana State Law Institute; and D. Skylar Rosenbloom, First Board District. Standing from left, Immediate Past President Mark A. Cunningham; Sandra K. Cosby, House of Delegates Liaison Committee; Rachael D. Johnson, at-large; Edward J. Walters, Jr., Fifth Board District; Young Lawyers Division Chair Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.; C. Kevin Hayes, Fifth Board District; Blake R. David, Third Board District; C.A. (Hap) Martin III, Seventh Board District; John E. (Eddie) McAuliffe, Jr., Second Board District; Charles D. Elliott, Sixth Board District; and John M. Frazier, at large. Not in photo, J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr., Fourth Board District; Marjorie L. (Meg) Frazier, Eighth Board District; Julie Baxter Payer, House of Delegates Liaison Committee chair; and S. Jacob Braud, House of Delegates Liaison Committee. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 2016-17 officers and members of the Board of Governors were installed June 9, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla.

**Darrel J. Papillion** was installed as the 76th LSBA president by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson. Papillion is a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, L.L.C.

**Dona Kay Renegar**, a member in the

Lafayette office of Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar, L.L.C., was installed as 2016-17 president-elect. She will assume the presidency in 2017-18.

**Alainna R. Mire**, the chief resilience officer and an assistant attorney for the Alexandria City Attorney's Office, is beginning her second year of a two-year term as secretary. She also serves as editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, the LSBA's bimonthly magazine.

**H. Minor Pipes III**, a founding member of the New Orleans firm of Barrasso Usdin

Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C., is beginning his two-year term as treasurer.

**Mark A. Cunningham**, a senior partner in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker LLP, will continue his service to the LSBA as 2016-17 immediate past president.

**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, was installed as 2016-17 chair of the LSBA Young Lawyers Division.

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Louisiana State Bar Association officers and members of the 2016-17 Board of Governors were sworn in by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson during the Annual Meeting. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

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Members of the 2016-17 Board of Governors also were installed by Chief Justice Johnson.

#### First District

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

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

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

#### Fifth District

► **C. Kevin Hayes**, owner of Hayes Strategic Solutions, L.L.C., in Baton Rouge.

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

#### Sixth District

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

#### Seventh District

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

#### Eighth District

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

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### At-Large Members

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

► **Rachael D. Johnson**, senior staff attorney with the Law Offices of Julie E. Vaicius (employees of The Hartford) in Metairie.

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

### Loyola University College of Law

► **Monica Hof Wallace**, New Orleans, the Dean Marcel Garsaud, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law at Loyola University College of Law.

### Southern University Law Center

► **Donald W. North**, Baton Rouge, a law professor at Southern University Law Center.

### Louisiana State Law Institute

► **Kevin C. Curry**, a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Kean Miller, L.L.P.

### House of Delegates Liaison Committee

► Chair **Julie Baxter Payer**, deputy chief of staff for communications/legal/special projects for Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards.

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

► Member **Sandra K. Cosby**, an associate with Frederick A. Miller & Associates in Metairie.



Above: Darrel J. Papillion, left, was installed as the 76th Louisiana State Bar Association president by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson during the Annual Meeting.

Below: Outgoing LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham, right, passed the gavel to incoming President Darrel J. Papillion. Photos by Matthew Hinton Photography.



## 8 President's Awards Presented



New Orleans Bar Association Executive Director Helena Henderson, left, accepted the President's Award on behalf of the association. At right, 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.



President's Award recipient John J. Finan, Jr., left, and 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.



President's Award recipient Kendall P. Green, left, and 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.  
*Photos by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

**E**ight Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President's Awards were presented during the Annual Meeting in June. All recipients were chosen by 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham and were recognized for various services to the Association.

The **New Orleans Bar Association** (NOBA) was recognized for its years of collaboration with the LSBA and its initiatives to promote diversity, indigent defense and construction of an Orleans Parish Courthouse. A community of 3,000 lawyers and judges, NOBA is led by a 22-member board of directors and longtime Executive Director Helena Henderson. NOBA has an enduring commitment to diversity and inclusion and its partnership with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services supports the first-of-its-kind, bar-sponsored Public Interest Law Fellowship. NOBA has served the cause of justice by speaking for indigent defense, promoting pro bono civil representation, encouraging adequate funding for the justice system and the building of a new courthouse for Orleans Parish Civil District Court.

**John J. Finan, Jr.**, president and chief executive officer of the Franciscan Mis-

sionaries of Our Lady Health System, Inc. in Baton Rouge, was recognized for helping attorneys and their families through his support of the SOLACE (Support of Lawyers-Legal Personnel — All Concern Encouraged) Program. With more than 40 years of experience in healthcare leadership and operations, Finan currently serves as board vice chair of Mercy Health System in St. Louis, is board chair for the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry and board chair of Loyola University New Orleans. He is a member of the boards of the Public Affairs Research Council and Blueprint Louisiana. He received his BS degree from Louisiana State University at New Orleans and his MBA degree from Loyola University of the South.

**Kendall P. Green** of New Orleans was recognized for his heroic and selfless efforts during his career with the Orleans Public Defenders (OPD). For the past 32 years, he served as a public defender, first with the Orleans Indigent Defender Program, then its successor organization, Orleans Public Defenders. In the years following Hurricane Katrina, and the deep inequities the disaster exposed in the Orleans Parish criminal justice system, Green was instrumental in transforming OPD from its

traditional court-centered orientation to its current client-centered model. As the longtime chief of trials at OPD, he oversaw the entire Trial Division and helped to develop the Investigative Division and the Client Services Division. In 2009, he was recognized by the Louisiana Public Defenders Association with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Abid Hussain**, a solo law practitioner in New Orleans, was recognized for his efforts in launching the online LSBA Tech Center and as chair of the LSBA Solo and Small Firms Section. With entrepreneur clients in Dallas, Texas, Hussain has practiced corporate law for 10 years in Texas and Louisiana. He provides legal and corporate counsel, including intellectual property and asset protection, to entrepreneurs, business owners, investors and musicians. He has provided law technology and practice management CLEs for the LSBA, the New Orleans Bar Association and the Jefferson Bar Association. For eight years after receiving his law degree from the University of Oregon, he held marketing and web development positions at technology and software companies.

**Hon. Calvin Johnson**, retired chief judge of Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, was recognized for his countless



President's Award recipient Abid Hussain, left, and 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.



President's Award recipient Hillar C. Moore III, left, and 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.



President's Award recipient Christopher K. Ralston, left, and 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.

accomplishments as a leader in the administration of criminal justice. He established the first Mental Health Treatment Court in Louisiana in 2002 and was Drug Court judge from 1994-2002. Following his retirement from the bench in 2008, he served as executive director of the Metropolitan Human Service District (MHSD), an agency overseeing the delivery of publicly funded, community-based behavioral health services. Since his retirement from MHSD in 2014, he has handled consulting work for Magellan Health Louisiana, Futures Education and the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He works with the federal monitors in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, for the care of defendants with mental health issues in parish prison. He is on the faculty of Loyola University College of Law. He received his JD degree in 1978 from Loyola University College of Law.

**Hillar C. Moore III**, district attorney for the 19th Judicial District in East Baton Rouge Parish, was recognized for his efforts in advancing the relationship between the LSBA and the Louisiana District Attorneys Association (LDAA). Currently serving as LDAA president, Moore has been in the criminal justice field for more than 40 years. He formed BRAVE, the Baton Rouge Area Violence Elimination program, a group violence reduction strategy; a Crime Strategies Unit modeled after the Manhattan DA's office; and a hospital intervention program to prevent future violence to victims. He received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University, majoring in criminal justice. He completed course work for a master's degree in criminal justice and later graduated from Southern University Law Center.

Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation and serves on its board of directors.

**Mark C. Surprenant**, a partner in the New Orleans office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P., was recognized for his efforts in the implementation of the Access to Justice Intern Program and the Reentry Program and as chair of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (JLAP). Currently the chair of JLAP, Surprenant also is a member of the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission. Since the beginning of his legal career, he has been dedicated to community service. In 1988, he created HUGS, his law firm's corporate philanthropy program. In 2000, he established CA&RE, his firm's official pro bono program. He also is the co-founder of SOLACE, Inc. (Support of Lawyers-Legal Personnel — All Concern Encouraged).



President's Award recipient Hon. Calvin Johnson, left, and 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.

**Christopher K. Ralston**, a commercial litigation partner in the New Orleans office of Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., was recognized for his efforts in the areas of access to justice and diversity in the legal profession. In his firm, he serves on the ethics, pro bono, recruiting and diversity committees and as co-leader of the Small & Emerging Business Team. He is a member of the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission, the LSBA's House of Delegates and the LSBA's Client Assistance Fund Committee. He is president-elect of the New Orleans Bar Association and vice president and a board member of the Pro Bono Project in New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. He is a



President's Award recipient Mark C. Surprenant, left, and 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.

## LSBA Members Recognized for Services to the Bar and Profession

Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members were recognized for services to the Bar and the legal profession at the Annual Meeting in June.

### ► Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award

**Michael S. Finkelstein**, an associate attorney with Didriksen, Saucier, Woods & Pichon, P.L.C., in New Orleans, received the 2016 Victory Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. His article, “Overview of Data Breach Litigation in Louisiana: A Look Into Its Uncertain Future,” was published in the August-September 2015 issue. An alumnus of Louisiana State University and the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, he is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Texas. He focuses his practice on commercial litigation, toxic torts, product liability, insurance defense, subrogation, and data and cybersecurity law. He is developing his firm’s data breach litigation practice, among the first of its kind in Louisiana.

### ► John Ashby Hernandez III Memorial Award for Francophone Leadership

**Warren A. Perrin**, chair of the LSBA’s Francophone Section, is an attorney with the firm Perrin, Landry & deLaunay in Lafayette and a skills professor at Loyola University College of Law. He served as president of CODOFIL and as a member of the board of directors of the *Congrès Mondial Acadien – Louisiane 1999*. He also served as president of the Lt. Governor’s Task Force of *FrancoFête ’99* and founded the Acadian Museum of Erath, La. In 1999, he was awarded the French National Order of Merit Award. He is the author of seven



**John Ashby Hernandez III Memorial Award for Francophone Leadership** recipient Warren A. Perrin, left, and presenter Louis R. Koerner, Jr. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

books: *Acadian Redemption, Une Saga Acadienne, Vermilion Parish, Iberia Parish, St. Landry Parish, Acadie Then and Now: A People’s History and L’Acadie hier et aujourd’hui – L’histoire dunpeuple*. In 2015, he received the Daughters of the American Revolution Americanism National Medal of Honor. He earned his JD degree from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

### ► Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award

**Christine Lipsey**, a member in the Baton Rouge office of McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C., received the 2016 Boisfontaine Award, presented by the Louisiana Bar Foundation. She has more than 30 years of experience in litigation representing small and large businesses, insurance companies, state agencies, lenders, and corporate and limited liability company constituents. She



**Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award** recipient Christine Lipsey, left, and Louisiana Bar Foundation President E. Jane Sherman. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

serves on the LSBA’s Rules of Professional Conduct Committee and completed a second term on the Louisiana Supreme Court’s Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee. She serves on the Commercial and Business Litigation Committee, the Business Torts Committee, and the Professional Liability Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association. A member of the Bar Association of the 5th Federal Circuit and the Wex S. Malone American Inn of Court, she also is Louisiana Bar Foundation Fellow. A 1982 graduate of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, she currently teaches “The Legal Profession” as an adjunct faculty member and serves on the Alumni Board of Trustees.

## 4 LSBA Members Recognized with Kimball Awards

**F**our Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members received the Catherine D. Kimball Award for Advancement of the Administration of Justice at the Annual Meeting in June.

**Justice (Ret.) Harry T. Lemmon** of New Orleans served as an associate justice on the Louisiana Supreme Court from 1980-2001. Prior to his election to the Supreme Court, he served on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeal for 10 years. He received his JD degree, *cum laude*, from Loyola University Law School, where he was a member of the *Law Review*. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Loyola and is an honorary member of the Order of the Coif and the Hall of Fame of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He served on the adjunct faculty of Loyola Law School and taught courses at LSU Law Center and Tulane University Law School. He chaired the Louisiana Judicial College for 25 years and chaired the Education Committee of the Appellate Judges Education Institute and the American Bar Association's Appellate Judge Seminar Series.

**Hon. Ronald J. Sholes**, a former Orleans Parish Civil District Court judge, is a partner and the arbitration and alternative dispute resolution team leader in the New Orleans office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P. He also served as a New Orleans Traffic Court judge. He earned his JD degree in 1984 from Loyola University College of Law and his MPH degree in 1980 from Tulane University School of Public Health. He is a former president of the Louisiana District Judges Association and the Louisiana 4th and 5th Circuit Judges Associations. He served as president of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel and the St. Thomas More Inn of Court. He was an instructor for the National Institute of



Catherine D. Kimball Award for Advancement of the Administration of Justice recipient Hon. Ronald J. Sholes, far left; J. Roslyn Lemmon and James (Jake) Lemmon accepting the award on behalf of recipient Justice (Ret.) Harry T. Lemmon; and 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Trial Advocacy and taught trial advocacy at Emory University, Loyola University and Louisiana State University.

**Jeffrey E. Richardson** is a partner in the New Orleans office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P., where his practice focuses on class action and complex litigation, products liability litigation and appellate litigation. He graduated with highest honors from Emory University and with high honors from Georgetown University Law Center. He has been a volunteer with Louisiana Appleseed for many years. He also publishes iPhone J.D. (iPhoneJD.com), the oldest and largest website for attorneys who use iPhones and iPads. The website has frequently been named the best legal technology website, and the *ABA Journal* recently named iPhone J.D. to its Blawg Hall of Fame.

**Martin A. Stern** is the appellate team leader and claims counsel in the New Or-

leans office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P. He has substantial experience in legal ethics, representing judges before the Louisiana Judiciary Commission and lawyers before the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. His appellate practice included representing a defendant sentenced to death, which resulted in a grant of certiorari by the U.S. Supreme Court. *Kennedy v. Louisiana* announced the landmark holding that the death penalty is unconstitutional for most non-homicide crimes. Stern is a former director of both the national and Louisiana Appleseed and spearheaded the reestablishment of Louisiana Appleseed after Hurricane Katrina. Another Appleseed project culminated in the Louisiana Supreme Court's adoption of a rule allowing lawyers to earn CLE credit for pro bono representation of indigent clients. He also proposed a project accepted by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals to provide pro bono representation to indigent appellants in selected federal immigration appeals.



## YLD's 2016-17 Officers, Council Installed



The 2016-17 Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyer Division officers and Council were sworn in by Judge Guy P. Holdridge, 23rd Judicial District Court. Photos by Matthew Hinton Photography.

The Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division's (LSBA YLD) 2016-17 officers and council members were installed June 8, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla.

**Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.** of Baton Rouge was installed as 2016-17 YLD chair by Judge Guy P. Holdridge, 23rd Judicial

District Court, Gonzales. Chabert is an assistant district attorney for the 18th Judicial District and a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Saunders & Chabert.

Also sworn in as officers were Chair-Elect **Bradley J. Tate**, tax manager for Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C., in Metairie (he will assume the chair's position in 2017-18); Secretary **Dylan T. Thriffiley**, a compliance director for Ochsner Health System in New Orleans; and Immediate Past Chair **Erin O. Braud**, staff counsel for GuideOne Insurance Co. in New Orleans.

Judge Holdridge also installed members of the 2016-17 YLD Council.

**District 1:** Scott L. Sternberg, an attorney in the New Orleans office of Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, L.L.C.; and Cristin F. Bordelon, an associate in the New Orleans office of Leake & Andersson, L.L.P.

**District 2:** Jeffrey D. Hufft, an associate with Colvin Law Firm, A.P.L.C., in Gretna;

and Shayna B. Morvant, managing partner of the Gretna firm of Beevers & Beevers, L.L.P.

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

**District 4:** Adam P. Johnson, an attorney in the Lake Charles firm of Johnson & Vercher, L.L.C.



Incoming YLD Chair Scotty E. Chabert, Jr., left, and outgoing Chair Erin O. Braud.



Erin O. Braud, left, 2015-16 YLD chair, with 2015-16 LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham.

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

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

**District 7:** Ethan A. Hunt, an associate in the firm of Dean Morris, L.L.C., in Monroe.

**District 8:** Allison C. Foster, an associate in the Shreveport firm of Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway, A.P.L.C.

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

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

**Young Lawyer Member/American Bar Association House of Delegates:** Kristen L. Burge, an associate in the firm of Beahm & Green in New Orleans.



2016-17 Young Lawyer Division Chair Scotty E. Chabert, Jr., left, was sworn in by Judge Guy P. Holdridge, 23rd Judicial District Court. Photos by Matthew Hinton Photography.



Alainna R. Mire, left, 2015-17 LSBA secretary, and Bradley J. Tate, 2016-17 YLD chair-elect.



Photos, from left, children enjoying the YLD reception; Scotty E. Chabert, Jr. and daughter; and Past LSBA President Richard K. Leefe and his wife Barat.



## LSBA Members, Bar Associations Honored with 2016 YLD Awards

Six Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members and two local bar associations received 2016 LSBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) awards, presented by 2015-16 YLD Chair Erin O. Braud and other YLD Council members during a June 8 ceremony, held in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

### ► Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

**Alysson L. Mills**, a partner in the New Orleans office of Fishman Haygood, L.L.P. (Litigation Section), practices in the areas of securities, media and general commercial litigation. She earned a BA degree in French and a BA degree in international studies, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Mississippi and her master of philosophy degree from Trinity College Dublin. She earned her JD degree, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Mississippi (editor-in-chief of the *Mississippi Law Journal*). She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2010. She co-teaches a course on the First Amendment and media law at Tulane University. She chairs the board of the Lycée



Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recipient Alysson L. Mills, right, with 2015-16 YLD Chair Erin O. Braud. Photos by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans and serves on the governing boards of the American Red Cross for Southeast Louisiana and the Younger Lawyers Division of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. She also serves with the Choice Foundation, the governing board of three public charter schools in New Orleans.

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

**Graham H. Ryan**, a business litigation associate in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker LLP, received a BS degree, *summa cum laude*, in finance in 2007 from Louisiana State University and his JD/DCL degree in 2011 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center (*Louisiana Law Review*). He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2011. He serves on the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice Committee's Disaster Leadership Team and co-chairs the LSBA's Annual Meeting and Summer School Planning Committee. He was a member of the 2014-15 Leadership LSBA Class. As the Louisiana representative on the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Council, he is responsible for implementing disaster legal services in Louisiana following



Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award recipient Graham H. Ryan, right, with 2015-16 YLD Chair Erin O. Braud.

a presidentially declared disaster. He also chairs HandsOn New Orleans, a nonprofit volunteer center, and provides pro bono legal services to the homeless and veterans at the Father Harry Tompson Rebuild Center in New Orleans.

### ► Chair's Special Award: YLD Appreciation of Service

**Kas L. Hargis**, a law clerk for Judge John R. Walker of the 32nd Judicial District Court in Houma, received her BA degree in English literature in 2000 from Louisiana State University and her JD degree in 2006 from Loyola University College of Law. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2007. A member of the 2014-15 Leadership LSBA Class, she is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Committee and the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. She served as the District 3 representative on the LSBA Young Lawyers Division Council and co-chaired the 2015-16 High School Mock Trial Committee. In her community, she is involved with the Houma-Terrebonne Girls on the Run Program.



Chair's Special Award recipient Carrie L. Jones, right, with 2015-16 YLD Chair Erin O. Braud.



Hon. Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award recipient Judge Karelia R. Stewart, right, with 2015-16 YLD Chair Erin O. Braud.

► **Chair’s Special Award: YLD Appreciation of Service**

**Carrie L. Jones**, a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Shows, Cali & Walsh, L.L.P., received a BA degree in mass communication in 2004 from Louisiana State University, an MBA degree in 2005 from Southeastern Louisiana University and her JD/BCL degree in 2008 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2008. Currently a District 5 representative on the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Council, she co-chaired the 2015-16 High School Mock Trial Committee. She was a member of the 2013-14 Leadership LSBA Class and is a member of the LSBA’s Continuing Legal Education Committee. She is vice chair of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board and a member of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and the Bar Association of the 5th Federal Circuit. She serves on the Louisiana Bar Foundation’s Capital Area Community Partnership Panel.

► **Hon. Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award**

**Judge Karelia R. Stewart** serves on the 1st Judicial District Court in Shreveport. Prior to her election, she was a prosecutor in the Caddo Parish District Attorney’s Office and section chief of

the Drug Division. She received her undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, in 2001 from Dillard University and her JD degree in 2004 from Loyola University College of Law. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2006. While serving as a prosecutor, she partnered with Caddo Parish Schools for a presentation called “Don’t Let This Be You,” conversations with high school students about how to avoid the criminal justice system. She also participated in the job-shadowing program for middle and high school students in the Teen Court Program. For the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), she served on the Board of Governors, in the House of Delegates, on several committees and as the District 8 representative on the LSBA Young Lawyers Division Council. In 2015, she was recognized as one of the “Nation’s Best 40 Under 40” advocates by the National Bar Association and received the organization’s Excellence in Leadership Award.

► **Pro Bono Award**

**Dwazendra J. Smith**, an associate in the Opelousas firm of Doran & Cawthorne, P.L.L.C., received a BA degree in political science in 2006 from Louisiana State University-Shreveport and her JD degree in 2009 from Southern University Law Center. During law school, she served as Student Bar Association president (2008-09), 2L Class president (2007-08), a member of the Moot Court Board, a pupil of the American Inns of Court and the symposium editor for Southern University Law Center’s second law journal, the *Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty*. She is a member of the Lafayette Bar Association and the American Bar Association. She provides pro bono services through the Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers (LVL) program and the Lafayette Bar Association’s Protective Order Panel. She is a member of the LVL panel and current president of the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association. She has provided pro bono



Pro Bono Award recipient Dwazendra J. Smith, right, with 2015-16 YLD Chair Erin O. Braud.

services for nearly seven years.

► **Service to the Public Award**

The **Lafayette Young Lawyers Association’s** annual Holiday Giving Program provides services and support to the Acadiana community, donating gifts to needy families and partnering with different charity organizations to provide much needed funding. Letters are written to the Lafayette Bar Association members asking for contributions used to purchase gifts and/or to purchase supplies for the chosen charity. During the 2015 holiday season, the program focused all of its support to Hearts of Hope, an organization that provides free therapy and coping services to children and adult survivors of sexual abuse and assault.

► **Service to the Bar Award**

The **Baton Rouge Bar Association’s** Young Lawyers Section offered an educational trip in November 2015 to the Louisiana State Penitentiary (Angola Prison) in St. Francisville. The event gave insight into life after incarceration to young prosecutors, public defenders and criminal defense lawyers. The tour consisted of a visit to the museum, the historic Red Hat, a cellblock or dormitory at Camp F, lunch at Camp F and the lethal injection table. The event included a one-hour CLE class presented by a criminal defense attorney and an Angola trustee.

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Top photos: Beach Bash; Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Marcus R. Clark, left, swears in Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education President Lawrence J. Centola III.

Photos above: Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson and newly installed LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion; Beach Bash fireworks.

Bottom left photo: From left, LSBA President-Elect Dona K. Renegar, LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion, LSBA Immediate Past President Mark A. Cunningham, LSBA Past President Kim M. Boyle, Hon. Sandra C. Jenkins, Hon. Pammela S. Lattier and Hon. Tracey Flemings-Davillier.

Photo below: "Kids of the LSBA" led the House of Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Top photos: Outgoing LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham addresses the House of Delegates, left, and chats with LSBA President-Elect Dona K. Renegar.

Photos above: LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion with Annual Meeting attendees; and LSBA Secretary Alaina R. Mire during her speech at the House of Delegates.

Bottom right photo, Judge D. Kent Savoie takes a shot during the golf tournament.

Bottom left photo, LSBA President Darrel J. Papillion, third from left, and his law partners, from left, David Abboud Thomas, Edward J. Walters, Jr. and J.E. Cullens, Jr.

