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Message from the President: LSBA Responds to Hurricane Isaac

On behalf of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), I hope that you were able to remain safe and secure during Hurricane Isaac. The LSBA remains dedicated to aiding our members throughout natural disasters and their often devastating aftermath.

During Hurricane Isaac, the LSBA staff successfully implemented its disaster plan. LSBA email remained operable throughout the storm and our disaster response website, www.LSBA.org/dr, served as a single source for information on court closings, announcements and emergency contact information. We made available online the LSBA Disaster Planning Handbook, which includes practical information on emergency response and the recovery process, as well as how to prepare your law practice for emergencies in the future. You can find a copy of the handbook at www.lsba.org/GoTo/DisasterHandbook.

Additionally, the Access to Justice

program implemented its disaster relief plan for public interest organizations. We continue to work with FEMA and the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division representative to place LSBA attorney volunteers in Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs); to provide free legal information to the public through the disaster hotline (1-800-301-7029); and to handle cases in conjunction with local pro bono programs. If you would like to volunteer your legal services, contact Cristin Fitzgerald at cfitz@fitzbrownlaw.com or (504)564-7677.

It is especially important to pull together now as a legal community. The LSBA will continue to aid you as we move forward during this time of recovery.

Sincerely,



John H. Musser IV
President

Nominations in place for leadership positions

Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. of Shreveport and Barry H. Grodsky of New Orleans have been nominated for the positions of 2013-14 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2013-15 LSBA secretary, respectively. The LSBA's Nominating Committee formulated these recommendations on Aug. 24 and presented its report to the Board of Governors on Aug. 25.

The Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Council finalized its nominations for 2013-



Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr.



Barry H. Grodsky

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14 chair-elect and 2013-14 secretary. J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr. of Lake Charles has been nominated for chair-elect. Erin O. Braud and Justin M. Chopin, have been nominated to run for secretary.

Also nominated were law school and Law Institute representatives to serve on the Board of Governors for 2013-15 terms: John M. Church, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Ronald J. Scalise, Jr., Tulane Law School; and Marguerite L. (Peggy) Adams, Louisiana State Law Institute.

Shea is a partner in the Shreveport firm of Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea, L.L.C.

Grodsky is a partner in the New Orleans firm of Taggart Morton, L.L.C.

Hoffoss is a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Newman, Hoffoss & Devall, L.L.P.

Braud is an attorney with the Law Offices of Robert E. Birtel, staff counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., in Metairie.

Chopin is an associate in the New Orleans firm of Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, L.L.P.

On Sept. 24, notice of the action of the Nominating Committee and YLD Council will be mailed to the membership. Self-qualification forms for positions on the Board of Governors, Nominating



J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr.



Erin O. Braud



Justin M. Chopin

Committee, LSBA House of Delegates, Young Lawyers Division and American Bar Association House of Delegates will be made available online on Sept. 24. Deadline for return of nominations by petition and self-qualification forms is Monday, Oct. 15.

Self-qualification forms also may be filed for LSBA president-elect and secretary. The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2014-15.

According to the president-elect rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 3 (parishes of Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tensas, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Webster, West Carroll and Winn).

According to the secretary rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 1 (parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany).

Election Schedule

For the 2012-13 election cycle, balloting will be conducted electronically only, as approved by the LSBA Board of Governors. No paper ballots will be provided.

First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 12. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 10.

Other Positions Open

Other positions open for the 2012-13 elections are:

Board of Governors (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2013 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2016 LSBA Annual Meeting): one member each from the First, Fourth and Fifth Board districts.

Nominating Committee (15 members,

one-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2013 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2014 LSBA Annual Meeting): District 1A, Orleans Parish, four members; District 1B, parishes of Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany, one member; District 2A, East Baton Rouge Parish, two members; District 2B, Jefferson Parish, two members; District 2C, parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana, one member; District 3A, Lafayette Parish, one member; District 3B, parishes of Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion, one member; District 3C, parishes of Allen, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry and Vernon, one member; District 3D, parishes of Bossier and Caddo, one member; and District 3E, parishes of Bienville, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll and Winn, one member.

LSBA House of Delegates (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2013 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2015 LSBA Annual Meeting): one delegate from each of the 20th through 42nd Judicial Districts, plus one additional delegate for every additional district judge in each district.

Young Lawyers Division: Chair-elect (2013-14 term), nominee shall not be a resident of or actively practicing law in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard or Plaquemines, based on preferred mailing address. Secretary (2013-14 term), nominee shall be a resident of or actively practicing law in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard or Plaquemines, based on preferred mailing address. Petitions for nomination must be signed by 15 members of the Young Lawyers Division. Also to be elected, one representative each from the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth districts (two-year terms).

ABA House of Delegates (must be a member of the American Bar Association): one delegate from the membership at large. The delegate will serve a two-year term, beginning with the adjournment of the 2013 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2015 ABA Annual Meeting.

For more information on the election process and open leadership positions, go to: www.lsba.org/InsideLSBA/elections.asp. Or, contact Executive Assistant Jacqueline E. Gay at (504)619-0152 or (800)421-5722, ext. 152, or email jacqueline.gay@lsba.org.

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LSBA, ABA/YLD offering free legal assistance to Hurricane Isaac survivors; attorney volunteers needed to assist efforts

Survivors of Hurricane Isaac needing legal advice are taking advantage of free legal counseling via a toll-free hotline (1-800-310-7029), part of the overall disaster response and relief plan activated by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), in collaboration with the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (ABA/YLD), the Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Attorney volunteers are still being sought to provide brief legal advice and counseling to individuals impacted by the hurricane, either at local Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) or in conjunction with the disaster telephone hotline. Volunteers also are sought to handle cases with their local pro bono programs. To volunteer your legal services, contact Cristin Fitzgerald at cfitz@fitzbrownlaw.com or (504)564-7677, or contact your local pro bono program.

At the request of Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, President Obama signed the major disaster declaration authorizing the release of federal disaster funds and resources for the survivors of the storm in 16 parishes: Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans,

Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Washington.

Through the call center and staff provided by LCJC, as well as volunteer efforts coordinated by the LSBA and the ABA/YLD, working with FEMA, legal information/advice is being provided to low-income storm survivors who have been financially impacted by the storm.

LCJC operates the hotline from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and returns voicemail messages on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Staff will provide resources and assist callers with legal issues, including FEMA disaster assistance, insurance claims, landlord-tenant issues, home-repair contracts, consumer-protection matters. Legal assistance for Spanish-speaking callers can be arranged via a callback appointment.

Callers are being made aware that there are some limitations on disaster legal services. For example, assistance is not available for cases that will produce a fee (*i.e.*, those cases where attorneys are paid part of the settlement by the court). Such cases are referred to a local lawyer referral service. Hotline staff helps determine

whether an issue qualifies for free legal assistance.

"The Louisiana State Bar Association is committed to addressing the legal needs of Louisiana's residents, whether in ordinary or extraordinary times," said LSBA President John H. Musser IV. "By experiencing the aftermath of previous storms, the LSBA learned of the magnitude and scope of the legal needs that follow such catastrophes. With that information in hand, the reactivation of the disaster hotline post-Hurricane Isaac was handled efficiently and successfully," Musser added.

For more information on the LSBA's and ABA's efforts, go to: www.lsba.org/dr/index.asp or www.abanet.org/disaster.

LSBA activates "Disaster Response" web page

In response to Hurricane Isaac, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) activated its "Disaster Response" web page, containing a wealth of information to assist LSBA members in the storm's aftermath.

The web page includes links to:

- ▶ court orders, announcements and emergency contact information;
- ▶ create/edit displacement records;
- ▶ search LSBA member displacement records;
- ▶ view displacement records for firms, legal aid organizations and non-LSBA members;
- ▶ view the LSBA Disaster Response Message Board;
- ▶ review the Justice Community's disaster responses, including access to the Disaster Training Manual; and
- ▶ access the Access to Justice Disaster Plan.

Access the web page at: www.lsba.org/dr/index.asp.

Handbook available online

The Louisiana State Bar Association-produced disaster response handbook, "Disaster Planning: It's Not Just for Hurricanes. Are You Ready?," is available for review online. Access the handbook from the LSBA's home page, www.lsba.org.

SOLACE collecting gift cards and donations for Hurricane Isaac-impacted members

SOLACE (Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel — All Concern Encouraged) is collecting monetary donations and gift cards to help members of the legal community and their families who have been adversely impacted by Hurricane Isaac. Of particular need are gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, Lowe's and Home Depot.

Ann Gregorie, executive director of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and an area coordinator for SOLACE, is administering the distribution of the cards as needed throughout the state. All donations are welcome and appreciated during this period of rebuilding.

To donate a gift card, mail the cards to: Ann Gregorie, c/o SOLACE, 544 Main St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801.

To make a monetary donation toward the purchase of gift cards, mail checks

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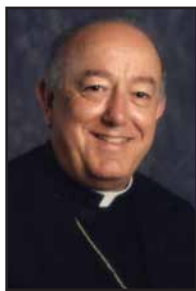
To request a gift card, state the basis of your need and email your request directly to Ann Gregorie at ann@brba.org.

For SOLACE requests other than those for gift cards, email Hon. Jay C. Zainey at Jay_Zainey@laed.uscourts.gov.

SOLACE is a joint program of the Louisiana State Bar Association's and the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee. The purpose of the program is to allow the legal community to reach out in meaningful and compassionate ways to judges, lawyers, court personnel, paralegals, legal secretaries and their families in the event of tragedy or disasters. For more information on SOLACE, go to: www.lsba.org/GoTo/Solace.

Red Mass scheduled for Oct. 1 in New Orleans; LSBA's Memorial Exercises to follow

The Catholic Bishops of Louisiana and the St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association are coordinating the 60th annual Red Mass, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 1, at St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans.



Most Rev. John C. Favalora

Assembly for the Red Mass begins at 9 a.m. Judges are to

assemble at the Supreme Court Building. St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association members and guests are to assemble at the St. Louis Cathedral for the ecclesiastical, judicial and legal procession.

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) has scheduled its annual Memorial Exercises to honor deceased members of the Bench and Bar following the Red Mass, beginning about 11:45 a.m. at the Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal St., New Orleans.

Homilist for the Red Mass will be the Most Rev. John C. Favalora, D.D., archbishop emeritus of Miami, Fla., a former priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and a native of New Orleans. Ordained in Rome, he became the first bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria, La. He later served as bishop of St. Petersburg, Fla. In 1994, he was appointed archbishop of Miami, where he served until retirement.

LCLCE seeking assistance for students in mock hearings

The Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) is seeking attorneys and judges interested in assisting high school teams (on the west bank of New Orleans and in Metairie) to prepare for mock congressional hearings in January 2013.

The competition is part of the "We the

People" program, a nationally acclaimed civics curriculum that focuses on the Constitution. Student teams prepare a four-minute oral presentation on specific constitutional issues and then present the material before a panel of judges. The judges quiz the students for six minutes about the material in the presentation. The winning

team advances to the national competition in Washington, D.C., in the spring.

The time commitment will be determined by the legal volunteers' schedules. Anyone interested should contact LCLCE Executive Director Peggy V. Cotogno, (504)619-0134 or email peggy.cotogno@lsba.org.

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book flights early to obtain the best airfare, as this is the weekend before Thanksgiving and a very busy time for air travel. Early registration ends Nov. 2; the hotel reservation deadline is Nov. 1. To review the seminar schedule and speakers, to download a registration form and for information on hotel reservations, go to: www.lsba.org/GoTo/2012NewYorkCLE.

Pro Bono Project's Justice For All Ball set for Sept. 28

The Pro Bono Project (The Project) in New Orleans will honor the legacy of Dermot S. McGlinchey, founding partner of the law firm McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C., and the first president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, at its 24th annual Justice For All Ball (JFAB) on Friday, Sept. 28, at the Audubon Tea Room in New Orleans. The event is 8 p.m. to midnight; a private patron party will precede the ball.

Daughters of Dermot McGlinchey — Deirdre McGlinchey and Fionuala McGlinchey-Monsted — are this year's

honorary co-chairs. Mindy Brickman Patron, a partner in the New Orleans office of McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C., is the 2012 JFAB Committee chair.

Tickets are \$150 in advance, \$175 at the door; for young attorneys, \$100 in advance, \$125 at the door; and for students, \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Ticket packages and corporate sponsorships also are available. All proceeds from corporate sponsorships, ticket sales, the raffle, and the live and silent auctions will benefit The Pro Bono Project.

This year's ball will feature entertainment by Big Sam's Funky Nation and food and beverages from more than 30 restaurants. Artist Robert Guthrie is creating this year's invitation art and his original artwork will be the centerpiece of the live auction.

To purchase advance tickets, call the JFAB Hotline at (504)581-3480 or go online to: www.probono-no.org. For more information on the Justice For All Ball or The Project, contact Executive Director Rachel Piercey, (504)581-4043 or email rpiercey@probono-no.org.

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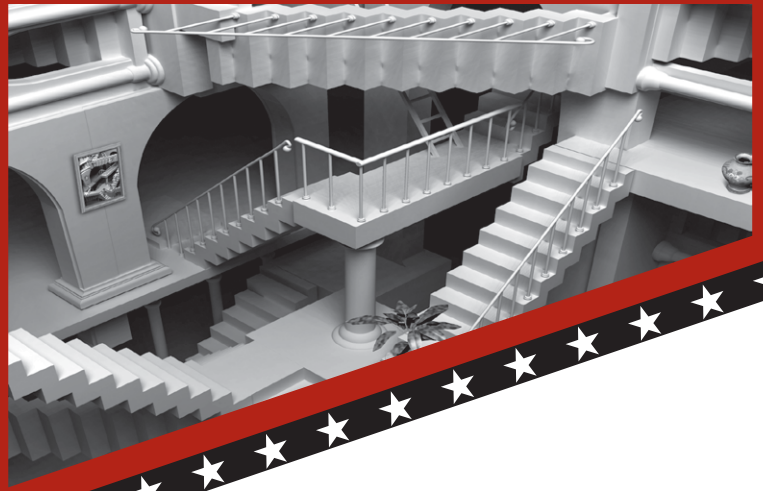


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Advance Registration	\$295
After Sept. 21 & On-Site	\$320

**The fee includes electronic course materials, seminar attendance and coffee/refreshment breaks.*

On-Site Registrants will be provided the link to download electronic course materials at the time of registration.

Printed seminar manuals will be available for purchase at the seminar.

Cancellation of registration must be received in writing by the LSBA no later than Sept. 21. Cancellations will receive a full refund, less a \$25 administrative charge. Absolutely no refunds will be made after Sept. 21.

This program has been approved for a maximum of 6 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of professionalism.

Important Note: This program is Paper-Free! The LSBA is working on ways to reduce the amount of paper we use at seminars and symposia. This is an effort both to be responsible toward our environment and to increase the quality and timeliness of the resources provided through this learning experience. Electronic program materials are accessible via a link where attendees can download/save OR download/print the seminar materials. The link will be sent to the email address of record you provided to the LSBA, prior to the seminar. We suggest you print the materials in advance and bring them with you. If you choose to review the materials from your laptop, we strongly suggest you charge your laptop battery, as electrical outlets may be limited. Internet access will not be available in the meeting room.

A printed manual can be purchased for an additional \$40 and seminar materials on a flash drive can be purchased for \$25. Be sure to make your selection by checking the appropriate box on the Registration Form.

Register Online at www.lsba.org

Supreme Court launches 24-hour e-filing system

The Louisiana Supreme Court has launched a 24-hour electronic filing (e-filing) system. The voluntary system allows lawyers to file documents online, after first completing a 30-minute online training session and obtaining a password. The system was activated on Aug. 1.

The e-filing system will be implemented in several phases with an aim toward improving and enhancing the system over time.

Chief Justice Catherine D. (Kitty) Kimball commended Justice Marcus R. Clark for shepherding this project to allow attorneys statewide to do business with the Supreme Court online. She also acknowledged the Clerk of Court staff, the Information Technology staff and all of the attorneys who participated in focus group testing of the system.

A 30-minute online training session is provided on the Louisiana Supreme Court's website, www.lasc.org, and completion is required to access e-filing. After training is completed, a password is provided and documents can be filed online as they would be filed conventionally, except that required copies of the e-filed documents will be made by the Clerk of Court's Office rather than by the attorneys themselves. At this time, e-filing is limited to attorneys in good standing with the Louisiana Supreme Court. Technical assistance will be provided by the Clerk of Court's Office during regular business hours.

"Our e-filing system allows for 24-hour access and is designed to work with various levels of technical expertise and equipment. All attorneys throughout the

state will now have the opportunity for quick and easy access to the Court around the clock," Justice Clark said.

To cover the costs of implementing the e-filing system and preparing the number of copies required by court rule, there is a \$100 fee for e-filing writ applications and a \$50 fee for e-filing other court documents such as oppositions, replies and amicus curiae briefs. These e-filing costs are in addition to the regular filing fees. The court will continue to accept filings by hand or mail delivery in accordance with existing court rules.

For more information about e-filing documents and technical assistance, contact the Louisiana Supreme Court Clerk of Court's Office at (504)310-2300, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SOLACE: Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel — All Concern Encouraged

The Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee supports the SOLACE program. Through the program, the state's legal community is able to reach out in small, but meaningful and compassionate ways to judges, lawyers, court personnel, paralegals, legal secretaries and their families who experience a death or catastrophic illness, sickness or injury, or other catastrophic event. For assistance, contact a coordinator.

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2013 Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory

The Louisiana State Bar Association is publishing its Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory. The supplement to the *Louisiana Bar Journal* will be printed separately and shrink-wrapped for mailing with the December 2012/January 2013 *Louisiana Bar Journal*. The directory is published annually, guaranteeing a year's worth of exposure in print and on the LSBA Web site.

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Two-day CLE to address legal ethics training for criminal law practitioners

Stakeholders in Louisiana's criminal justice system — working as the "Criminal Attorney Accountability Working Group" — have created an intensive, two-day legal ethics CLE program to be offered jointly to prosecutors and defense attorneys.

The first training session, supported by a grant from Baptist Community Ministries, is Oct. 12-13 at Tulane Law School, 6329 Freret St., New Orleans, for up to 200 participants. Organizers have applied for 12.25 ethics and professionalism CLE credits.

Participants should register online by Oct. 7 at <http://tiny.cc/criminalethicstraining>. The \$100 registration fee will be refunded in its entirety upon proof of full attendance. Because the program involves an extended hypothetical case, participants must be present for the entire training; no partial CLE credit will be given and the registration fee will only be refunded to those who attend the entire program. Questions may be emailed to criminalethicstraining@hotmail.com.

The Working Group's CLE program is modeled on the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's hypothetical-based trainings, specifically addressing legal ethics issues in criminal practice. The centerpiece of the training will be a hypothetical homicide case — modeled on an actual case from New Orleans — complete with mock police reports, memoranda, statements and videotaped interviews with witnesses. The participants will be split into groups of 10, with each group playing the defense or the prosecution over the two days.

The hypothetical case touches on a variety of ethics issues faced by criminal practitioners, including disclosure

obligations, charging decisions, working with law enforcement, witness safety, incentivized witnesses, lying witnesses, the duty to investigate, conflicts of interest (for defenders *and* prosecutors), and what to do when there are no resources for the defense that is ethically required.

Interspersed with sessions on the hypothetical case will be panels and presentations by leaders in Louisiana's criminal justice system, as well as those who have been personally impacted by a wrongful conviction resulting from attorney misconduct.

The Working Group was motivated to create this program by the lack of legal ethics training programs focused specifically on criminal law practitioners. Another motivation was the knowledge of how profoundly an unethical lawyer can impact the lives of others in the criminal system. "It's one thing for a lawyer to steal someone's money, but it's quite another for a lawyer's ethical violation to cause an innocent person to be convicted of a crime," said Working Group member Charles B. Plattsmier, chief disciplinary counsel for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. "Not only does that ruin the life of the innocent defendant, but it utterly fails the victim and creates the opportunity for a guilty person to commit more crimes."

The Working Group includes lawyers from the prosecution side (Graymond F. Martin, first assistant district attorney, Orleans Parish; Stephen T. Wimberly, first assistant district attorney, Jefferson Parish; Tracey N. Knight, assistant U.S. attorney, New Orleans), the defense side (Jean M.

Faria, state public defender; Julie H. Kilborn, state deputy public defender; Frank X. Neuner, Jr., chair, Louisiana Public Defender Board; James E. Boren, defense attorney, Baton Rouge), the judiciary (Susanne J. Inman, deputy executive counsel, Louisiana Supreme Court; Calvin Johnson, former chief judge, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court; Hon. D. Milton Moore III, judge, Louisiana 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal; Hon. Fredericka H. Wicker, judge, Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal), from the legal ethics and professionalism world (Mark A. Cunningham, former treasurer, Louisiana State Bar Association; Charles B. Plattsmier, chief disciplinary counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Steven R. Scheckman, former special counsel, Louisiana Judiciary Commission; Michael S. Walsh, former chair, Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board), from academia (Andrea C. Armstrong, professor, Loyola University College of Law; Janet Hoeffel, professor, Tulane Law School; Pamela Metzger, professor, Tulane Law School; Imre Szalai, professor, Loyola College of Law), and from other perspectives in the criminal justice system (Luceia LeDoux, vice president, Public Safety and Government Oversight Grants, Baptist Community Ministries; Emily L. Maw, director, Innocence Project New Orleans; Paul A. Killebrew, staff attorney, Innocence Project New Orleans; Jon Wool, director, New Orleans Office, Vera Institute of Justice).

The Working Group plans to present this program at other locations in Louisiana in the future.

Ethics Advisory Service

www.lsba.org/ethicsadvisory

For assistance with dilemmas and decisions involving legal ethics, take full advantage of the LSBA's Ethics Advisory Service, offering - at no charge - confidential, informal, non-binding advice and opinions regarding a member's own prospective conduct.

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Managing email is focus of Sept. 25 Tech Tuesday

The Louisiana State Bar Association's next lunch-hour Tech Tuesday, "Manage Email Efficiently: A Busy Lawyer's Guide," is Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. The program has been approved for 1 credit hour (law practice management). Presenters are Ernest Svenson, known for his "Ernie the Attorney" website (ernietheattorney.net) and who jointly operates PaperlessChase.com; and Megan Hargroder, a principal in PaperlessChase.com. To register or for more information, go to: www.lsba.org/cle.

Applications accepted for bankruptcy law certification through Sept.

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) is accepting applications for 2013 certification in business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law through September.

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, any Louisiana State Bar Association member who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. The five-year practice requirement must be met for the period ending Dec. 31, 2012. A further requirement is that each year a minimum of 35 percent of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought.

Regarding applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification, although the written test(s) is administered by the American Board of Certification, attorneys should apply for approval of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization simultaneously with the testing agency in order to avoid delay of board certification by the LBLS. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s).

For an application or more information, contact Barbara Shafrański, LBLS executive director, at (504)619-0128 or (800)421-5722, ext. 128. Or go to the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization's website at www.lascmcle.org/specialization.

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LAP moves to new office location

Effective Sept. 1, the Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. has relocated its offices. The new mailing/street address is: Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc., 1405 W. Causeway Approach, Mandeville, LA 70471-3045. The office's phone, fax and email remain the same: phone (985)778-0571, toll-free (866)354-9334, fax (985)778-0574, and email LAP@louisianalap.com.

LBF sets grant application deadlines

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's grant application will be available online beginning Oct. 1. Deadline for submitting grant applications is Dec. 3. Deadline for submitting Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) applications is Feb. 15, 2013. For more information, go to: www.raisingthebar.org.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Hotline

Director J.E. (Buddy) Stockwell III, 1(866)354-9334
Ste. 31, 1011 N. Causeway Blvd., Mandeville, LA 70471
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	John A. Gutierrez.....	(225)715-5438
	(225)744-3555
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Lafayette	Alfred "Smitty" Landry	(337)364-5408
	(337)364-7626
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	James Lambert.....	(337)233-8695
	(337)235-1825
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	(318)572-8260 (cell)
	Steve Thomas.....	(318)872-6250

The Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. provides confidential assistance with problems such as alcoholism, substance abuse, mental health issues, gambling and all other addictions.

Focus on *Access to Justice*

For more information, visit www.lsba.org/atj.

State's legal services programs schedule activities for National Pro Bono Week in October

Planning is underway for Louisiana's participation in National Pro Bono Celebration Week, Oct. 21-27. Sponsored by the American Bar Association, National Pro Bono Celebration Week is part of a coordinated effort to showcase the legal community's commitment to public service and the positive impacts that pro bono lawyers make to the nation and the justice system.

The week offers opportunities both to make a difference for clients by providing special programming and to acknowledge the selfless acts of attorney volunteers from every part of Louisiana who, on a regular basis, make the lives of many much better. Whether it is the volunteer who helps represent the spouse and family in a drawn-out domestic violence case or whether it is the volunteer who takes five minutes to notarize a document to help keep a child in school, pro bono volunteers are making a difference in Louisiana. While helping others, many volunteers speak of the personal benefit they receive from volunteering.

Bar foundations and pro bono projects in Louisiana are scheduling several recognition events and activities in conjunction with the event. For updates on all Pro Bono Week activities, go to: www.lsba.org/celebrateprobono. Members are encouraged to check back often as more events will be added. (See below for events as of presstime.)

► **The Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project** is hosting a free Wills and Power of Attorney Clinic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Rapides Parish Main Library. Also, a digital billboard will run an appreciation ad for pro bono attorney volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during that week. An appreciation ad will be placed in the local newspaper naming and thanking

pro bono attorneys who accepted cases in 2011-12.

► **The North Shore Pro Bono Project of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services'** annual awards luncheon will begin at noon on Friday, Oct. 26, at the 22nd Judicial District Court's jury pool room. A complimentary lunch will be served. Judge Reginald T. Badeaux III will be the guest speaker.

► **Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. Pro Bono Project** (Monroe branch) will conduct its annual Pro Bono Awards Day luncheon for its attorney volunteers beginning at noon on Friday, Oct. 26.

► **Southwest Louisiana Legal Services** has contacted the mayor about declaring "Pro Bono Week" for Lake Charles. The organization is conducting free legal advice clinics at the Calcasieu Parish public libraries throughout the

fall and will provide free notarial services through the Salvation Army on Oct. 25. The organization will present the Jim Ortego Pro Bono Award to this year's recipient at Fall Court Ceremony on Oct. 26.

► **The Pro Bono Project in New Orleans** will present several programs, including: Tuesday, Oct. 23,

CLE on construction law presented and hosted by Krebs Farley & Pelletier, P.L.L.C.; Wednesday, Oct. 24, CLE on simple succession procedure, presented by Chris Coty with the Pro Bono Project, hosted by Jones Walker, L.L.P.; Thursday, Oct. 25, legal clinic in partnership with St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 1019 N. Prieur, New Orleans, focus on BP/DWH claims, staffed by the Pro Bono Project and volunteers; and Friday, Oct. 26, CLE on BP/DWH claims process, presented by Sean Sullivan with the Pro Bono Project, site to be determined.



Access to Justice Department compiles "Pro Bono Toolkit" for judges, attorneys

To aid judges, attorneys and other stakeholders in encouraging enhanced pro bono efforts, the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Department has compiled a list of useful practices and talking points that courts nationwide have used to encourage pro bono in their communities.

This "toolkit" will assist judges and attorneys in meeting the request recently sent to all Louisiana judges by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Catherine D. (Kitty) Kimball. Chief Justice Kimball asked judges to assist in efforts to revitalize pro bono volunteerism. Judges were asked to help in "bridging the rapidly growing gap between the legal needs of those who cannot afford civil legal services and the resources available to meet those needs."

To review the "toolkit," go to: www.lsba.org/ATJ/ProBonoToolkit.pdf.

12th Annual Class Action/ Complex Litigation Symposium



Friday, November 30, 2012
The Ritz-Carlton Hotel
921 Canal St., New Orleans

Today's complex litigation landscape presents huge challenges for lawyers, litigants, and our courts. The stakes are high for those on either side of the "V". RICHARD J. ARSENAULT, seminar chair, brings together national speakers and leaders from both sides of the complex litigation bar, and members of the judiciary, to explain critical developments in federal/state relations and important MDL trends. Other topics include the consumer claim angle, new frontiers for electronically stored information, the role and scope of Special Masters, and complex construction litigation, just to name a few. A dynamic panel from the bench and bar will give their perspective on professionalism in complex litigation, while speakers from around the country share innovative strategies to meet the legal challenges of complex litigation.

Registration Fees*, Cancellations and Refunds

Advance Registration	\$295
After Nov. 23 & On-Site	\$320
Section Members	\$270

**The fee includes electronic course materials, seminar attendance and coffee/refreshment breaks.
On-Site Registrants will be provided the link to download electronic course materials at the time of registration.
Printed seminar manuals will be available for purchase at the seminar.*

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Cancellation of registration must be received in writing by the LSBA no later than Nov. 23. Cancellations will receive a full refund, less a \$25 administrative charge. Absolutely no refunds will be made after Nov. 23.

This program has been approved for a maximum of 8 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of ethics and 1 hour of professionalism.

Important Note: This program is Paper-Free! Electronic program materials are accessible via a link where attendees can download/save or download/print the seminar materials. The link will be sent to the email address of record you provided to the LSBA prior to the seminar. We suggest you print the materials in advance and bring them with you.

A printed manual can be purchased for an additional \$40 and seminar materials on a flash drive can be purchased for \$25. Be sure to make your selection by checking the appropriate box on the Registration Form.

Register Online at www.lsba.org

Focus on Diversity

For more information on items in this special section, contact Louisiana State Bar Association Director of Member Outreach and Diversity Kelly McNeil Legier; (504)619-0129, (800)421-5722, ext. 129, or email kelly.legier@lsba.org.

24th Annual Minority Involvement Section's Job Fair a "win-win"

By Lannette M. Richardson

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Minority Involvement Section hosted its 24th annual Job Fair on Aug. 18 at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in Baton Rouge. About 20 employers interviewed and networked with more than 50 law students. The job fair was a "win-win" experience for both the law students and the employers. The fair provided law students with an opportunity to gain direct, in-person access to statewide employers for interviewing, informational and networking purposes. Employers also had a huge win by obtaining immediate access to a diverse pool of accomplished law students via information booths, on-the-spot interviewing and résumé collections.

The workshop included a free networking lunch. Luncheon speaker Joseph K. West, president and CEO of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association, gave participants sound advice on the benefits of networking.

The job fair successfully included a "speed-networking" exercise which many found to be the highlight of the day's events. "I enjoyed the session as much or more than the students. Speed-networking is serious, yet fun. It is a great way for students to build relationships and to sharpen their social skills," said Judge Trudy M. White, 19th Judicial District Court.

The speed-networking exercise gave



A speed-networking exercise was one of the highlights of the Minority Job Fair. Among the participants were Marcus V. Brown with Entergy Corp. and Judge Nannette V. Jolivet Brown with U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

law students an opportunity to meet, learn and potentially acquire mentors from the attorneys and judges present. The attorneys and judges were placed among several tables. The students were divided into groups and were given seven to 10 minutes to network with each table during the round-robin-style exercise.

"The future lawyers who participated in the speed-networking event impressed me most with their earnestness in learning the more productive paths to employment that would be satisfying to them and at the

same time of substantial benefit to their employer. They were not all focused only on themselves but also on the needs of prospective employers and how those skills serve those needs," said Judge Paul A. Bonin, Louisiana's 4th Circuit Court of Appeal.

Judge Max N. Tobias, Jr., Louisiana's 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, spoke about the benefits to both the student and the interviewer. "The speed-networking portion of the job fair gave each participant — student and interviewer — a first opportunity to, so to speak, size one another up and for the student to experience very briefly the different techniques of interviewers and get tips on how to deal with an interview," he said.

Also participating in the speed-networking event were Judge Regina H. Bartholomew, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; and Judge Nannette V. Jolivet Brown, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

The job fair further cultivated the LSBA's Statement of Diversity Principles: "We



Among the law students participating in the Minority Job Fair were, from left, Deontrine Green, Susan Nelson, Lesley Muse-Vincent and Bernetta Bryant.

pledge to make our best efforts to increase the diversity in our hiring, retention and promotion of attorneys . . . We pledge to promote and participate in appropriate diversity awareness training programs.”

“The job fair is a perfect chance to have meaningful access to a quality number of employers that we would not otherwise have the opportunity to encounter. We were able to give the employers more than just a résumé with numbers (GPA/ranking), but our face and personality to go with it,” said Kelly A. Foster, third-year law student at Southern University Law Center.

Sponsoring this year’s job fair were:

► **Platinum Level:** Entergy Services, Inc.; Kean Miller, L.L.P.; Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P.; and Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P.

► **Gold Level:** Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C.; Blanchard, Walker, O’Quinn & Roberts; Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles, L.L.P.; and McCraine, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch, L.L.C.

► **Silver Level:** Laborde & Neuner; Liskow & Lewis, L.L.C.; Office of the Louisiana Attorney General, James D. (Buddy) Caldwell; and Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C.

Lannette M. Richardson, who served as a volunteer for the 2012 Job Fair, is a master of public administration candidate at Louisiana State University.



Minority Job Fair luncheon speaker was Joseph K. West, left, president and CEO of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. With him is Louisiana State Bar Association Member Outreach and Diversity Director Kelly McNeil Legier.



Several judges participated in Minority Job Fair events, including, from left, Judge Max N. Tobias, Jr., Judge Trudy M. White, Judge Regina H. Bartholomew, Judge Nannette V. Jolivet Brown, Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Prof. Raymond T. Diamond and Judge Paul A. Bonin.



“Lawyer Depression is Contagious!”

By Michael D. Yapko, Ph.D.

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Can you catch a depressed mood the way you catch a cold? Not exactly . . . but similar. Can other people really be a source of the rising rate of depression in the United States? The scientific evidence suggests the answer is yes. Our social lives play a huge role in how we think and feel. After all, none of us are immune to the influence of others, for better or worse. How we react to others, and vice-versa, even has a measurable biological impact on our brain chemistry, as our newest brain research shows us. The evidence is rapidly mounting that depression is about much more than just an individual’s “bad

chemistry.” Thinking of depression as a brain disease is proving to be too one-dimensional a perspective.

For attorneys, appreciating the social connection to depression is vital if the person is to be viewed — and responded to — realistically. Why are attorneys depressed?

To read the full article, go to: www.alabar.org/publications/al-lawyer-full/march2012/index.html. On the flipbook, access pages 54-55.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Registration Open for 2 CLE Programs

► Oct. 11, Disabilities Summit.

Registration is open for “The Dawn of An Enabled Era: Unraveling the Myths of Attorneys with Disabilities,” set for Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge. The CLE has been approved for 3 CLE hours. For more information on the schedule and speakers, or to download a registration form, go to: <http://www.lsba.org/GoTo/2012Disabilities>.

► Nov. 16, Superwomen.

Registration is open for “Superwomen: Female Attorneys Mastering the Game and the Strategies That Rule,” set for Friday, Nov. 16, at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, 201 Lafayette St., Baton Rouge. The CLE has been approved for 3.75 CLE hours, including professionalism and law practice management. For more information on the schedule and speakers, or to download a registration form, go to: <http://www.lsba.org/GoTo/2012SuperwomenCLE>.

Member services: LSBA partners with SurePayroll

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) has partnered with SurePayroll, the online payroll leader. LSBA members are able to enroll with SurePayroll at a discounted member rate to eliminate the burden and inconvenience that often come with managing payroll and payroll taxes for each check day. LSBA members can process payroll in two minutes or less, easily and securely online, with unlimited customer service available six days a week. The service also accurately files and pays all federal, state and local payroll taxes so costly penalties can be avoided; quarterly and annual reporting requirements included. For more information, go to: www.lps.surepayroll.com/lsba.

LSBA, ABA partnering on real estate CLE series

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is partnering with the American Bar Association's Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Asian Pacific American Bar Association, the Louisiana Association of Black Women Attorneys and the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Louisiana to host "Getting on Solid Ground in Real Estate Law," a series of real estate law educational programs for new and intermediate real estate attorneys. The sessions will be presented during lunch time at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans.

To register online for one or all sessions, or for more information, go to: www.lsba.org/cle.



Secret Santa Project underway!

The final preparations are being made now for this year's Secret Santa Project. Sign up by Oct. 30 & get your informational packet in early November! Look for more information on the website, www.lsba.org/SecretSanta.

LSBA Member Services

The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is to assist and serve its members in the practice of law. To this end, the LSBA offers many worthwhile programs and services designed to complement your career, the legal profession and the community. In the past several years, the legal profession has experienced many changes. The LSBA has kept up with those changes by maturing in structure and stature and becoming more diverse and competitive. As the premier organization serving Louisiana's legal profession, the LSBA is working to advance its members' goals and interests through unparalleled programming and a comprehensive benefits package. Listed below are a few benefits of membership:

Bar Center Services

Louisiana Bar Center
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Louisiana lawyers are invited to reserve any of the three Bar Center conference rooms for depositions or other meetings. The building is equipped with wireless Internet access as well as desktop computers available at no charge to members. Contact Operations Coordinator Mike Montamat at (504)619-0140 with any questions.

Lawyers' Assistance Program (LAP)

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LSBA Professional Programs Department Services

Client Assistance Fund

cgrotsky@lsba.org

This program helps consumers by providing compensation to clients who have been defrauded by their lawyers. For more information, contact Associate Executive Director Cheri Cotogno Grodsky at cgrotsky@lsba.org or (504)619-0107.

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www.lsba.org/fastcase

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Secret Santa

SIGN UP EARLY!

Sign up early and receive
your informational packets
by early November!

Brightening the holidays for needy children

The Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee is inviting Bar members and other professionals to brighten the holidays for needy children by participating in the 16th annual Secret Santa Project.

- Sponsors will shop with inspiration from the child's "Wish List."
- Informational packets will be distributed in early November.
- No required minimum or maximum amount on gifts.
- Gift collection will run from Monday, Dec. 3 through Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012.
- More details about gift-wrapping, drop-off, etc., will be included in the informational packet.

The Secret Santa Project also welcomes monetary donations to help buy gifts for children not adopted. For more information, visit www.lsba.org/SecretSanta.

For more information or questions about the Project, contact Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez at (504)619-0131 or secretsanta@lsba.org.

Name: _____

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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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E-mail: _____

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(12 and under)

To participate, fax this form to Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez at (504)566-0930.

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\$85 per insertion of 50 words or less
\$1 per each additional word
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Lafayette healthcare defense firm interviewing for an associate position to handle medical malpractice defense files. Applicants should have a minimum five years' experience in litigation, or a background in nursing in lieu of two-three years of legal experience. Registered nurse attorney preferred, but not required. Respond to P.O. Box 80369, Lafayette, LA 70598, or email hope.marks@gachassin.com.

Toxic tort associate with two-four years of experience needed to join Spears & Gary, L.L.C. Spears & Gary has provided client service for more than 30 years and is a Lake Charles-based law firm. Excellent writing and litigation experience a plus but not required. Our firm offers competitive salaries and comprehensive benefits. Interested candidates should send résumés to lstrahan@law-sg.com.

The New Orleans Redevelopment Authority is creating a pool of qualified attorneys to provide legal services in several areas of the law and requests qualifications from experienced law firms and individual practitioners. The response deadline is Sept. 28. For the list of legal areas and submission information, go to: www.noraworks.org/rfps/category/business/request-for-qualifications-for-legal-services.

Services

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For Rent - Metairie

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For Rent - New Orleans

Virtual office. Spend more time in New Orleans and write off your trip. Will provide mailing address, conference room, phone services, lobby receptionist, copy, fax, voice mail, Internet. 829 Baronne St. Contact Cliff Cardone, (504)522-3333.

Important Reminder: Lawyer Advertising Filing Requirement

Per Rule 7.7 of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct, all lawyer advertisements and all unsolicited written communications sent in compliance with Rule 7.4 or 7.6(c) — unless specifically exempt under Rule 7.8 — *are required to be filed* with the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Rules of Professional Conduct Committee, through LSBA Ethics Counsel, prior to or concurrent with first use/dissemination.

Written evaluation for compliance with the Rules will be provided within 30 days of receipt of a complete filing. Failure to

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