

LSBA Installs 2011-12 Officers and Board of Governors at Annual Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 2011-12 officers and members of the Board of Governors were installed June 30, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

James J. Davidson III, senior partner in the Lafayette firm of Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon & Edwards, L.L.P., was installed as the 71st LSBA president by Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote, judge for the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana.

John H. Musser IV was installed as 2011-12 president-elect and will assume the presidency in 2012-13. He is a sole practitioner operating offices in New Orleans and Covington. Additionally, he is of counsel to the Covington Law Office of Leon A. Aucoin and the Law Office of Toledano and Herrin, L.L.C. He also is on the panel of neutrals for ADR inc. in Metairie.

Richard K. Leefe, a partner in the Metairie firm of Leefe Gibbs Sullivan Dupre & Aldous, L.L.C., was installed as 2011-13 secretary. Over his two-year term, he also will serve as editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, the LSBA's bimonthly magazine.

Mark A. Cunningham, a partner in the New Orleans office of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P., will continue his service as treasurer for one more year.

Michael A. Patterson, a partner with Long Law Firm, L.L.P., in its Baton Rouge office, will continue his service to the LSBA as the 2011-12 immediate past



James J. Davidson III of Lafayette, left, was sworn in as the 71st president of the Louisiana State Bar Association by Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote. Photo by Hon. Ross Foote.

president.

Shayna L. Sonnier, a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Hunter, Hunter & Sonnier, L.L.C., was installed as 2011-12 chair of the Young Lawyers Section.

Members of the 2011-12 Board of Governors also were installed.

First District

► **Barry H. Grodsky**, New Orleans, a partner in the New Orleans firm of Taggart Morton, L.L.C.

► **H. Minor Pipes III**, New Orleans, a member in the New Orleans firm of Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C.

Second District

► **Stephen I. Dwyer**, Metairie, a partner in the Metairie firm of Dwyer, Cambre & Suffern.

Third District

► **Dona Kay Renegar**, Lafayette, a member in the Lafayette office of Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar, L.L.C.

Fourth District

► **Winfield E. Little, Jr.**, Lake Charles, a sole practitioner in Lake Charles.

Fifth District

► **Darrel J. Papillion**, Baton Rouge, a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Walters,



Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote installed the 2011-12 Board of Governors. Photo by Hon. Ross Foote.



Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, L.L.C.

Sixth District

► **Charles D. Elliott**, Alexandria, a partner in the Alexandria firm of Vilar & Elliott, L.L.C.

Seventh District

► **Charles L. Kincade**, Monroe, a sole practitioner in Monroe (Law Office of Charles Kincade).

Eighth District

► **Ronald J. Miciotto**, Shreveport, an attorney in Shreveport.

At-Large Members

► **Karelia R. Stewart**, Shreveport, a prosecutor in the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office.

► **Franchesca L. Hamilton-Acker**, Lafayette, a managing attorney for the Acadiana Legal Service Corp. in Lafayette.

► **Daniel A. Cavell**, Thibodaux, a partner in the Thibodaux firm of Morvant & Cavell, A.P.L.C.

Loyola University College of Law

► **Monica Hof Wallace**, New Orleans, a law professor at Loyola University College of Law.

Southern University Law Center

► **Russell L. Jones**, Baton Rouge, the Jesse N. Stone Endowed Professor and Southern University Law Center vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Louisiana State Law Institute

► **John Wayne Jewell**, New Roads, a partner in the New Roads firm of Jewell & Jewell Law Firm.

House of Delegates Liaison Committee

► Chair **George B. Recile**, Metairie, a partner in the Metairie firm of Chehardy, Sherman, Ellis, Murray, Recile, Griffith, Stakelum & Hayes, L.L.P.

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

► Member **Jeffrey A. Riggs**, Lafayette, a partner in the Lafayette firm of Preis & Roy, A.P.L.C.

Six LSBA Members Receive President's Awards

Six Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members received President's Awards during a June 28 ceremony held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev. All recipients were chosen by 2010-11 LSBA President Michael A. Patterson of Baton Rouge and were recognized for various services to the Association.

S. Guy deLaup, a sole practitioner in Metairie and a former LSBA president, was recognized for his service as chair of the LSBA Bar Governance Committee, as parliamentarian for the House of Delegates and for general service to the LSBA.

He was a former assistant district attorney in Jefferson Parish and a former partner of the law firm of Connick, Wimberly & deLaup. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Louisiana State University and the Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He practices extensively in the area of family law.

deLaup has served on the LSBA's Board of Governors, in the House of Delegates, on the Young Lawyers Section Council and on various committees and sections. He received the LSBA's Pro Bono Publico Award in 2002.

He is a past chair of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Committee and a past president of the Jefferson Bar Association. He is a former member of the board of directors of the New Orleans Legal Aid Clinic and the Jefferson Parish Child Advocacy Center.

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

Dupre & Aldous, L.L.C., was recognized for his service as chair of the LSBA's Senior Lawyers Committee.

He graduated with an engineering degree in 1969 from Louisiana State University and was a combat engineer officer in the U.S. Army, serving as company commander in Viet Nam. On his return from Viet Nam, he graduated in 1974 from Loyola University College of Law, where he served on the *Law Review* Editorial Board. He later received an LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree in international commercial law from Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland. He has practiced law for 37 years, handling legal matters in the United States, Asia, South America, Africa and Europe.

Leefe has been a member of the LSBA's Board of Governors for three years and is beginning a two-year term as secretary and editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. He has served on numerous LSBA committees.

He is the author of the *Louisiana Code of Evidence Practice Guide* published by LexisNexis, now in its third edition. He taught at Loyola College of Law for 26 years as an adjunct professor. He also taught American law to Chinese law students in 2002 at a Chinese law school in Wuhan, China. He returned in 2009 and taught English to Chinese engineer Ph.D. candidates.

Hon. William A. Morvant, judge for the 19th Judicial District Court in East Baton Rouge Parish, was recognized for his service as chair of the 2011 Criminal Justice Summit. He currently serves as co-chair of the

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President's Award recipient S. Guy deLaup, right, with 2010-11 LSBA President Michael A. Patterson. Photo by Emily Thomas.



President's Award recipient Richard K. Leefe, right, with 2010-11 LSBA President Michael A. Patterson. Photo by Emily Thomas.



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LSBA's Criminal Justice Committee.

A native of Thibodaux, Judge Morvant received a BA degree from Springhill College in Mobile, Ala., and his Juris Doctor degree from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Before being elected to the bench in 1996, he was a partner in the firm of Shows, Cohn & Cali and practiced in the area of commercial litigation.

From 1997-2002, he presided over the Drug Court for the 19th JDC. He also is an alumnus of the National Judicial College.

He is an adjunct faculty member for LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, teaching Louisiana Civil Procedure. He has been very involved in Baton Rouge Bar Association activities, including chairing the fund-raising Ball Maul Golf Tournament and chairing the annual Bench Bar Conference.

Lauren McHugh Rocha, general counsel for the Louisiana Supreme Court, was recognized for her many contributions to the LSBA. She has worked for the Supreme Court since 2007. Prior to her employment at the court, she practiced general corporate law in New York.

Rocha received her Juris Doctor degree in 2000 from Tulane Law School. She is admitted to practice in Louisiana and New York. She is a member of the LSBA and the New Orleans Bar Association and is a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Edward J. Walters, Jr., a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, L.L.C., was recognized for his service as chair of the Lawyers in Transition Committee.

Walters received a bachelor of science degree in 1969 from Louisiana State University and his Juris Doctor degree in 1975 from

LSU Law Center, where he was named to its Hall of Fame. He has represented clients in personal injury cases for more than 30 years. Because of his courtroom experience and dedication to the Louisiana and Baton Rouge Bars and to the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, he was recognized as the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Distinguished Attorney in 2009.

Walters has been board certified in civil trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy since 1988. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Dedicated to educating future lawyers, he has served as adjunct professor at LSU Law Center for more than 20 years, teaching a course he co-developed with Baton Rouge attorney Michael A. Patterson entitled "Advanced Trial and Evidence," a year-long "hands-on" trial skills course.

A lecturer and author on litigation, ethics and professionalism topics, Walters is a past president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and received its President's Award in 1995 and 1998. He has been the editor of its monthly publication, *Around the Bar*, for 25 years. He also has served on the *Louisiana Bar Journal's* Editorial Board for several years.

Scott T. Whittaker, a member of the New Orleans office of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., was recognized for his service as chair of the Special Committee to Study Proposed Changes to the Louisiana Bar Exam.

Whittaker received his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, in 1982 from Tulane University and his Juris Doctor degree, *magna cum laude*, in 1984 from Tulane Law School (Order of the Coif and *Tulane*



President's Award recipient Hon. William A. Morvant, right, with 2010-11 LSBA President Michael A. Patterson. Photo by Emily Thomas.

Law Review Board of Editors). He chairs Stone Pigman's Business Section. Whittaker is a member of the LSBA's Corporate and Business Law Section and is a former chair of its governing council. He is president and a board member of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth and is an active member of the Committee on Mergers and Acquisitions of the American Bar Association, serving in various leadership positions.

He is a former chair of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Committee on Bar Admissions; he served on this committee for more than 17 years (including more than 10 years as examiner for Business Entities and Negotiable Instruments). An author and lecturer in business mergers and acquisitions, he has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions, Securities Law and Real Estate, in *Chambers U.S.A.* in Corporate Law/Mergers and Acquisitions, and in "Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Merger & Acquisitions Lawyers" 2011.



President's Award recipient Lauren McHugh Rocha, right, with 2010-11 LSBA President Michael A. Patterson. Photo by Emily Thomas.



President's Award recipient Edward J. Walters, Jr., right, with 2010-11 LSBA President Michael A. Patterson. Photo by Emily Thomas.



President's Award recipient Scott T. Whittaker, right, with 2010-11 LSBA President Michael A. Patterson. Photo by Emily Thomas.



Judge Zainey Receives 2011 McKay Award

Hon. Jay C. Zainey, judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, is the 2011 recipient of the Leah Hipple McKay Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. The award was presented during a June 28 ceremony held in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

The award is in memory of Leah Hipple McKay, LSBA member and wife of former LSBA President Michael W. McKay of Baton Rouge.

During his 1995-96 term as LSBA president, Judge Zainey created the Community Action Committee and the Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee.

He is a co-founder of SOLACE (Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel, All Concern Encouraged), now with more than 7,000 attorney volunteers in Louisiana offering all types of assistance to the legal community in times of tragedy.

In 2004, Judge Zainey organized the Homeless Experience Legal Protection (H.E.L.P.) Program. Attorneys provide legal consultation and notary services at homeless centers in New Orleans, including assisting the homeless to obtain birth certificates, identification cards and Social Security benefits. To date, Judge Zainey has initiated similar programs in 20 other cities. He also helped coordinate a Homeless Court in New Orleans.



2010-11 LSBA President Michael A. Patterson, left, presented the 2011 McKay Memorial Award to Hon. Jay C. Zainey. Photo by Emily Thomas.



James H. Napper III, right, received the 2011 Victory Memorial Award, presented by 2011-13 LSBA Secretary Richard K. Lefe. Photo by Emily Thomas.

Napper Receives 2011 Victory Award

James H. Napper III of Baton Rouge is the recipient of the 2011 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award, recognizing the author of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* article deemed the most outstanding in the past volume year. The award was presented during a June 28 ceremony held in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

Napper received the award for his article, "Who Dat: The NFL, New Orleans and the Implication of *LSU v. Smack Apparel*," published in the October/November 2010 issue.

Napper is a 2009 LLM (Master of Laws) graduate of The George Washington University Law School and a former judicial clerk to Judge R. Michael Caldwell. His Baton Rouge practice focuses on intellectual property, film and commercial litigation.

The award's namesake, Stephen T. Victory, was a partner in the firm of Liskow & Lewis in New Orleans. He served as LSBA secretary-treasurer and editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* from 1983-85. He died on Dec. 6, 1985.

Godfrey Receives Human Rights Award

Brace B. Godfrey, Jr., attorney and civic leader in Baton Rouge, was recognized, posthumously, as the first recipient of the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Human Rights Award. He died on March 13, 2010, at the age of 58. He was recognized during a June 28 ceremony held in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

Godfrey received a bachelor of arts degree, with honors, from Southern University and his Juris Doctor degree, *magna cum laude*, from Southern University Law Center (SULC). He was a Fellow of the National Political Science Association and the Louisiana Bar Foundation, a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute's board and an associate bar examiner. He was an adjunct professor at SULC and Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He was inducted into the SULC Hall of Fame in 2007.

In 1973, he was the first African-American assigned to the full-time professional staff of the Louisiana Legislature. In 1988, he returned to the Legislature as counsel, elevated to senior counsel in 1991. He drafted legislation leading to the establishment of majority African-American election sections at the district and appellate court levels and for the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Godfrey was partner-in-charge of the Baton Rouge office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P., from 2001-03. He was lead counsel in the Louisiana insurance "No Pay-No Play" litigation and in the international case involving the Louisiana Insurance Receivership Office. In 2005, he formed, with John Schneider, the law firm Godfrey & Schneider, Ltd., serving as managing partner.

He was the first African-American chair of the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce. He was founding president of 100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, later elected to the organization's national executive board, and was the catalyst for the establishment of the national African-American History Challenge Scholarship.

In 2003, he was appointed to the board of the Baton Rouge Downtown Development Authority, elected chair in 2004.



Attorneys, Baton Rouge Bar Receive 2011 LSBA Young Lawyers Section Awards

Four Louisiana attorneys and the Baton Rouge Bar Association are the recipients of 2011 Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section (LSBA YLS) awards. The awards were presented by 2010-11 YLS Chair Alaina R. Mire of Alexandria and other YLS Council members during a June 29 awards ceremony, held in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

► Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

Jonathan L. Johnson is a member of the Lake Charles firm of Johnson & Vercher, L.L.C. He received a bachelor of science degree in accounting in 2002 from Louisiana State University. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he began studies for his law degree at LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. In the summer of 2004, he studied abroad at the Université Jean Moulin II in Lyon, France. Once back in the United States, he received his Juris Doctor degree and bachelor of civil law degree in 2006. In law school, he was a member of the Student Bar Association and an adjunct writer for *The Civilian*.

Johnson has served as president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association (SWLBA), director of the Southwest Louisiana Law Center and director of the Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation. He currently is a member of the SWLBA's Executive Council and serves as treasurer of the Southwest Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He also is a member of the Leadership LSBA Class, the Council for a Better Louisiana and the American Bar Association.

Active in his community, he is a board

member for the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Young Men's Business Club, a director of Contraband Days, Inc., a member of Trinity Baptist Church and former chair of Holiday Helping Hands.

► Bat P. Sullivan, Jr. Chair's Award

Justin M. Chopin is an associate in the Metairie firm of Chopin, Wagar, Richard & Kutcher, L.L.P. He received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology in 2002 from the University of Dallas and his Juris Doctor degree in 2007 from Loyola University College of Law. He also was awarded a certificate in international law. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2007.

Chopin serves as District 1 representative on the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Young Lawyers Section Council and is co-chair of the Young Lawyers Section's Law School Membership Committee, designed to promote law student membership in the LSBA. He is a member of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the New Orleans Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association.

► Pro Bono Award

Charles William Montz, Jr. is an associate in the Lafayette firm of Laborde & Nener. He received his undergraduate degree in 2001 from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and his law degree in 2004 from Loyola University College of Law.

Working through the Lafayette Bar Association's pro bono program, Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers (LVL), Montz has assisted more than 60 clients in the past five years. He also has served as an LVL committee member for the past two years.



2011-12 YLS Chair Shayna L. Sonnier, left, presented an award to outgoing Chair Alaina R. Mire. Photo by Joe Durkin.

In addition to his litigation pro bono work, he was nominated for his dedication to community service projects sponsored by the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association. He chaired the community service initiatives for two consecutive years, including organizing a Christmas party for mothers and children at Maison de Mere (a shelter for pregnant teens) and a Christmas in July event at a local children's shelter.

Montz received the Lafayette Volunteer Lawyer Outstanding Lawyer Award in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. This year, he received the Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers top honor, the LVL Award, given to the volunteer who accepts the most cases of all attorney panel volunteers. Most recently, he received the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2011 Pro Bono Publico Award in recognition of his dedication to those in need of legal assistance.

► Hon. Michaele Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award

Jackie M. McCreary joined the New



Outstanding Young Lawyer Award recipient Jonathan L. Johnson, right, with 2010-11 YLS Chair Alaina R. Mire. Photo by Joe Durkin.



Wynne Professionalism Award recipient Jackie M. McCreary, right, with 2010-11 YLS Chair Alaina R. Mire. Photo by Joe Durkin.



Pro Bono Award recipient Charles William Montz, Jr., right, with 2010-11 YLS Chair Alaina R. Mire. Photo by Joe Durkin.



Orleans office of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., in 2004 and was elected partner in 2011. Originally from Paulina in St. James Parish, she graduated *cum laude* in 2000 from Louisiana State University. She received her Juris Doctor degree and her bachelor of civil law degree in 2003 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. While at LSU Law Center, she served as articles editor for the *Louisiana Law Review*. From August 2003 to July 2004, she served as a law clerk to Hon. Frank J. Polozola, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

McCreary is an active member of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) and was a member of the 2005-06 Leadership LSBA Class. She has volunteered to participate in the annual LSBA Law School Professionalism Orientation Program for first-year law students. She also has judged the LSBA High School Essay Contest and High School Mock Trial Competition. Currently, she is a member of the LSBA's Access to Justice Committee and the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Development Committee. She also volunteers for the New Orleans Pro Bono Project, the Lawyers Helping Homeless Project and Louisiana Appleseed.

► **Service to the Public Award**

The **Baton Rouge Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section** provides numerous volunteers for the Teen Court Project, a project that has been operating since 2006.

Teen Court is a voluntary diversion program that allows youth who commit minor offenses to be judged by a jury of their peers. The program also serves the teen volunteers, providing them an opportunity for teen leadership and a chance to learn about due process, restorative justice and the benefits of volunteering to improve their community.

Teen volunteers perform the roles of prosecuting and defense attorneys, clerk/bailiff and jurors. Teen Court sentences may include community service and participation in future Teen Court sessions, attending educational programs, writing essays and letters of apology, and repaying the victim.

The attorney volunteers serve as judges and jury monitors for the Teen Court hearings and trainers for the training sessions, as well as assisting the teen volunteers with preparing their cases. The attorneys visit with the defendants and teen volunteers, offering information on law school and legal careers and establishing a personal connection with the teens.



The 2011-12 YLS Council members were installed during the Annual Meeting. From left, Claude P. Devall, Jr., District 4; Derrick G. Earles, District 6; Alainna R. Mire, immediate past chair; Shayna L. Sonnier, chair; Maggie T. Simar, secretary; Laura Hart Bryan, District 5; and Kyle A. Ferachi, District 5. Photo by Joe Durkin.

Young Lawyers Section's 2011-12 Officers, Council Members Installed

The Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section's (LSBA YLS) 2011-12 officers and Council members were installed June 29, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

Shayna L. Sonnier of Lake Charles was installed as 2011-12 Section chair by Hon. D. Kent Savoie, judge with the 14th Judicial District Court. Joining Sonnier as officers are Chair-Elect **Lawrence J. Centola III** of New Orleans, who will assume the chair's position in 2012-13; Secretary **Maggie Trahan Simar** of St. Martinville; and Immediate Past Chair **Alainna R. Mire** of Alexandria.

Sonnier is a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Hunter, Hunter & Sonnier, L.L.C. She received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and her law degree in 2003 from Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University. She was admitted to practice in Texas in 2003 and in Louisiana in 2005.

Centola III practices law at the New Orleans firm of Martzell & Bickford. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1998 from Louisiana State University and his Juris Doctor degree in 2001 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2001.

Simar is a 16th Judicial District Family Court hearing officer in St. Martinville. She received a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism in 1995 from

Louisiana State University and her Juris Doctor degree in 1998 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1998.

Mire is assistant attorney for the city of Alexandria. She received a bachelor of arts degree in political science in 2000 from Louisiana State University and her Juris Doctor/bachelor of civil law degree in 2004 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2004.

Judge Savoie also installed members of the 2011-12 YLS Council.

District 1: Eve Sarco Reardon, New Orleans; and Justin M. Chopin, Metairie.

District 2: Erin O. Braud, Metairie; and Allison L. Becknell, Metairie.

District 3: Steven T. Ramos, Lafayette.

District 4: Claude (T-Claude) P. Devall, Jr., Lake Charles.

District 5: Kyle A. Ferachi, Baton Rouge; and Laura Hart Bryan, Baton Rouge.

District 6: Derrick G. Earles, Marksville.

District 7: Jennifer H. Johnson, Monroe.

District 8: Jerry Edwards, Shreveport.

At-Large Representative: Tamara D. Rahim, Lafayette.

American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Representative: J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr., Lake Charles.

Young Lawyer Member/American Bar Association House of Delegates: Chauntis T. Jenkins, New Orleans.



Forrester Receives LBF's 2011 Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award

William R. Forrester, Jr., a partner in the New Orleans office of Lemle & Kelleher, L.L.P., is the recipient of the Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) 2011 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. The award was presented during a June 28 ceremony held in conjunction with the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

This award was established through an endowment to the LBF in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. Donations from Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, L.L.P., the Boisfontaine family and friends established the fund.

Forrester received a plaque and \$1,000 was donated in his name to the William Ray Forrester Professorship in Public and Constitutional Law Endowed Fund at Tulane Law School, New Orleans.

Forrester received a BA degree in 1965 from the University of Virginia and his JD degree in 1968 from Tulane University Law School (member of the *Tulane Law Review* board of editors, 1966-68). He was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1968. His practice areas are commercial litigation, business litigation, municipal boards, securities litigation, professional liability, and class actions and complex litigation.

He has taught "Louisiana Practice" at Tulane Law School since 1976 and received the Monte Lemann Award as the outstanding adjunct professor in 1992.

Forrester has served in the LSBA's House of Delegates since

Cunningham Installed as 2011-12 LCLCE President

Mark A. Cunningham, a partner in the New Orleans office of Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrère & Denègre, L.L.P., was installed as the 2011-12 president of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE) during a reception at the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote, former LSBA president and current judge for the U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana, administered the oath to Cunningham and LSBA Executive Director Loretta Larsen, LCLCE secretary. Joining them as LCLCE officers are John A. Hernandez III, vice president; and Brian J. Engeron, immediate past president.

Cunningham, currently serving as LSBA treasurer, practices in the Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group and represents and counsels national and international companies in their day-to-day business operations and transactions, particularly in the areas of antitrust, export control and regulatory compliance issues. He also maintains an active national trial and appellate practice, and regularly assists clients in responding to grand jury subpoenas, civil investigative demands, cease-and-desist orders, and other compulsory processes from international, federal and state regulators,



William R. Forrester, Jr., right, received the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award from 2010-11 President Herschel E. Richard, Jr. Photo by Emily Thomas.

1978 and in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates from 1998-2000 and 2004-06. He is a member of the New Orleans Bar Association (NOBA), serving as a member of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee since 1974. He also served on NOBA's Executive Committee.

He is a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute Council, serving as reporter for the Civil Procedure Section. He has drafted numerous amendments to the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure to make the litigation process more efficient with fewer traps for the unwary. He also is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Forrester currently chairs the New Orleans Civil Service Commission, serving as a member since 1993. He also served as president of the Louisiana Civil Service League and PATCH (People Attached to Children's Hospital).



Mark A. Cunningham, center, and Loretta Larsen, right, were installed as president and secretary, respectively, of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education by Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote. Photo by Emily Thomas.

including the European Commission, the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission.



Louisiana Legal Professionals Recognized for Pro Bono Service

More than 26 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members, law firms, law students and other public interest legal professionals were recognized May 24 during the 26th annual Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards Ceremony, hosted by the LSBA and the Louisiana Supreme Court.

The recipients of the 2011 Pro Bono Publico, Children's Law and Pro Bono Century Awards provided exceptional pro bono services to Louisiana's indigent.

Marta-Ann Schnabel, chair of the LSBA Access to Justice Committee, and Luz M. Molina, committee vice chair, presented the awards during the ceremony at the Louisiana Supreme Court building in New Orleans.

(For profiles of the recipients, visit: www.lsba.org/goto/AwardWinners.)

► David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award

David F. Bienvenu, a partner in the New Orleans firm of Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, L.L.P., received the David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes a Louisiana attorney who demonstrates a commitment to the provision of legal services to the poor, has made significant contributions to enhance the pro bono movement in Louisiana over his/her lifetime, and has shown significant leadership and service on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised.

► Career Public Interest Award

Ayn W. Stehr of Baton Rouge, director of legal services for the Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center, Inc. and an adjunct clinical professor of law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, received the Career Public Interest Award. The award recognizes an attorney or non-attorney in Louisiana who has devoted at least 10 years of his/her career to public interest legal work, demonstrated excellence in his/her work, demonstrated leadership within his/her organization, and provided significant service on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised.

► Friend of Pro Bono Awards

Four Friend of Pro Bono Awards were presented to Adams and Reese, L.L.P. in New Orleans; Caroline McSherry Dolan, New Orleans; Lorenzi & Barnatt, L.L.P., in Lake Charles; and Patrick S. Ottinger, Lafayette. The award recognizes attorneys, non-attorneys, law firms and organizations that have made major contributions to the



The recipients of 2011 Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards included, front row from left, Tom Lorenzi, David F. Bienvenu, Theresa Barnatt, Frank X. Neuner, Jr., Robert E. Torian, Mark C. Surprenant, Will Montz, Patrick S. Ottinger, Gregory A. Koury, Cleveland M. Patterson III, Felix Cao, Rosanna Eugenio, Marianna Broussard, Bradford H. Felder, Lindsay L. Meador, Judith R. Kennedy and Michelle C. Purchner. Back row from left, C. Peck Hayne, Jr., Margot E. Hammond, Timon Webre, Kristen Bernard, Ann Duvic, William G. Cherbonnier, Jr., Jeffrey K. Coreil, Ayn W. Stehr, Peter B. Sloss, Jeannine Alford Sullivan, Doreen A. Taravella, Lilian R. Hangartner, Dona K. Renegar, Michael D. Lane, L. Bianca Chretien, Lt. Cmdr. Christopher D. Mora, Caroline McSherry Dolan, Lisa W. Borden, Robin R. De Leo and Dwazendra J. Smith. Photo by J.F. Bergeron Studio and Gallery.

enhancement and promotion of pro bono legal services to the poor.

► Pro Bono Publico Awards

Fourteen Pro Bono Publico Awards were presented to Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C., New Orleans; L. Bianca Chretien, Lafayette; Robin R. De Leo, Mandeville; C. Peck Hayne, Jr., New Orleans; Huval, Veazey, Felder & Renegar, L.L.C., Lafayette; Gregory A. Koury, Lafayette; Lindsay L. Meador, Lafayette; Will Montz, Lafayette; Lt. Cmdr. Christopher D. Mora, New Orleans; Laborde & Neuner, Lafayette; Michelle C. Purchner, New Orleans; Peter B. Sloss, New Orleans; Jeannine Alford Sullivan, Denham Springs; and Doreen A. Taravella, Baton Rouge.

The award recognizes attorneys and law firms that have provided pro bono legal services to Louisiana residents that meet or exceed the aspirational goal of providing 50 hours of pro bono services per year, as established in Rule 6.1 of Louisiana's Rules of Professional Conduct.

► Law Student Pro Bono Awards

Four Law Student Pro Bono Awards were presented to Lilian R. Hangartner, a 2011 graduate of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Felix Cao, a graduate of Loyola University College of Law; Cleveland M. Patterson III, a second-year law student at Southern University Law Center; and Rosanna Eugenio, a 2011 graduate of Tulane University Law School.

► Pro Bono Century Awards

For the second year, several Pro Bono Century Awards were presented. This award

recognizes attorneys who have shown consummate pro bono leadership by completing 100 hours of service from January 2010 through December 2010.

The 23 award recipients this year are Marianna Broussard, Lafayette; William G. Cherbonnier, Jr., Gretna; L. Bianca Chretien, Lafayette; Jeffrey K. Coreil, Lafayette; Laura L. Davenport, Lafayette; Robin R. De Leo, Mandeville; Ann E. Duvic, Slidell; Bradford H. Felder, Lafayette; Lauren E. Godshall, New Orleans; C. Peck Hayne, Jr., New Orleans; Judith R. Kennedy, Lafayette; Gregory A. Koury, Lafayette; Michael D. Lane, New Orleans; Lindsay L. Meador, Lafayette; Will Montz, Lafayette; Tania L. Nelson, Metairie; Michelle C. Purchner, New Orleans; Michael A. Rainey, Lafayette; Dwazendra J. Smith, Lafayette; Peter B. Sloss, New Orleans; G. Andrew Veazey, Lafayette; Kevin S. Vogeltanz, New Orleans; and Daniel Zweben, New York, N.Y.

► Children's Law Awards

Children's Law Awards were presented to Margot E. Hammond of New Orleans, an attorney supervisor with the Mental Health Advocacy Service; and the Juvenile Defender Advisory Council, a leadership body of juvenile public defenders from various offices in Louisiana.

The LSBA Children's Law Committee established the award to recognize Louisiana attorneys or Louisiana-based organizations that have provided outstanding services in the field of children's law.