

Focus on Diversity

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12th annual Conclave on Diversity focuses on “Strides in Diversity”

The 12th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, with the theme “Strides in Diversity: Opening Doors for the Next Generation,” was hosted by the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) on March 8 in New Orleans. For 12 years, the Conclave has served as an opportunity for attorneys and judges to discuss the importance of diversity in the legal profession.

As one attendee said about the experience: “I have attended the Conclave multiple times and always find it refreshing and stimulating. Diversity is extremely important. The emphasis placed on it by the Louisiana State Bar Association is noteworthy and makes me feel good about the profession. This yearly conference serves to remind us, and we need to be reminded, about the attention that should be paid to this issue and about the benefit of diversity in business, law and society. As I depart from the Conclave, I always feel renewed and happy to be a part of this endeavor. It expands my world! All attorneys, whether minority or not, should have such an experience.”

The LSBA credits the Conclave’s success to the attendees, speakers and sponsors. The LSBA chose to host a “conclave” rather than a “meeting” because a conclave signifies “an assembly or gathering, especially one that has special authority, power, or influence.”



Conclave participants, from left, Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System) and Michael B. Victorian (Phelps Dunbar, LLP, Gold Sponsor).



Conclave participants, from left, Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System) and Duane A. Evans, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Louisiana (Federal Bar Association New Orleans Chapter, Coffee Sponsor).



Conclave participants, from left, Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System) and Christopher D. Joseph, Jr. (Shields Mott LLP, Coffee Sponsor).




Conclave participants, from left, Katia D. Bowman (Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP, Coffee Sponsor); Vicki M. Crochet (Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP); Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System); Ne’Shira D. Millender (Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP); and John P. Murrill (Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP).




Conclave participants, from left, Valerie E. Fontenot (Frilot, LLC); Deidre D. Robert (Southern University System, Excellence in Diversity Reception Sponsor); Ebony S. Morris (Garrison, Yount, Forte & Mulcahy, LLC); and Kimberly Silas (Louisiana Supreme Court).

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Specialty Bars Conference on Aug. 24

The Specialty Bars Conference will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, 921 Canal St., New Orleans. This conference, developed with the issues of specialty bars in mind, offers sessions that will facilitate discussion on timely issues in the legal profession and beyond. More details to come. Register: www.lsba.org/goto/SpecialtyBars2019. 

LSBA CLE Series on Disabilities-Related Issues: Social Security on Oct. 25

The LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession is hosting the "LSBA CLE Series on Disabilities-Related Issues: Social Security" on Friday, Oct. 25, noon to 1:30 p.m., at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. The CLE is approved for 1.5 credit hours. CLE speakers are Monica Ferraro and Suzette Tagesen Murphy, both with Workers' Compensation, LLC, Metairie. Register: www.lsba.org/goto/CLEDisabilitySeries2019. 

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New Admittees Reception

November 7, 2019

Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans

A professional photographer will be onsite to offer a free professional headshot to newly admitted lawyers. RSVP: www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewAdmittee2019.

Natchitoches Lights CLE Seminar

Friday, December 13, 2019

Chateau Saint Denis Hotel, 751 Second St., Natchitoches, LA

The LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession is hosting the "Natchitoches Lights" CLE seminar on Friday, Dec. 13, at the Chateau Saint Denis Hotel, Natchitoches. More details to come.

13th Annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession Celebrating 55 Years of Civil Rights: Moving from "Why" to How?"

March 27, 2020

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal St., New Orleans

Questions? Contact Member Outreach and Diversity team members by email at diversity@lsba.org.