

Focus on Diversity

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Shadowing Opportunities Available for 2023 Suit Up for the Future Program


The Louisiana State Bar Association, in partnership with Just the Beginning, is again hosting the Suit Up for the Future Program this summer, a free three-week legal institute for high school students and recent graduates interested in pursuing careers in the legal profession.

The 2023 program is set for June 12-30. During the program, students attend an abridged law school session, take field trips

to law schools and courts, and participate in an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts.

Legal professionals are being asked to participate in shadowing opportunities. During the program's second week (June 21-22), students will be assigned to "shadow" attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This is an opportunity for the students to see for themselves what attorneys do on a daily basis and to

spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workforce. Attorneys and firms in the New Orleans area interested in providing a shadowing opportunity for one or more students should email diversity@lsba.org.

The program application deadline is May 8 for high school juniors, seniors and students entering their first year of college in fall 2023. Students may apply online at: www.lsba.org/goto/suitup. 



Southern University Law Center (SULC) held the annual National Civil Rights Conference from June 18-21, 2022. SULC and the Southern University System were chosen to host the conference because New Orleans and Baton Rouge are the ideal places to have an explosive conference engaging civil rights leaders, HBCU alums and students. The conference included a tour of historic locations between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, art events, film screenings, discussion panels and awards. One of the discussion panels included, from left, Cynthia M. Deitle, retired special agent, FBI; Keith Beauchamp, Till Freedom Come Productions; and Dale Killinger, founder of InTC, LLC.



Southern University Law Center (SULC) had its "Shreveport Sagacious Seven" graduates walk the stage during their Spring Commencement Ceremony on May 21, 2022. These third-year law students completed up to 16 hours of coursework while partaking in regional extern opportunities from the Caddo Parish Commission, the Caddo Parish Clerk of Court, Office of the City Attorney/City of Shreveport, Ochsner LSU Health and the LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport, and serving as judicial externs with the Louisiana 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal, Shreveport City Court, Division D, and the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court. From left, Rachel Hughes, Allison Williams, Tanner Yeldell, Tiberlee Barnum, Jakira Gibson, Kourtnee Jones and Aja Winslow.

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to the LSBA Statement of Diversity Principles

For more information or to view the statement online, visit www.lsba.org/Diversity/DiversityPrinciples.aspx



The Lafayette Bar Association held a crawfish boil on May 26, 2022, at the Lafayette Bar Center to show appreciation for members and their families. From left, Craig Spadoni; Cynthia S. Spadoni, District Attorney's Office, 16th Judicial District; Roya S. Boustany, District Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial District; and Alfred F. Boustany III, Boustany Law Firm.

LSBA and SULC Entertainment Law CLE

MUSIC AND THE LAW

APRIL 13-14, 2023
8 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

VIRGIN HOTELS NEW ORLEANS

SAVE the DATE

15th Annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession

August 11, 2023

Four Seasons New Orleans Hotel

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
www.lsba.org/GoTo/BarCenter
mike.montamat@lsba.org

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.

Judges & Lawyers' Assistance Program, Inc. (JLAP)

www.louisianajlap.com
(866)354-9334

JLAP provides confidential assistance to members of the Bar and their families who experience problems with alcohol, drugs, gambling and other addictions, as well as mental health issues. Call 1(866)354-9334 for assistance.

Fastcase

www.lsba.org/fastcase

In 2005, the LSBA launched Fastcase, a free web-based legal research product that provides unlimited access to all state and federal court cases. To access the program, go to www.lsba.org and click on the Fastcase icon. For more information, contact Practice Management Counsel Shawn L. Holahan at shawn.holahan@lsba.org or (504)619-0153.

LSBA Professional Programs Department Services

Client Assistance Fund
cgrodsky@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 cgrodsky@lsba.org or (504)619-0107.

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This program provides screening of proposed lawyer advertising to confirm compliance with the Supreme Court's advertising rules. For information, visit www.lsba.org/goto/lawyeradvertising.



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