


Focus on Diversity

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“Suit Up” High School Internship Program to begin on June 13

The Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program will begin its 2016 session on June 13 with 19 student interns. The three-week program (June 13-July 1) will include abridged law school sessions, shadowing opportunities at local firms, courts and agencies, and field trips to courts and law schools. During their final week, the students will focus on developing a written memorandum and an oral argument to be presented to a panel of judges in a courtroom.

Several attorneys have volunteered for the program, either talking to the students one-on-one or offering “shadowing” opportunities. Several professors and law schools’ staff members are volunteering their time to teach the students, including Prof. Mary Garvey Algero, Loyola University College of Law (Legal Writing); Prof. Russell L. Jones, vice chancellor for academic affairs and Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Endowed Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center (Criminal Law); Prof. Michelle A. Jackson, director of career services, adjunct professor of law, Southern University Law Center (Education Law); and Jeffrey C. Brooks, assistant professor of professional practice, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (How to Deliver an Oral Argument).

The Suit Up Program, a partnership with the Just the Beginning Foundation and the Louisiana Bar Foundation, is an award-winning Diversity Pipeline Program and a 2013 American Bar Association Partnership Program recipient. 




Panelists for the Black History Month CLE seminar, “The Continuing Struggle of Desegregation,” included, from left, Chief Judge Brian A. Jackson, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana; Judge Nannette Jolivet Brown, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Leo C. Hamilton with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.; and A.P. Tureaud, Jr. Photo courtesy of Southern University Law Center.

Black History Month CLE seminar conducted on Feb. 25 in Baton Rouge

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Young Lawyers Division’s Diversity Minority Involvement Committee and the LSBA Diversity Committee’s Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee hosted a CLE seminar in celebration of Black History Month on Feb. 25 in Baton Rouge. The seminar, “The Continuing Struggle of Desegregation,” addressed the issues of segregation in today’s world.

Prior to the CLE, the subcommittee hosted a free Resume Workshop for Law Students.

Panelists for the resume workshop included Sharonda R. Williams, special counsel with Fishman Haygood Phelps Walmsley Willis & Swanson, L.L.P.; Luis A. Leitzelar, partner with Jones Walker LLP; U.S. Attorney J. Walter Green, Middle District of Louisiana; Demarcus J. Gordon, partner with Kelly Hart & Pitre; Kellen J. Mathews, Adams and Reese, L.L.P.; Hillar C. Moore III, district attorney, 19th Judicial District, East Baton Rouge Parish; and Chief Judge Donald R. Johnson, 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish. 

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The Federal Bar Association (FBA) hosted a “Women in the Law” Conference on April 21 in New Orleans. Keynote speaker was Donna L. Brazile, center, vice chair of the Democratic National Committee. Also attending were, from left, Timothy B. Francis with Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, L.L.C.; Hon. Jane Triche Milazzo, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Brazile; National FBA President Mark K. Vincent, U.S. District Attorney’s Office, Utah District; and National FBA Board member Kristin Kimmelman, Federal Public Defenders Office, Western District of Texas.

Save the Date: First Specialty Bars Confer- ence Aug. 20

The first Specialty Bars Conference is set for Aug. 20 at the Ritz Carlton, 921 Canal St., New Orleans. The conference, “Changing the Profession from Within,” is developed with topics of interest to specialty bars and offers networking with judges and specialty bar members from across the state. Organizers have applied for 5.50 CLE credit hours. For more information and to register: <https://www.lsba.org/CLE/>. 📌

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