

# Focus on *Access to Justice*

For more information, visit [www.lsba.org/atj](http://www.lsba.org/atj).

## Attorneys host pro bono clinic for LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org

**E**ntergy welcomed attorney volunteers from its legal department and attorneys from the firm Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C., to host the first pro bono clinic for questions submitted to [LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org](http://LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org), Louisiana's online pro bono program. [LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org](http://LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org) allows low-income Louisianians to ask civil legal questions which are then answered by attorney volunteers.

The Dec. 3 clinic began with a presentation explaining access to justice issues —Louisiana's high poverty rate, the lack of resources for Louisiana's civil legal aid network, and how pro bono volunteerism can assist with the dire legal needs of those unable to afford an attorney. Afterwards, the attorneys began answering questions submitted to the website. By the end of the clinic, all of the online questions had been answered.

Attorneys wanting more information on registering as a volunteer on the website, or firms seeking to host a similar event, should contact Rachael Mills, (504)619-0104 or email [rachael.mills@lsba.org](mailto:rachael.mills@lsba.org).



Entergy Executive Vice President Marcus V. Brown welcomed attorney volunteers from Entergy's legal department and attorneys from Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C., to the first pro bono clinic for [LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org](http://LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org).

## Online nominations open for 2019 Awards

**T**he online nomination process is open for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 2019 Pro Bono and Children's Law Awards, presented by the Access to Justice Committee. Nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22.

Awards recognize outstanding achievement in several categories — the Children's Law Award, the Law Student Award, the Friend of Pro Bono Award, the Pro Bono Publico Award, the Career Public Interest Award, the [LA.FreeLegalAnswers](http://LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org) Award and the David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award. Also, attorneys who have provided more than 100 hours of volunteer services are recognized with the LSBA Century Club Award. Award recipients will be honored at a May 21 reception hosted by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

For more information on the award categories and submission information, go to: [www.lsba.org/ProBono/ProBonoAwards.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/ProBono/ProBonoAwards.aspx). Once there, log in as an LSBA member or guest. For assistance, email Joanna Laidler at [joanna.laidler@lsba.org](mailto:joanna.laidler@lsba.org).



### GROW YOUR BUSINESS: JOIN THE MODEST MEANS ONLINE LEGAL DIRECTORY TODAY

The Modest Means Online Legal Directory connects attorneys offering affordable legal services with moderate-income families who do not qualify for free legal aid, yet can afford to pay for legal services at a reduced rate.

The Directory is open to all active Louisiana attorneys in good standing who offer reduced-fee legal services to people falling at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Line. Many attorneys already offer reduced fees by way of a sliding scale based on the client's income, flat fees, or limited scope representation.

**FIND OUT MORE! CONTACT** Amy Duncan, LSBA Access to Justice Training & Projects Counsel, at [amy.duncan@lsba.org](mailto:amy.duncan@lsba.org) with any questions. Or for more information online, visit [www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx)



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org



**A FREE ONLINE  
FORUM FOR CIVIL  
LEGAL QUESTIONS**

Fulfill your pro bono obligation of 50 hours without ever leaving your office or seeing a client. *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* offers attorneys a quick, easy way to help low-income, elderly, and disabled Louisiana residents.

*LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* allows volunteers to:

- Log in whenever/wherever
- Choose the question you answer and respond anonymously
- Receive training and access to resources
- Be covered by malpractice insurance

To volunteer contact Rachael Mills, ATJ Projects Counsel by emailing rachael.mills@lsba.org or calling 504.619.0104.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT**  
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