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LSBA Young Lawyers Section's 2010-11 Officers and Council Members Installed

NEW ORLEANS—The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Young Lawyers Section's (YLS) 2010-11 officers and Council members were installed June 10, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Florida.

Alainna R. Mire of Alexandria was installed as 2010-11 Section chair by the Hon. John C. Davidson, 9th Judicial District Court. Joining Mire as officers are Chair-Elect **Shayna L. Sonnier** of Lake Charles, who will assume the chair's position in 2011-12; Secretary **Lawrence J. Centola III** of New Orleans; and Immediate Past Chair **Melanie Mabile Mulcahy** of Metairie.

Alainna R. Mire is assistant attorney for the city of Alexandria. She received a BA degree in political science in 2000 from Louisiana State University and her JD/BCL degree in 2004 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2004.

Shayna L. Sonnier is an associate in the Lake Charles firm of Hunter & Blazier, A.P.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.

Lawrence J. Centola III is an associate in the New Orleans firm of Martzell & Bickford. He received a BA degree in 1998 from Louisiana State University and his JD degree in 2001 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2001.

Melanie Mabile Mulcahy is an associate with The Derbes Law Firm, L.L.C., in Metairie. She received a BA degree in French and international relations (double major) in 1994 from Tulane University's Newcomb College and her JD degree in 1999 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2000.

Judge Davidson also installed members of the 2010-11 Council. Members include:

District One: Eve Sarco Reardon, Slidell; and Justin M. Chopin, Metairie.

District Two: Allison L. Becknell and Erin O. Braud, both of Metairie.

District Three: Maggie Trahan Simar, St. Martinville.

District Four: Claude "T-Claude" P. Devall, Jr., Lake Charles.

District Five: Kyle A. Ferachi and Christopher K. Jones, both of Baton Rouge.

District Six: Barbara Bell Melton, Alexandria.

District Seven: Jennifer H. Johnson, Monroe.

District Eight: Karelia R. Stewart, Shreveport.

At-Large Representative: Franchesca L. Hamilton-Acker, Lafayette.

ABA YLD Representative: Maurice C. Ruffin, New Orleans.

Young Lawyer Representative/ABA House of Delegates: Chauntis T. Jenkins, New Orleans.