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## **LSBA Young Lawyers Section's 2011-12 Officers, Council Members Installed**

**NEW ORLEANS**—The Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section's (LSBA YLS) 2011-12 officers and Council members were installed June 29, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Shayna L. Sonnier** of Lake Charles was installed as 2011-12 Section chair by Hon. D. Kent Savoie, judge with the 14th Judicial District Court.

Joining Sonnier as officers are Chair-Elect **Lawrence J. Centola III** of New Orleans, who will assume the chair's position in 2012-13; Secretary **Maggie Trahan Simar** of St. Martinville; and Immediate Past Chair **Alainna R. Mire** of Alexandria.

**Shayna L. Sonnier** is a partner in the Lake Charles firm of Hunter, Hunter & Sonnier, L.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** practices law at the New Orleans firm of Martzell & Bickford. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1998 from Louisiana State University and his Juris Doctor degree in 2001 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2001.

**Maggie Trahan Simar** is a 16th Judicial District Family Court hearing officer in St. Martinville. She received a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism in 1995 from Louisiana State University and her Juris Doctor degree in 1998 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1998.

**Alainna R. Mire** is assistant attorney for the city of Alexandria. She received a bachelor of arts degree in political science in 2000 from Louisiana State University and her Juris Doctor/bachelor of civil law degree in 2004 from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2004.

### **Judge Savoie also installed members of the 2011-12 YLS Council.**

**District 1:** Eve Sarco Reardon, New Orleans; and Justin M. Chopin, Metairie.

**District 2:** Erin O. Braud, Metairie; and Allison L. Becknell, Metairie.

**District 3:** Steven T. Ramos, Lafayette.

**District 4:** Claude (T-Claude) P. Devall, Jr., Lake Charles.

**District 5:** Kyle A. Ferachi, Baton Rouge; and Laura Hart Bryan, Baton Rouge.

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**District 6:** Derrick G. Earles, Marksville.

**District 7:** Jennifer H. Johnson, Monroe.

**District 8:** Jerry Edwards, Shreveport.

**At-Large Representative:** Tamara D. Rahim, Lafayette.

**American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Representative:** J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr., Lake Charles.

**Young Lawyer Member/American Bar Association House of Delegates:** Chauntis T. Jenkins, New Orleans.

*Full profiles of YLS officers are available at:*

<http://www.lsba.org/yls/currentcouncilmembers.asp>.

*High-resolution photos of YLS officers are available for download at:*

<http://www.lsba.org/2007NewsResources/pressphotos.asp?Photos=31>.

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