



Louisiana State Bar Association

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Member Services

The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is to assist and serve its members in the practice of law. 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.

Access to Justice Services

Access to Justice • www.lsba.org/atj • mmollere@lsba.org

The Access to Justice Program, a cooperative effort between the LSBA, the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Louisiana's legal services providers, fulfills the LSBA's mission of identifying ways to improve the delivery of civil legal services to the indigent and working poor. For more information, contact Access to Justice Director Monte T. Mollere at mmollere@LSBA.org or (504)619-0146.

Pro Bono – www.lsba.org/probono

The Access to Justice Department facilitates regular meetings and interaction of all of the local Louisiana pro bono programs, supports statewide initiatives that encourage increased pro bono activity, and supports the efforts of dedicated attorneys who do pro bono work. A Model Pro Bono Policy was developed recently to encourage firms to set forth their commitment to pro bono service and develop best practices for managing those services; several firms from around the state either adopted the model policy or reaffirmed their commitment to pro bono. The LSBA also recognizes dedicated pro bono volunteers during the annual LSBA Pro Bono Publico & Children's Law Awards Ceremony, collects voluntary pro bono hour reporting as mandated by Rule 6.1, and promotes and publicizes events surrounding the ABA sponsored National Celebrate Pro Bono Week.

Statewide Legal Services Case Management System • mmollere@lsba.org

Over the past five years the Access to Justice Department has assisted with the creation of a statewide uniform case management system for non-profit legal services organizations that provides for increased efficiencies. With the system in place at legal services and pro bono programs, the ATJ Technology Coordinator will provide the organizations with case management technical assistance and support.

Public Interest Training Events • www.ProBono.net/LA • mmollere@lsba.org

The Access to Justice Department conducts free or low-cost training for public interest attorneys throughout the state, on various issues relevant to their poverty law practices and works with www.ProBono.net/LA to ensure these taped trainings are available to public interest attorneys. Each year, Access to Justice hosts the Louisiana Justice Community Conference which presents an opportunity for civil legal services providers from around the state to network and gain valuable CLE hours specifically related to public interest work.

Court Self-Help Resource Centers • mmollere@lsba.org

Working with the court personnel and non-profit providers, the Access to Justice Department helped establish a free Self Help Resource Center (SHRC) for self-represented litigants in Orleans Civil District Court. Law school students and attorney volunteers assist self-represented litigants at the SHRC by providing access to critical legal information, forms, documents and referrals to organizations that can provide more extensive services. Established as a pilot project, the program quickly became a permanent resource deemed highly valuable to pro se litigants, the Court and other attorneys. The ATJ Department now offers to assist courts and partner organizations around the state who wish to establish similar centers.

Administration



Administration Department • www.lsba.org/GoTo/administration

The Administration Department of the Louisiana State Bar Association maintains the member records of the Association's membership and all financial operations. Members may create a member account: www.lsba.org/MemberLogin to have online access to update membership information, order a membership id card and request a certificate of good standing.

Bar Identification Card • www.lsba.org/memberlogin

The LSBA is now offering a new Bar Membership Card, which contains a full color photograph and security hologram. These new bar cards are only available to eligible members in good standing. Members may upload their photograph via the website. Log into your member account at www.lsba.org/MemberLogin, and select "Order New Bar Card" to find out more information.

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.

Committees and Sections

Committees • www.lsba.org/committees

LSBA Committees oversee basic bar services as well as special concerns. Members make a significant contribution to the profession and the community. Committee assignment requests are available at www.lsba.org/committees.

Sections • www.lsba.org/sections

Sections of the LSBA enable attorneys to network within their specific fields and areas of interest, and get in touch with other licensed legal professionals working in the same areas of practice to exchange advice and support. For a full list of sections, visit www.lsba.org/sections.



Communications & Publications



Louisiana Bar Journal • www.lsba.org/publications/louisianabarjournal

The *Louisiana Bar Journal* is the association's bimonthly magazine, mailed to all members in good standing six times a year. It is archived online on the LSBA's website. E-mail news and press releases to Darlene LaBranche, Publications Coordinator, at dlabranche@lsba.org.

Bar Briefs Newsletter • www.lsba.org/publications/barbriefs • dlabranche@lsba.org

Bar Briefs is published online six times a year, uploaded and archived on the LSBA's website, www.LSBA.org. The fully interactive PDF gives readers immediate access to website links and e-mail addresses. Contact Darlene LaBranche, Publications Coordinator, at dlabranche@lsba.org with any questions or concerns.

The Louisiana Bar Today E-newsletter • www.LSBA.org/LBT

The e-newsletter is distributed via e-mail every other Tuesday as a free service to members. To subscribe, go to: www.LSBA.org/LBT.

Twitter • www.twitter.com/LouisianaBar • danielle.boveland@lsba.org

Access up-to-the-minute legal news by following the LSBA @LouisianaBar at <http://twitter.com/LouisianaBar>. Contact Danielle Boveland, Communications Coordinator for Online Media, at danielle.boveland@lsba.org with any questions.

Facebook • www.facebook.com/louisiana.bar • danielle.boveland@lsba.org

"Like" the Louisiana State Bar Association on Facebook to view the Louisiana State Bar Associations' news, recent photographs, and articles of interest. Contact Danielle Boveland, Communications Coordinator for Online Media, at danielle.boveland@lsba.org with any questions.

Consumer Brochures • www.lsba.org/GoTo/ConsumerBrochures • kbellanger@lsba.org

In order to promote better understanding of the legal profession in the public sector, the LSBA Public Information Committee has created informational brochures on various law topics. In the brochures, legal representation is recommended to ensure that all legal rights and obligations are fully understood. Attorneys and law firms can obtain copies of these brochures to distribute to potential and current clients, by contacting Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez, Communications Assistant, at kbellanger@lsba.org. Spanish language versions are available online.

Diversity & Outreach Services

Diversity & Outreach Services • www.lsba.org/diversity

The LSBA, through its Committee on Diversity, assesses the level of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, age, geographic, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana; identifies barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds; and proposes programs and methods by which it can most effectively work to remove those barriers and achieve greater diversity.

Annual and Mini Conclaves on Diversity in the Legal Profession • www.lsba.org/diversity

The LSBA co-hosts an annual full-day Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession with the Louisiana Supreme Court and local and specialty bar associations. At the conclave, attorneys and judges discuss why diversity and inclusion are priorities for our profession and the administration of justice, barriers and possible solutions to obstacles, and the importance of strategy and accountability.

Statement of Diversity Principles • www.lsba.org/diversity/DiversityPrinciples.asp

The LSBA's Statement of Diversity Principles has been executed by lawyers, judges, law firms and law departments throughout the state. The Statement reflects the recognition that meaningful diversity and inclusion advancements occur when the leaders in an organization embrace diversity and demonstrate through their actions that diversity is a priority to the organization. By executing the Statement, the leaders of an organization agree to use their best efforts to increase the diversity in their hiring, retention and promotion of attorneys and the elevation of attorneys to leadership positions within their organizations.

Human Rights Award • Kelly.Legier@lsba.org

The LSBA's Human Rights Award recognizes outstanding efforts made by an organization or individual in promoting diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. For more information on the Human Rights Award Submission and Nomination process, please contact Kelly McNeil Legier, Director of Member Outreach and Diversity, at Kelly.Legier@lsba.org.

"Focus on Diversity" Newsletter • www.lsba.org/diversity/Newsletters.asp

The "Focus on Diversity" newsletter is published in issues of the online Bar Briefs. The newsletter spotlights diversity and inclusion efforts by law firms and departments, provides practical answers to members who raise diversity or inclusion issues, and identifies LSBA diversity and inclusion events.

Outreach to Children • Kelly.Legier@lsba.org

The LSBA develops outreach initiatives for middle, high school, and college students to strengthen the diversity pipeline to the legal profession. These efforts include participation by attorneys and judges at career days. The LSBA's support of the Young Leadership Council, juvenile courts and the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, the Lawyers in the Classroom programs and Teen Courts has contributed to the success of their programs and initiatives. In 2011, the LSBA began offering a Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Internship Program for several weeks during the summer.

New Admittee Receptions • Kelly.Legier@lsba.org

The LSBA co-sponsors receptions to greet new admittees to the Bar. During receptions, the leadership of the LSBA and local and specialty bars discuss benefits of bar involvement. Contact Kelly McNeil Legier at Kelly.Legier@lsba.org for more information.

Professional Programs Services

Continuing Legal Education Seminars • www.lsba.org/CLE

The LSBA sponsors more than 30 CLE seminars each year on a variety of topics, including ethics and professionalism, as well as out-of-state programs offering travel opportunities to Louisiana lawyers. Additionally, through a partnership with InReach, the LSBA offers online seminars to its members. For more information, contact CLE Coordinator Annette C. Buras at aburas@LSBA.org or (504)619-0102.

Client Assistance Fund • cgrotsky@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 cgrotsky@LSBA.org or (504)619-0107.

Ethics Advisory Service • ebarefield@LSBA.org

For assistance with dilemmas and decisions involving legal ethics, members are encouraged to take full advantage of the LSBA's Ethics Advisory Service, offering—at no charge—confidential, informal, non-binding advice and opinions regarding a member's own prospective conduct. For information/inquiries, contact LSBA Ethics Counsel Eric Barefield by e-mailing ebarefield@lsba.org or calling (504)619-0122.

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.

Law Practice Management • www.lsba.org/lomap

In 2006, the LSBA launched its Law Practice Management Assistance Program to help lawyers increase the quality of legal services they provide to their clients. For more information, contact Practice Management Counsel Shawn L. Holahan at shawn.holahan@LSBA.org or (504)619-0153.

Lawyer Advertising Filing and Evaluation • rlemmler@LSBA.org

This program provides screening of proposed lawyer advertising to confirm compliance with the Supreme Court's advertising rules. For information/inquiries, contact LSBA Ethics Counsel Richard P. Lemmler, Jr. at rlemmler@LSBA.org or (504)619-0144.

Lawyer Fee Dispute Resolution • kristy.nunez@LSBA.org

The LSBA Lawyer Fee Dispute Resolution Program was formed to resolve legal fee disputes between attorneys and clients as well as attorneys and other lawyers. For more information, contact Kristy Nunez at kristy.nunez@LSBA.org or (504)619-0138.

Lending Library • kristy.nunez@LSBA.org

The Lending Library offers a host of books on various topics to assist young and seasoned attorneys wishing to improve their practices. For more information, contact Kristy Nunez at kristy.nunez@LSBA.org or (504)619-0138.



Practice Assistance and Improvement • bking@LSBA.org

As mandated by the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Bar's Practice Assistance and Improvement Program offers alternatives to discipline via its Attorney-Client Assistance Program and the Diversion Program. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel diverts eligible matters enabling these members to avoid disciplinary proceedings. For more information, contact Professional Programs Counsel for Practice Assistance William N. King at bking@LSBA.org or (504)619-0109.

Opinions Service • bking@LSBA.org

The Opinions Service allows members to obtain the latest opinions released from Louisiana appellate courts (First, Second, Third and Fifth Circuits) and the Louisiana Supreme Court. For more information, contact Professional Programs Counsel for Practice Assistance William N. King at bking@LSBA.org or (504)619-0109.

Solo and Small Firm Conference • shawn.holahan@LSBA.org

This two-day conference provides topics and presentations especially designed to assist attorneys practicing in solo and small firms. For more information, contact Practice Management Counsel Shawn L. Holahan at shawn.holahan@LSBA.org or (504)619-0153.

TechnoLawyer • www.technolawyer.com/lsb.asp

Technolawyer is a free online resource with more than 13,000 members in which legal professionals can share their knowledge and experiences with their peers and access volumes of archived articles and information to assist with technology in the practice of law.

Young Lawyers Section

Young Lawyers Section • www.lsba.org/yls

The purpose of the Young Lawyers Section is to foster discussions and interchange of ideas relative to the duties, responsibilities and problems of the younger members of the legal profession in the State of Louisiana; to aid in their advancement; to encourage their interest and participation in the activities of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and, in general, to further the purposes and objectives of the LSBA. For more information on the Young Lawyers Section, visit www.lsba.org/yls.



Hotel & Travel Services

When traveling in Louisiana, stay at these fine hotels and enjoy the best rates with LSBA's corporate discount. Visit www.LSBA.org/GoTo/MemberBenefits for the most up-to-date list of hotels. Call the numbers listed for current rates and be sure to mention that you're an LSBA member when making reservations.

New Orleans Hotels

Bienville House (800)535-9603

e-mail: reservations@bienvillehouse.com

www.lsba.org/GoTo/BienvilleHouse

Hilton St. Charles (504)378-2809

e-mail: chris.couvillion@hilton.com

Hotel InterContinental (877)866-9005

e-mail: dawnpembo@ihg.com

Hotel Monteleone (800)535-9595

e-mail: reservations@hotelmonteleone.com

www.lsba.org/GoTo/HotelMonteleone

Hyatt Regency New Orleans (888)591-1234

Corporate #95147

www.hyatt.com

Iberville Suites (866)229-4351, (504)670-2845

e-mail: courtney.chapotel@ritzcarlton.com

JW Marriott New Orleans

www.jwmarriottneworleans.com

Le Pavillon Hotel (800)535-9095

www.lsba.org/GoTo/LePavillon

Loews New Orleans Hotel (504)595-5370 or (866)211-6411

Marriott Courtyard Downtown

www.courtyardneworleansfrenchquarter.com

Renaissance Pere Marquette

www.renaissanceperemarquette.com

The Ritz Carlton (504)670-2845, (800)241-3333

e-mail: courtney.chapotel@ritzcarlton.com

The Roosevelt New Orleans (504)335-3138, (800)WAL-DORF

Sheraton New Orleans (504)595-6292

e-mail: dana.smith@sheraton.com

W French Quarter (504)207-5187

e-mail: wnoreservations@whotels.com

W New Orleans (333 Poydras St.) (504)207-5187

e-mail: wnoreservations@whotels.com

Westin Canal Place (504)553-5110

e-mail: ashley.bonner@westinneworleans.com

The Whitney Wyndham (504)581-4222

Windsor Court (800)262-2662, (504)523-6000

e-mail: plambert@windsorcourthotel.com

Wyndham Riverfront New Orleans (504)524-8200

Baton Rouge Hotels

Courtyard Baton Rouge Acadian Thruway

Corporate Code: ABA

www.courtyardbatonrouge.com

Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge (225)925-2244, (225)930-0100

e-mail: dbond@executivecenterbr.com

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center (800)955-6962, (225)344-5866

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www.lsba.org/GoTo/HiltonBRCapitol

Sheraton Baton Rouge (225)378-6177

e-mail: susan.ringwald@bellobatonrouge.net

Lake Charles Hotel

Best Western Richmond Suites (337)433-5213

Shreveport Hotel

Clarion Shreveport Hotel (318)797-9900

The Remington Suite Hotel (318)425-5000

www.remingtonsuite.com

National Hotel Chains*

Holiday Inn (800)HOLIDAY

Use ID No. 100381739 when making reservations

LaQuinta Inns & Suites (800)642-4271

Corporate Rate Code: LABAR

www.LQ.com

**Discounts not guaranteed at every hotel property within a national chain. Contact specific property to inquire about availability of LSBA discounted rates. If you have questions regarding the negotiated corporate rates offered at the hotels listed above, contact Kaya Koban, Program Coordinator Meeting & Events, kaya.koban@lsba.org, for assistance.*

Car Rental & Services

Avis (800)331-1212

Discount # A536100

Budget Rent-a-Car (800)527-0700

Discount # Z855300

Carey/Embarque (866)444-2144

Discount # WA817505

Hertz (800)654-2210

Discount # 277795

Business Services

CoreVault • www.corevault.com • (866)945-2722

CoreVault, a data back-up and recovery company, specializes in protecting critical business data safely and securely at its two private and geographically separated data centers. CoreVault ensures fail-safe protection of client information and offers automated daily offsite protection, fast recovery and secure data encryption 24-7. To learn more about the service, contact CoreVault by e-mail at sales@corevault.com; by phone (866)94-LASBA (945-2722); or visit the website, at www.corevault.com.

Dell • www.dell.com • (877)568-3355

Among Dell's services to LSBA members are products and services at a discount, dedicated online and telephone support, and online services to help members establish a presence. LSBA members also have access to Dell Association Program sales and marketing teams which provide assistance with industry-specific hardware, software and peripherals. To shop for technology solutions for your firm, visit www.dell.com. When you are ready to purchase, call your dedicated sales representative at 1-877-568-3355 to place your order. Your sales representative will apply your LSBA member discount to your order.

LawPay Merchant Account™ • www.affiniscap.com/LSBA • (866)376-0950

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LexisNexis® • www.lexisONE.com • (800)356-6548

LexisNexis® has developed a dramatic and exclusive bar association member benefit program for solo and small law firms. Members of the LexisNexis Bar Association Member Benefit Program can enjoy dramatic new offerings, with unprecedented flexibility, including access on a daily and weekly basis. After listening carefully to the small law firm attorney members, LexisNexis brings you specially priced and packaged flexible research offerings through your bar association. Now you can choose a plan designed to meet your exact needs! For additional information, visit www.lexisONE.com.



Insurance & Retirement Services

GILSBAR • www.gilsbar.com • (800)GIL-SBAR, (504)529-3505

As members of the legal profession, we all appreciate the importance of being properly insured. That's why LSBA has teamed up with Gilsbar, Inc. to offer a variety of insurance plans to our members, their employees and dependents. LSBA members and their families can have the peace of mind with major medical, term life, supplemental life, disability income, hospital indemnity, personal accident, business office protection and professional liability insurance. The LSBA can negotiate with various insurance carriers to secure the best coverage available at the most reasonable costs to you. Call Gilsbar at (504)529-3505 or (800)GILSBAR to get covered.

ABA Retirement • www.abaretirement.com • (800)826-8901

The ABA Members Retirement Program provides 401(k) plans for law firms, large and small, offering a full-service package that includes plan administration, investment flexibility and independent online investment advice. If you or one of your partners or shareholders is a member of the LSBA, your firm is eligible to participate in the program. Whether you have a plan or are looking to establish a new one, call (800)826-8901 for a free plan evaluation and cost comparison.

Lawyer Assistance Program

Lawyers' Assistance Program • (866)354-9334 • www.lsba.org/lap

LAP provides confidential assistance to members of the Bar and their families who experience problems with alcohol or drug abuse; call 1-866-354-9334 for assistance or visit www.lsba.org/lap.

Shipping Services

United Parcel Service • (800)325-7000

Depend on UPS to ship or receive packages from anywhere to anywhere. UPS will also deliver the lowest rates to LSBA members. Call (800)325-7000 and mention that you are a member of the LSBA.

SOLACE

Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel – All Concern Encouraged • www.lsba.org/solace

The Louisiana State Bar Association/Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Action Committee supports the SOLACE program. Through the program, the state's legal community is able to reach out in small, but meaningful and compassionate ways to judges, lawyers, court personnel, paralegals, legal secretaries and their families who experience a death or catastrophic illness, sickness or injury, or other catastrophic event. For more information, visit www.lsba.org/solace.



Questions about Member Services?

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