



Inside the LSBA: Headlines / Tuesday, March 12, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING

Registration Open for 2024 Annual Meeting & Summer School

Registration is now open for the 83rd LSBA Annual Meeting and the Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School. The events are set for Sunday through Friday, June 2-7, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla. For more information about programming, events and housing options, go to: <http://www.lsba.org/annualmeeting>.

House Resolution Deadline is May 13 for Annual Meeting

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the next LSBA House of Delegates meeting is Monday, May 13. The House will meet on Thursday, June 6, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla. Read more: <http://www.lsba.org>.

LSBA Seeking Sponsors, Exhibitors, Advertisers for Annual Meeting & Summer School

Businesses, organizations and legal professionals are encouraged to sponsor an event, set up a booth at the Lawyers' Expo or advertise in the program for the combined 83rd LSBA Annual Meeting and Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School. The sponsorship and vendor deadline is April 19. Contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard, email crichard@lsba.org or call (504)619-0105. The program advertising deadline is April 19. Contact LSBA Advertising and Communications Coordinator Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez, email kbellanger@lsba.org or call (504)619-0131.

LSBA DUES / LADB ASSESSMENT

2024-25 LSBA Dues and LADB Assessment Payment Cycle to Begin in May

LSBA members will have the option to pay their 2024-25 LSBA dues and Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board assessment by ACH electronic check, credit card, or download and mail their Attorney Registration Statement and checks for the payment of fees. Read more: <http://www.lsba.org>.

HEADS UP!

Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2024-25 Bar year. Response deadline is Wednesday, April 10. LSBA President-Elect Patrick A. Talley, Jr. will make all committee appointments. Read more at: <http://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/Committees.aspx>.

LSBA Section Membership: Renew or Sign Up by April 15

The 2024-25 application for membership in the LSBA's 30 sections was mailed. Members should return the application, with payment, by April 15, to: Section Membership, Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. The Section application and brochure are available online at: <http://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/Sections.aspx>.

Interested in an Appointed LSBA House of Delegates Leadership Position?

Several LSBA House of Delegates seats received no qualifiers and will be filled by presidential appointment. Members interested in being considered for appointment should email LSBA Executive Assistant Jen France at jen.france@lsba.org. Review available positions at: <http://www.lsba.org>.

LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

LBLS Accepting Applications for Board Certification; Deadline Extended to March 15

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization is accepting applications for board certification in appellate practice, employment law, estate planning and administration, family law, health law, labor law and tax law from now through the extended deadline of March 15, 2024. The LBLS is accepting applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification from now through Sept. 30, 2024. To receive an application, contact Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann at (504)619-0128, (800)421-5722 or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. For more information about specialization, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/Specialization/>.

GET INVOLVED

YLD to Host Hybrid Level Up Learning Series on March 20

The LSBA YLD will host the "Level Up Learning" series, "Taking and Defending Depositions," on Wednesday, March 20, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, or via Zoom access. This practical CLE series will provide young lawyers with the fundamental tools to depose a party, a witness, a representative of a corporate entity or an expert confidently. The free CLE seminar is open to young lawyers only and in-person attendance is limited. Pre-registration is required. Program organizers have applied for 1 hour of CLE credit. Learn more and register at: <http://www.lsba.org/yld/>.

Registration Open for Louisiana Young Lawyers Conference; Sponsors Sought

Registration is open for the LSBA Young Lawyers Division's 2024 Louisiana Young Lawyers Conference on Friday, April 12, at the New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel. Register online at: <http://www.lsba.org/YLD/>. The event, with the theme "Saved by the Bar," will feature presentations from judges and lawyers, a judicial networking component and the YLD Awards Luncheon. The conference is open to young lawyers only. Sponsorship opportunities are being offered in several categories, with a response deadline of March 29. Read more about sponsorships at: <http://www.lsba.org>.

Attorney Volunteers Needed: State High School Mock Trial Competition Set for March 23 in Baton Rouge

The LSBA's Young Lawyers Division is seeking attorney volunteers to serve as scoring and presiding judges for the 2024 Richard N. Ware IV Memorial State High School Mock Trial Competition, set for Saturday, March 23, at the U.S. District Court Middle District of Louisiana Courthouse, Ste. 139, 777 Florida St., Baton Rouge. To volunteer, email Brad Cranmer, brad@mmcdlaw.com; or Margaret L. Manning, margaret_manning@phelps.com. Read more about the event and the Mock Trial Problem at: <http://www.lsba.org/YLD/>.

Nominations Open for 2024 Catherine D. Kimball Award

The nomination deadline is Friday, April 5, for the LSBA's 2024 Catherine D. Kimball Award for Advancement of the Administration of Justice. Learn more and download a nomination form at: <http://www.lsba.org>.

Application Deadline is May 31 for Leadership LSBA 2024-25 Class

LSBA President-Elect Patrick A. Talley, Jr. is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2024-25 Class. Deadline for return of applications is May 31. Interested candidates should submit applications online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/leadershipsbaapplication>. To learn more about the program, go to: <http://www.lsba.org/members/LSBALeadershipclass.aspx>.

Registration Open for 2024 Conclave on Diversity; Sponsors Sought

The 16th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, with the theme "Every Voice Counts: Bridging Divides, Celebrating Differences," is set for Aug. 9 at the Four Seasons New Orleans Hotel, 2 Canal St. The deadline for sponsorships is April 22. Registration is open. Learn more about the event, register or access sponsor information at: <https://www.lsba.org/Diversity/ConclaveLegalProfessionEvent.aspx>.

OF INTEREST TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Louisiana Bar Center to Close March 29 for Easter Observance

The Louisiana Bar Center will be closed on Friday, March 29, for the Easter observance. The office will reopen for business at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 1.

La. Supreme Court Seeking Comments on Proposed Amendment to RPC 1.5

The Louisiana Supreme Court has issued a "call for comments" seeking input on proposed revisions to Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5. Comments should be submitted by April 4. Review the proposed amendments and submission procedures under "Court News" on the Court's website at: <https://www.lasc.org>.

5th Circuit Amends Internal Operating Procedure Following Rule 41

Effective Feb. 5, 2024, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals amended its Internal Operating Procedures following 5th Circuit Rule 41. Review the amendment online at: <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov>.

Registration Open for LSBA 2024 Danube River Cruise & CLE Program

Registration is still open for the LSBA's CLE program and Danube River cruise set for Nov. 9-16, 2024. The cruise will visit Austria, Germany, Hungary and Slovakia. Five hours of CLE will be offered during the cruise. Pre- and post-cruise excursions are available to Budapest and Prague, respectively. For more information, go to: <http://www.lsba.org>. Contact Roxanne Rose, Vacations At Sea, (504)482-1572 or email roxanne@seavacations.com.

Job Shadowing Opportunities Available for 2024 Suit Up for the Future Program

The LSBA, in partnership with the Louisiana Supreme Court, Just the Beginning and Louisiana law schools, will host the Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Intern Program from June 10-28 for high school students and recent graduates interested in pursuing careers in the legal profession. Job shadowing opportunities are set for June 17-21. Attorneys and firms in the greater New Orleans area interested in providing a job shadowing opportunity for one or more students should email diversity@lsba.org.

Online Application Portal Open for 2024 Suit Up Program

High school juniors, seniors and recent graduates interested in the legal profession can register now for participation in the 2024 Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Intern Program, scheduled for June 10-28. Access the online application portal at: <https://www.lsba.org/Diversity/SuitUpfortheFutureHome.aspx>.

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