

## **Loyola Black Law Student Association and Martinet hosted a Successful Networking Workshop and 1L Mixer in conjunction with the Martinet Officer Induction**

On October 1, 2009, the A.P. Tureaud Chapter of BLSA of Loyola University College of Law and the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. hosted a networking workshop and reception for approximately 40 law students as well as a reception for the induction of the new 2009-10 Martinet officers in the courtroom of the Hon. Ivan L.R. Lemelle.

Charles F. Seemann, III (senior counsel, Proskauer Rose, LLP) addressed the law students on the importance and benefits of networking and also provided networking tips on how to initiate and develop conversations with strangers as well as how to follow up on contacts made in law school and at functions. "Every time you leave the house is a networking opportunity," Seemann observed, sharing advice he received from his father as a young attorney. "Networking is not just a professional skill, it's a life skill, so learning how to master it is critically important to young professionals," he concluded.

Other judges and attorneys shared their personal experiences to highlight how networking benefited them professionally and personally. They also encouraged students to join the student divisions of local and national bar associations and to take advantage of mentoring and networking opportunities.

Near the conclusion of the workshop, Hon. Ivan L.R. Lemelle (U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana), Hon. Kern A. Reese (Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans), Hon. June B. Darensburg (24th Judicial District Court), and Hon. Ronald J. Sholes (Traffic Court, Parish of Orleans) installed the newly-elected officers of the Martinet Society:

President: Warren P. McKenna, III  
President Elect: Sharrolyn J. Miles  
Vice President: Gregory J. Lewis  
Treasurer: Halima N. Smith  
Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer M. Medley  
Recording Secretary: Kevin R. Mason.

A reception, attended by attorneys and judges, immediately followed to allow students to practice what they learned and congratulate the new Martinet officers.