

Focus on Diversity

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New signatories to LSBA Statement of Diversity Principles

More attorneys, law firms, businesses and organizations have added their signatures to the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Statement of Diversity Principles.

The LSBA's Committee on Diversity asks all Louisiana law firms, law departments and courts to execute the voluntary Statement of Diversity Principles. By executing the Statement, the leaders of a legal organization or court 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. They also agree to promote and participate in appropriate diversity awareness training programs as well as programs to measure their progress in the pursuit of the stated diversity principles.

To access the Statement online, go to: www.lsba.org/Diversity/DiversityPrinciples.aspx. Signed forms may be returned to Director of Member Outreach and Diversity Tricia R. Pierre by email at diversity@lsba.org, by fax (504)566-0930, or by mail at 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404.

Recent signatories include:

2014 Signatories

The Bradley Law Firm, P.L.L.C.
Capital One
Crest Industries, L.L.C.
Loyola University General Counsel
Turner Industries Corporate Counsel

2015 Signatories

Jules D. Edwards III
Evans & Clesi, P.L.C.
Louis J. Leo
Louisiana District Judges Association



Rolando R. Urbina, left, president of the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., accepted the Louisiana State Bar Association's Guardian of Diversity Award on behalf of the chapter. Presenting the award was Luis A. Leitzelar, co-chair of the LSBA's Diversity Committee. The award is given in recognition of the organization's efforts in implementing and advancing diversity programs to promote and support diversity in the legal community. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

LADB and Diversity Integration Subcommittee presenting more Diversity CLE seminars

In partnership with the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB), the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Diversity Committee's Diversity Integration Subcommittee is presenting two more one-hour diversity CLE seminars. Lynn Luker, a frequent presenter of LSBA diversity seminars, has gathered a team of LSBA facilitators to bring the seminar to more than 1,400 attorneys in five locations across Louisiana.

Registration is currently full for the Wednesday, July 22, session at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Lafayette. Members may log in at the website below to join the waiting list.

The final session is Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Parc England Hotel in Alexandria (online registration will open on Sept. 9).

Previous seminars were conducted in

Shreveport, Baton Rouge and Kenner.

For more information and registration, go to the LADB website: www.ladb.org.

Mark your calendars!

Check the LSBA's Diversity webpage for more information on the following events:

- ▶ **Thurs., Sept. 24, 2015 • CLE • Noon**
Three-Part Disability CLE Series:
"Introduction to Special Needs Planning"
- ▶ **Thurs., Oct. 8, 2015 • Reception & CLE**
FREE LGBT CLE & Reception -
Louisiana Bar Center • 2:30 p.m.
- ▶ **Thurs., Nov. 12, 2015**
New Admittee Reception
Louisiana Bar Center
- ▶ **Friday, March 4, 2016 • Baton Rouge**
Diversity Conclave



The Louisiana Judicial Council/National Bar Association conducted its 17th Annual Meeting earlier this year in Shreveport. The theme was “Back to the Future: Refocusing on Our Journey Toward Justice.” Among the judges attending the event were, seated from left, Judge (Ret.) Luke A. Laverne, chair-elect; Judge Arthur L. Hunter, Jr., Judge Desiree Cook-Calvin, Judge James E. Stewart, Sr., Judge Sheva M. Sims; Judge Madeline Jasmine, chair; Judge Tiffany Gautier Chase, Judge Karella R. Stewart and Judge Felicia T. Williams. Front row standing, from left, Judge E. Adrian Adams, Judge Lori A. Landry, Judge Ethel Simms Julien, Judge Regina H. Woods, Judge Pamela Taylor Johnson, Judge Ramona L. Emanuel, Judge Trudy M. White, Judge Yvette Mansfield Alexander, Judge Marc E. Johnson, Judge Terri F. Love, Judge Byron C. Williams, Judge Ramon Lafitte and Judge Sandra Cabrini Jenkins. Back row from left, Judge Tammy D. Lee, Judge Alisha Clark, Judge Ernestine L. Trahan, Judge Steven M. Jupiter, Judge Paula A. Brown, Judge Alonzo Harris, Judge Clare F. Jupiter, Judge (Ret.) Curtis A. Calloway, Judge Lee V. Faulkner, Jr., Judge Shonda D. Stone, Judge Alvin Batiste, Jr., Judge John M. Guidry, Judge Piper D. Griffin and Judge John D. Mosely.

Hebert to be recognized as SULC Alumni of the Year

Christopher B. Hebert, an assistant attorney general for Louisiana and a former president of the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., will be honored this month as the Southern University Law Center (SULC) 2015 Alumni of the Year.

He will be honored at the SULC Alumni Breakfast on July 22 in Los Angeles, CA, which is being held in conjunction with the 90th Annual National Bar Association Convention.

Hebert, a 2003 graduate of SULC, continues to be an active member of the Martinet Baton Rouge Chapter. He also serves as the Region V director of the National Bar Association. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Baton Rouge Bar Association, where he currently serves on the Membership Committee. 📱



2015 Suit Up for the Future class with Hon. Karen Wells Roby during a field trip to the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. Photo by LSBA staff.

17 students complete 2015 “Suit Up” Program

The 17 student interns, 11th, 12th graders and recent graduates from the greater New Orleans area, ended their participation in the 2015 Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program on July 10 by presenting oral arguments to a panel of judges.

The three-week program began June 15 and included abridged law school sessions, shadowing opportunities at local firms, courts and agencies, and field trips to courts and law schools. During their final week, the

students completed a legal memorandum to support their oral argument.

The Suit Up Program, a partnership with the Just the Beginning Foundation and the Louisiana Bar Foundation, is an award-winning Diversity Pipeline Program and a 2013 American Bar Association Partnership Program recipient.

Several attorneys, professors and law schools’ staff members volunteered for the program, teaching courses, talking to the students one-on-one or offering “shadowing” opportunities. 📱

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