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Louisiana Observes National Celebrate Pro Bono Week

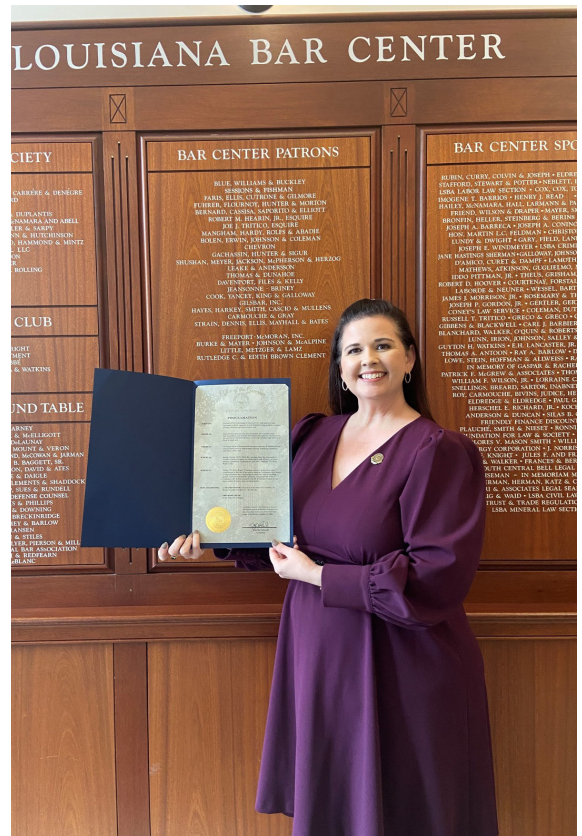
In recognition of National Celebrate Pro Bono Week (Oct. 23-28), the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) coordinated the annual Lawyers in Libraries Program where LSBA members and libraries across Louisiana come together to provide free, limited services to the public, in-person and virtually. Through this program, attorneys volunteered at in-person Ask-A-Lawyer events in various libraries throughout the state.

With the hopes of reaching those who were not able to make it to the library in person, the Lawyers in Libraries Program also featured two virtual events. The virtual Ask-a-Lawyer consultations, which match attorneys and patrons by phone, were a pandemic-era innovation that proved to be useful beyond the threat of the virus. The second online option was comprised of daily legal presentations livestreamed on Facebook by attorney volunteers, focusing on common legal issues such as tenants' rights, divorce and custody, estate planning, what to do post-motor vehicle accident, and Social Security disability law.

In addition to the Lawyers in Libraries events, the LSBA, along with Entergy and Phelps Dunbar, hosted a multi-state Free Legal Answers clinic. LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org is an online pro bono program developed and supported by the American Bar Association (ABA) and administered locally by the LSBA's Access to Justice Department. Users who qualify ask civil legal questions on the site and those questions are then answered by attorney volunteers. Entergy's attorneys in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas participated in the event.

As part of the Pro Bono Week initiative, the LSBA and the state's pro bono providers commemorated the week with CLE programs, volunteer recognition events, and clinics to help the public.

National Celebrate Pro Bono Week is an ABA initiative that connects pro bono providers and attorneys across the nation and showcases the incredible difference that pro bono lawyers make to the nation, to the system of justice, to communities, and to the clients they serve.



Louisiana State Bar Association President Shayna L. Sonnier with the proclamation from Gov. John Bel Edwards declaring it "Pro Bono Week in Louisiana."



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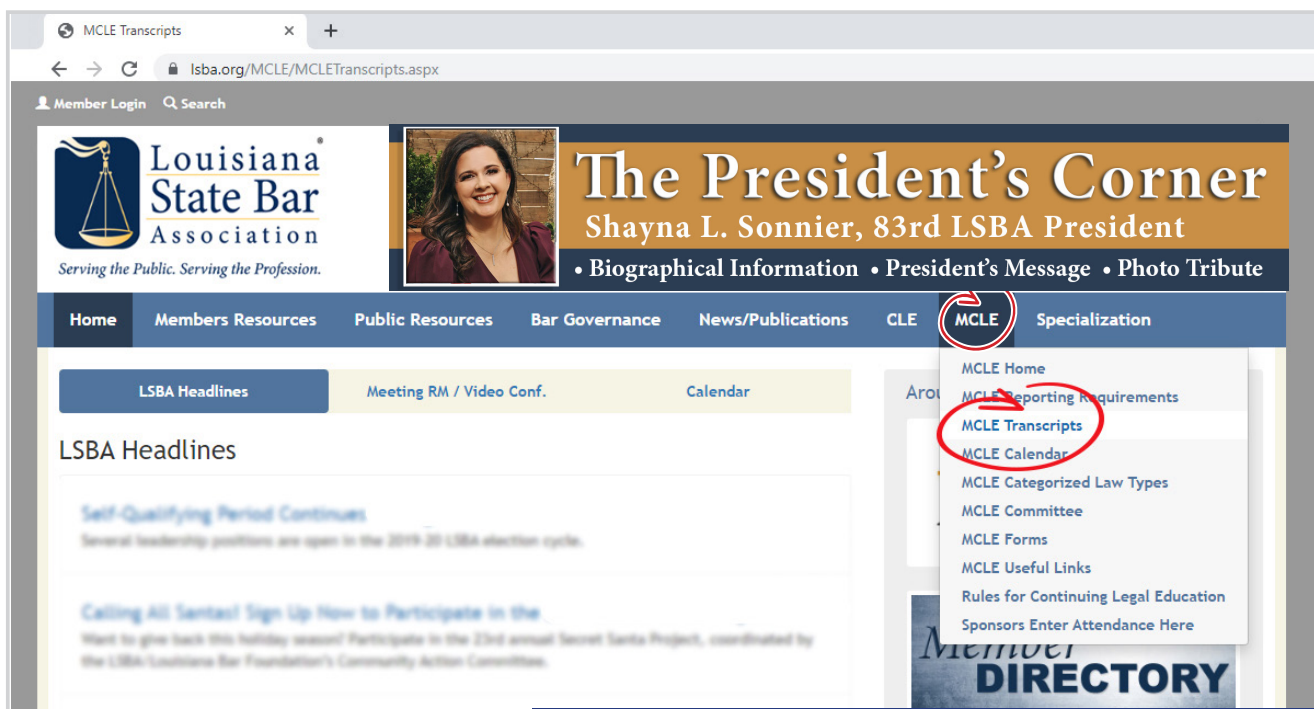
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- All credit hours must be completed by December 31, 2023.
- Attorneys newly admitted in 2022, see Rules for Continuing Legal Education 3(b).
- For the 2023 compliance period ending December 31, 2023, the limitation for computer-based CLE is set at 4 hours annually (as defined in Rule 3(d) of LASC Rule XXX). This includes interactive live webcasts, webinars, and on-demand recordings.
- All 2023 CLE hours and exemption forms must be reported by January 31, 2024.
- If you need CLE hours, visit the MCLE course calendar: www.lsba.org/MCLE/MCLECalendar.aspx