

# Focus on *Access to Justice*

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## Online nominations open for 2018 Pro Bono, Children's Law Awards

**N**ominations for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 2018 Pro Bono and Children's Law Awards are now being accepted online by the Access to Justice Committee. Nominations must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

Awards recognize outstanding achievement in several categories — Children's Law Award, Law Student Award, Friend of Pro Bono Award, Pro Bono Publico Award, Career Public Interest Award and the David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement

Award. Also, attorneys who have provided more than 100 hours of volunteer services are recognized with the LSBA Century Club Award. Award recipients will be honored at a May 22 reception hosted by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

For more information on the award categories and submission information, go to: <https://www.lsba.org/ProBono/ProBonoAwards.aspx>. Once there, log in as an LSBA member or guest. For assistance, email ATJ Administrative Assistant Nicole Louque at [nicole.louque@lsba.org](mailto:nicole.louque@lsba.org). 

## Join the New Modest Means Online Legal Directory!

**T**he Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Commission has created the Modest Means Online Legal Directory of attorneys for residents of Louisiana who do not qualify for free legal services but who still cannot afford an attorney on the open market.

This directory is designed to help Louisiana consumers obtain legal services at affordable rates by connecting people with attorneys who charge reduced rates based on client income, charge a flat fee, or charge less because they represent the client for just part of the case and not all of it.

The directory is open to all attorneys who are licensed to practice law in Louisiana and who are prepared to offer affordable legal services to people falling below the 400 percent Federal Poverty Line. New lawyers can join at any time.

To learn more about the program and/or to sign up, follow these steps:

▶ Go to: [www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx).

▶ Complete a one-hour, on-demand CLE on ethical considerations for representing clients with limited means (cost \$40).

▶ Take a brief survey.

▶ Fill out the Online Application Form.

Once an attorney is determined eligible, the attorney's name, contact information, practice areas and types of affordable legal services offered will be listed in the directory.

Now for a limited time, the first 50 attorneys who sign up can *complete the CLE at no cost*. Enter the Promo Code, *Access to Justice*, during checkout and the cost will be waived. Questions should be emailed to LSBA Access to Justice Training and Projects Counsel Amy Duncan at [amy.duncan@lsba.org](mailto:amy.duncan@lsba.org). 

## LIFT Incubator Program seeks two new attorneys in New Orleans

**T**he Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Department is accepting applications until Feb. 20 for the LIFT Incubator Project at the New Orleans Family Justice Center (NOFJC).

The LIFT project at the NOFJC is for new or transitioning attorneys starting their own solo, small firm or nonprofit practice focused on representing survivors of domestic violence. LIFT attorneys supplement and expand the legal services offered on-site at NOFJC. In addition to temporary restraining orders and protective orders, custody, child support and other family law-related services in Orleans Parish, LIFT attorneys may provide general civil legal representation outside of Orleans Parish for a variety of legal issues not served by other on-site attorneys.

During the 18-month program, attorneys selected to participate receive *subsidized office space, supplies and resources*. The office space is located in the Central

Business District, blocks from Orleans Parish Civil District Court. The attorneys also receive *training and mentorship* as they work alongside experienced Southeast Louisiana Legal Services legal practitioners. In exchange for the training and incubation of their practice, attorneys agree to provide pro bono representation to domestic violence victims.

The program is looking for two Louisiana licensed attorneys with zero-five years of practice experience who plan to develop or have begun to develop a solo or small law practice and who are committed to serving survivors of domestic violence. The application is available online: [www.lsba.org/LIFT/DomesticViolenceProject.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/LIFT/DomesticViolenceProject.aspx). Email completed applications in one .pdf file by Feb. 20 to Amy Duncan at [amy.duncan@lsba.org](mailto:amy.duncan@lsba.org).

To learn more about the LIFT program, go to: [www.lsba.org/LIFT](http://www.lsba.org/LIFT). 

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To volunteer contact Rachael Mills, ATJ Projects Counsel by emailing [rachael.mills@lsba.org](mailto:rachael.mills@lsba.org) or calling 504.619.0104.

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