

# Focus on *Access to Justice*

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## ATJ Developing Leadership Intern Program Begins 7th Year

The Access to Justice (ATJ) Developing Leadership Intern Program began its seventh year on May 16. The program places interns with non-profit legal organizations and district judges, while also inviting them to numerous Louisiana State Bar Association ATJ Department-related meetings to provide a bird's-eye view of Louisiana's civil legal aid network. The idea for this program was developed during an Access to Justice Summit where participants concluded that cultivating the next generation of access to justice leaders should not only be a priority but is necessary as sensible succession planning to ensure continued efforts within Louisiana's justice community.

This year's interns are working with the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation, the Justice and Accountability Center, Louisiana



The Access to Justice Developing Leadership Intern Program began its seventh year on May 16 with four interns. At the Louisiana Supreme Court on Orientation Day are interns, from left, Skylar Dean, sponsored by Energy Services, LLC; Ryan McNeil, sponsored by Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Anna Jones, sponsored by Irwin Fritchier Urquhart & Moore, LLC; and Annelise Ernst, sponsored by Phelps Dunbar, LLP.

Appleseed, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, the New Orleans Pro Bono Project and the Parole Project. In addition,

the interns will observe court with Judge Pamela J. Baker, East Baton Rouge Family Court; Judge Bernadette G. D'Souza, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; and Judge Timothy S. Marcel, 29th Judicial District Court.

In addition to their experiences with legal aid providers, interns are sponsored by law firms and organizations with a commitment to supporting access to justice in Louisiana. This year's sponsors include Energy Services, LLC; Irwin Fritchier Urquhart & Moore, LLC; Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and Phelps Dunbar, LLP.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program or wanting to become a sponsor for 2023 should contact Rachael Mills, (504)619-0104, email [rachael.mills@lsba.org](mailto:rachael.mills@lsba.org).

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# Applications Accepted by Aug. 1 for LIFT Rural Justice Legal Incubator Project

The Louisiana State Bar Association's LIFT (Legal Innovators for Tomorrow) Project has opened the application period for attorneys seeking to participate in the LIFT Rural Justice Legal Incubator Project. The application deadline is Monday, Aug. 1.

Louisiana licensed attorneys with zero-seven years of practice experience who are dedicated to establishing sustainable law practices that provide legal services to limited-income individuals and small businesses in rural, underserved communities are encouraged to apply.

For the 12-month project, participating

attorneys will work with experienced Acadiana Legal Service Corp. (ALSC) lawyers to increase access to legal representation to low- and moderate-income families. During the program, attorneys receive free access to case management software and legal research programs, CLE training, mentorship, and the opportunity to co-counsel on cases with ALSC lawyers. In exchange for the training and incubation of their practice, attorneys agree to provide pro bono representation, for which they will receive \$30-\$50 per hour from the ALSC, based on the case type and hours provided.

The parishes the program seeks to serve

include Avoyelles, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East and West Carroll, Franklin, Grant, LaSalle, Madison, Richland, Sabine, Tensas, Union and Vernon. Cases may include successions, family law, advanced directives, bankruptcy, Social Security/disability, Child in Need of Care (CINC), housing and consumer issues.

To provide details about the program, a live, informational webinar has been scheduled, beginning at noon on Friday, July 22. To register for the webinar and to access the application online, go to: [www.lsba.org/LIFT/RuralJusticeIncubatorProject.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/LIFT/RuralJusticeIncubatorProject.aspx). 📺

## Report Your Pro Bono Hours with the Voluntary Pro Bono Reporting Form

When seeking funding, pro bono and civil legal aid organizations are frequently asked, "What are attorneys doing to help?" Report your hours and double your impact by giving them information to answer the question. Complete the online "Voluntary Pro Bono Reporting Form" at: [www.lsba.org/ATJ/ProBonoVoluntaryReporting.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/ATJ/ProBonoVoluntaryReporting.aspx). Or contact Jordan Maier at (800)421-5722, ext. 145. 📺

## "20 in 2022" Pro Bono Campaign Underway

Attorneys are encouraged to pledge and provide at least 20 hours of pro bono work in 2022 as part of the pro bono campaign sponsored by Louisiana pro bono organizations and the LSBA's Access to Justice Commission. Register with [www.probono.net/la](http://www.probono.net/la) for valuable pro bono resources. Find a list of statewide pro bono programs at: [www.lsba.org/documents/ATJ/ProBonoOpportunities2.pdf](http://www.lsba.org/documents/ATJ/ProBonoOpportunities2.pdf). 📺



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