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Three attorneys participating in LIFT Flood Proof Project

Three attorneys/Fellows are participating in the new Legal Innovators for Tomorrow (LIFT) collaborative incubator program in Baton Rouge, called the Flood Proof Project.

To meet the continued demand for heirship and property title work by disaster survivors in the Greater Baton Rouge area, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS), Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (LSU), Southern University Law Center (SULC), the American Bar Association Center for Innovation (ABA) and the Louisiana State



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for disaster-related legal services. The program is designed to help attorneys develop their practices in a supported and collaborative environment.

Selected for the inaugural class of the 2019-20 LIFT

Bar Association's LIFT incubator program have partnered to offer new attorneys the opportunity to develop and grow their own solo practices that address the need

Flood Proof Project are attorneys Tiffany E. Monroe, Cherita R. McNeal and Cory A. Alford.

Monroe is a 2018 graduate of Southern University Law Center and is opening a solo law firm focusing on successions, wills, estate planning, intellectual property and tax law. A former engineer, she pursued the legal profession as a second career with the strategic goal of increasing access to affordable legal services.

McNeal and Alford are 2013 and 2015 graduates, respectively, of Southern University Law Center and plan to open a small law firm focused on estate planning, real estate, business and tax law. Both have dedicated their professional legal careers to public interest working with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse.

During the 18-month project, attorneys receive a \$10,000 stipend, free access to case management software and legal research programs, training, mentorship and court shadowing opportunities.

"Nearly three years after the catastrophic flooding in Baton Rouge, we continue to open new cases and provide solutions to help vulnerable survivors with emergency legal needs, long-term recovery and disaster resiliency. SLLS is excited to work on our second legal incubator project with the LSBA, and now with SULC, LSU and the ABA, to help new attorneys develop sustainable solo and small law firms that will increase disaster resiliency in Baton Rouge and eventually statewide," said SLLS Project Director Laura Tuggle. ■



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The Modest Means Online Legal Directory connects attorneys offering affordable legal services with moderate-income families who do not qualify for free legal aid, yet can afford to pay for legal services at a reduced rate.

The Directory is open to all active Louisiana attorneys in good standing who offer reduced-fee legal services to people falling at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Line. Many attorneys already offer reduced fees by way of a sliding scale based on the client's income, flat fees, or limited scope representation.

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Southeast Louisiana Legal Service's Northshore Pro Bono Project celebrates 10 years

The Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) Northshore Pro Bono Project celebrated its 10th anniversary on Feb. 22 in Covington.

The event recognized the efforts of pro bono attorneys who stand up for equal access to justice. Each year, these dedicated attorneys donate more than \$150,000 worth of legal services to help low-income families and vulnerable people overcome legal hurdles. They protect domestic violence survivors from abuse, help veterans access the resources they need, break down legal barriers to employment, and more.

To honor their achievements, Covington Mayor Mike Cooper proclaimed Feb. 22, 2019, as "SLLS Northshore Pro Bono Day."

During the event, the SLLS honored the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Northshore Community Partnership Panel for its ongoing commitment to increasing access to justice with the "SLLS Northshore Pro Bono Project Founder's Award." The event's speakers included Louisiana State Sen. Beth S. Mizell and several judges from the 22nd Judicial District Court.

SLLS is a nonprofit agency that provides free civil legal aid to low-income people in the 22 parishes in southeast Louisiana. To learn more about SLLS or its pro bono opportunities, visit its website, www.slls.org.



(Left) Southeast Louisiana Legal Services honored the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Northshore Community Partnership Panel for its ongoing commitment to increasing access to justice with the "SLLS Northshore Pro Bono Project Founder's Award." Panel member Patricia R. Bonneau, left, accepted the award on behalf of the panel. 22nd JDC Judge Dawn Amacker presented the award.

(Above) Louisiana State Sen. Beth S. Mizell was a guest speaker for the Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Northshore Pro Bono Project's 10th anniversary event.



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The Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) Northshore Pro Bono Project celebrated its 10th anniversary on Feb. 22. Attending the event were, from row from left, 22nd JDC Judge Dawn Amacker; Paula M. Charles, SLLS managing attorney; Laura Tuggle, SLLS executive director; 1st Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Allison H. Penzato; Roxanne S. Newman, SLLS deputy director; and Elena M. Perez, SLLS managing attorney of pro bono program. Back row from left, Brandt M. Lorio, SLLS board member; Mark C. Surprenant, SLLS board president; Louisiana State Sen. Beth S. Mizell; Covington Mayor Mike Cooper; Kathryn Mitchell, SLLS; and Patricia R. Bonneau, Northshore Community Partnership Panel member.