

Focus on *Access to Justice*

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LIFT seeking two attorneys for Flood Proof Project; deadline extended to March 10

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) legal incubator program LIFT (Legal Innovators for Tomorrow) is accepting applications for its Flood Proof Project in Baton Rouge. The extended response deadline is March 10.

To meet the continued demand for heirship and property title work by disaster survivors, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Southern University Law Center, the American Bar Association's Center for Innovation and the LSBA's LIFT incubator have partnered to offer two attorneys the opportunity to develop and grow their solo practices by offering disaster-related legal services.

Through supporting new solo attorneys in building sustainable practices in a collaborative environment, the purpose of the Project is to increase access to civil legal help for low-income disaster victims in and around the Greater Baton Rouge area, specifically to resolve heir property issues and home ownership disputes.

During the 18-month project, attorneys



Current participants and graduates of the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) LIFT (Legal Innovators for Tomorrow) incubator program, along with representatives of program partners, gathered for a group photo, pre-COVID. Front row from left, Virginia D.B. Listach, Southern University; Elena M. Perez, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services; LIFT participant Tiffany E. Monroe; Amy E. Duncan, LSBA Access to Justice training and projects counsel; LIFT participant Shawn D. (Pepper) Roussel; and LIFT participant LaKendra D. Sampson. Back row from left, Christopher P. Pierce, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services; LIFT participant Cory A. Alford; LIFT participant Cherita R. McNeal; and Luz M. Molina, Loyola University College of Law.

receive a \$10,000 stipend, free access to case management software and legal research programs, training, mentorship and hands-on practice experience.

Louisiana licensed attorneys with zero-five years' practice experience who plan to develop or have begun to develop a sustainable solo law practice providing free

and cost-effective legal solutions to disaster survivors are encouraged to apply by March 10. The program is looking for two attorneys.

To learn more about the program and the application process, email Amy E. Duncan at amy.duncan@lsba.org. The application and information about the project is available online at: www.lsba.org/lift. 

“Louisiana’s Pro Bono Network and You” CLE offered at YLD seminar in January

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Department presented a CLE, “Louisiana’s Pro Bono Network and You,” to more than 200 members of the LSBA’s Young Lawyers Division (YLD). The Jan. 22 CLE was part of the YLD’s Professional Development Seminar conducted during the LSBA’s Midyear Meeting.

Presenting the CLE program were Brett D. Sandifer, general counsel for the Carpenter Health Network, and Rachael

M. Mills, projects counsel for the LSBA’s Access to Justice Department.

The CLE focused on numerous ways attorneys can volunteer their time and legal talent for pro bono assistance. Pro bono volunteers are an essential element to Louisiana’s civil legal aid network, providing a necessary layer of representation for Louisiana’s most vulnerable populations. Through the various pro bono programs across the state, pro bono attorneys assist victims of domestic violence, the elderly exposed to financial fraud, veterans and

others facing eviction or foreclosure, and many others in often life-altering civil matters.

To remain socially distant during the COVID-19 pandemic, attorneys may volunteer remotely by returning calls for the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation’s COVID hotline or answering questions online through LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org.

For more information on Louisiana’s pro bono network or to get involved, contact Rachael M. Mills at (504)619-0104, email rachael.mills@lsba.org. 

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LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org



A FREE ONLINE
FORUM FOR CIVIL
LEGAL QUESTIONS

Although, we have all been asked to stay home to slow the spread of COVID-19, you can still help those in need with their legal issues. *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* offers a quick, easy way to help low-income, elderly and those affected by COVID-19 during these difficult times.

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org allows volunteers to:

- Log in whenever/wherever
- Choose the question you answer and respond anonymously
- Receive training and access to resources
- Be covered by malpractice insurance

To volunteer, contact Rachael Mills, ATJ Projects Counsel, by emailing rachael.mills@lsba.org or calling 504.619.0104.

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