

# Focus on *Access to Justice*

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## LSBA, Law Library provide information at Library Association Conference

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Department joined the Law Library of Louisiana to staff an information table and provide training as an initiative of the Legal Education Assistance Program (LEAP) during this year's Louisiana Library Association Conference March 14-16 in Baton Rouge. Librarians from across the state attended the conference for training and networking.

The LSBA and the Law Library provided information about Louisiana's civil legal aid network, particularly Louisiana's two legal service providers — Acadiana Legal Service Corp. and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services — as well as the legal resources available to libraries through the Law Library of Louisiana and the LSBA's Access to Justice Program.

This year's training was titled "Legal Information Resources for Self-Represented Litigants: LEAP is Here to Help!" Miriam D. Childs and Sara V. Pic from the Law Library of Louisiana provided practical information and best practices for public librarians when faced with legal questions, often from self-represented litigants.

Joanna S. Laidler and Rachael M. Mills with the LSBA's Access to Justice Department detailed the LSBA initiatives that provide additional legal resources to the public — the LSBA's Find Legal Help webpage, [LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org](http://LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org) and the Online Modest Means Directory.



The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice Department joined the Law Library of Louisiana to staff an information table at the Louisiana Library Association Conference in March. From left, Mathew K. Woessner, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services; Rachael M. Mills and Joanna S. Laidler, both with the LSBA's Access to Justice Department; and Miriam D. Childs and Sara V. Pic, both with the Law Library of Louisiana.

## LSBA committees offer special education training to LSU law students

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Children's Law Committee and the Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee provided Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center students with special education training on March 27.

Ariel R. Test, with the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, and Rebecca E. May-Ricks and Kellie J. Johnson, both with the Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Center, provided a two-hour presentation on various aspects of special education, including school discipline, special education law and surrogate parents. The

dynamic presentation included an interactive component, with students encouraged to ask questions.

The successful training was hosted in partnership with the LSU Juvenile Defense Clinic supervised by faculty staff member Madalyn K. Wasileczuk.

The committees hope to partner with other universities this year to provide additional training opportunities for law students.

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