Limited Scope Representation Offers Expanded Opportunities for Attorneys, Clients

The Access to Justice Commission's Modest Means Committee hosted Limited Scope, Unlimited Potential: Rethinking How You Deliver Legal Services at Southern University Law Center on August 5, 2026. The hybrid CLE provided Louisiana attorneys with practical guidance on incorporating limited scope representation (LSR) into their practices as a sustainable business model while expanding access to justice.

The program featured a variety of perspectives on implementing LSR. Professor Virginia D. B. Listach and members of the Modest Means Committee shared their experiences successfully integrating LSR services into their practices. Austin H. Benton demonstrated technology and practice-management tools that can help attorneys deliver LSR services more efficiently and effectively. Judge Erika L. Green, Judge Cynthia Clay Guillory and Judge Patrice W. (Patti) Oppenheim offered valuable insight into how limited scope representation is viewed and implemented from the bench, while Eric K. Barefield discussed the ethical considerations and potential pitfalls attorneys should consider when offering LSR services.

Approximately 150 attorneys attended the program, reflecting a strong interest in innovative service models that help attorneys better serve clients while increasing access to legal services for moderate-income Louisianans.

Attorneys interested in expanding their practices by offering LSR services are encouraged to join the Modest Means Directory, which can connect participating attorneys with clients seeking affordable legal services while helping expand access to justice across Louisiana. You can learn more or join the Modest Means Directory here: *www.lsba.org/Public/FindLegalHelp/ModestMeans.aspx*.



Amy E. Duncan, ATJ Director; Hon. Cynthia Clay Guillory, 14th JDC; Hon. Erika L. Green, Family Court for East Baton Rouge Parish; Prof. Virginia D. B. Listach, Southern University Law Center





(above): Gwendolyn M. Collins-Greenup; Alexandra Camille Patti; and Prof. Virginia D. B. Listach, Southern University Law Center.

(left): Chancellor Alvin R. Washington, Southern University Law Center.

(right): Edward J. Walters, Jr., LSBA Immediate Past President; Walters, Thomas, Cullens, LLC.



Attorney Volunteers Needed for 2026 Lawyers in Libraries Events; Sign-up Deadline Sept. 25

For the past 13 years, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Library Association, the State Library of Louisiana, the Law Library of Louisiana and local libraries have hosted "Lawyers in Libraries" events during National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. Several Lawyers in Libraries events are set for the week of Oct. 26-31, 2026 in conjunction with National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 25.

During this week, LSBA members and libraries across Louisiana came together to provide free, limited services to the public in-person and virtually. There are a variety of ways attorneys can get involved to give back to their community.

Meet library patrons in person or by phone for brief legal consultations, sign up as an on-call backup volunteer or assist at a wills clinic (happening in limited areas). Prefer a virtual format? Present a monthly Zoom webinar on a legal topic of your choice. Most sessions are scheduled in convenient two-hour time slots.

Individual events are scheduled based on attorney preference and library availability.

Virtual event volunteers are also needed so when filling out the form, make sure to select "Virtual Calendar" from the drop-down menu.

Visit *www.lsba.org/LouisianaLawyersinLibraries* for information on this year's events. To volunteer for the program, go to: *https://lil.ivolunteer.com/2026*. For more information, review the Lawyers in Libraries guide online at: *www.lsba.org/documents/ATJ/LilGuideforAttorneys.pdf*.

