

LOUISIANA JUSTICE COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

Thursday, October 10th and Friday, October 11th, 2019
Crowne Plaza Executive Center, 4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Justice for All

Welcome to the 16th annual Louisiana Justice Community Conference. The LSBA is proud to offer this event free to Louisiana civil legal aid attorneys. This is a time to focus on supporting access to justice through training, networking, and collaborations. We are excited to announce this year's theme as *Justice for All* as the Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice Commission undertakes a new project, housed by the National Center for State Courts, focused on how we can work together to create a continuum of meaningful services to ensure effective assistance for Louisianans with critical civil legal needs. We are also excited to recognize the outstanding work of our public interest peers at the fourth annual civil legal aid awards ceremony. Through your continued work and effort, the access to justice community will make justice for all, regardless of their economic circumstance, a reality.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019 (4 credit hours)

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| 9:00 – 10:00 am | Statewide Website Stakeholders' Meeting – Exec. Boardroom 1 By Invitation |
| 10:00 – 11:00 am (1.0 CLE) | PRIME PBI Portal Pre-Conference Training – Cypress 2 <i>Elena M. Perez, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:15 pm | Conference Registration and Networking Lunch – Premier 3 |
| 12:15 – 12:30 pm | Welcome Remarks – Premier 3 <i>Valerie T. Schexnayder, Louisiana State Bar Association</i> <i>Amanda W. Barnett, Louisiana Bar Foundation</i> |
| 12:30 – 12:45 pm | Keynote Address – Judy Perry Martinez, American Bar Association |
| 12:45 – 1:45 pm (1.0 Prof.) | <u>Professionalism*</u> A2J Innovations – Premier 3 <i>Joyce Raby, Florida Justice Technology Center</i> Founding Executive Director Joyce Raby of FJTC, a statewide access to justice technology organization in Florida, will discuss regulatory modifications and innovative models around the country that increase access to justice. |
| 1:55 – 2:55 pm (1.0 CLE) | <u>Substantive Law Track: Recent Developments in Paternity and Filiation – Premier 3</u> <i>Benjamin J. Brown, Acadiana Legal Service Corp.</i> This session will be an update on the law and jurisprudence regarding paternity and filiation. Strategies on how to best advocate for your client under the recent developments will be included in this presentation. |
| | <u>Effective Advocacy: Public Benefits Law for All Attorneys – Cypress 2</u> <i>Jennifer A. Webre and McKayla M. Smith, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services</i> Learn what to look for when working with veterans and clients who might qualify for public benefit programs in this session designed for both experienced public benefits law attorneys and those working in other practice areas. |
| 2:55 – 3:10 pm | BREAK |

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019 (cont.)

3:10 – 4:10 pm
(1.0 CLE)

Effective Advocacy: Disaster Response and Preparedness – Premier 3

Aron Chang, Tulane University

Leila T. Darwish, New Orleans Office of Homeland Sec. & Emergency Preparedness

Laura Tuggle, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

Expert presenters in this session will provide a broad perspective of disaster response and preparedness starting from an environmental landscape viewpoint of weather and climate to emergency response, management, and the arc of legal needs after a disaster strikes.

Student Debt Relief & Public Service Loan Forgiveness – Cypress 2

Donna C. Cuneo, Louisiana Bar Foundation

Amanda J. Golob and Anthony Sartorio, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

Interested in knowing more about the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program and whether your loans are eligible? Presenters in this session will discuss PSLF and programs that can assist you in paying back your student loans.

4:20 – 5:20 pm
(1.0 CLE)

LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency – Premier 3

Tyler Clemons, Southern Poverty Law Center

Nicholas J. Hite, Hite Law Group

In this session attendees will learn how to competently serve the LGBTQ+ population including appropriate and respectful terminology, disparities experienced by the LGBTQ+ community, and critical considerations for legal representation. The presenters will also discuss topics and recent developments in impact litigation.

Substantive Law Track: Elder Law Basics and Issue-Spotting – Cypress 2

Linda S. Melancon and Betty A. Raglin, Legacy Estate and Elder Law of Louisiana
Jane A. Thomas (moderator), Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

The Elder Law Task Force presents a primer on elder law issues using hypotheticals. This session will cover long-term care planning, Medicaid, Veteran's Benefits, Donations, Power of Attorney, and Testaments.

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Statewide Substantive Law Task Force Meetings – Premier 3

CINC,* Elder Law,** Family Law, Housing & Consumer and Public Benefits

*CINC will meet in Cypress 1

**Elder Law Task Force will meet in the Exec. Boardroom

Members of the various Statewide Substantive Law Task Forces will meet in-person at the conference to discuss relevant issues and appoint Task Force leadership for the coming year.

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Cocktail and Hors d'oeuvres Reception

Join us for a networking and celebration event at Juban's, hosted by the LSBA.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019 (5 credit hours available)

8:00 – 8:45 am **Buffet Breakfast – Premier 3**

8:55 – 9:55 am
(1.0 CLE)

Effective Advocacy: Discovery Tactics in Custody Cases – Premier 3

Hannah R. Groedel and Jessica M. Wood, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
Learn how to win your custody case as members of the Family Law Task Force present strategies and discovery tactics for new and experienced family law attorneys.

Substantive Law Track: Litigation Strategies for Combatting Uninhabitable Housing Conditions – Cypress 2

Hannah D. Adams and Alexis Erkert, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
DeVonn Jarrett, Jarrett Law Group

Learn relevant laws and litigation strategies in this session for combatting uninhabitable rental housing conditions including contract and unfair trade practices claims against landlords who fail to comply with state law and tort claims in toxic mold cases. Also, learn how fee-shifting and contingency options can fund this important area of litigation.

10:05 – 11:05 am
(1.0 CLE)

Effective Advocacy: A Deeper Understanding ~ Children as Witnesses – Premier 3

Hon. Ernestine S. Gray, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
Franchesca L. Hamilton- Acker, Acadiana Legal Service Corp.
Rebecca Henderson, Mental Health Advocacy Services

This session will provide techniques and a multi-perspective view of ways to work with children as witnesses. Relevant law, relationship building techniques, and effective interviewing skills are some of the many topics you will learn about by attending this session.

Innovative Programming: Legal Aid and Successful Reentry – Cypress 2

Stephanie M. Beaugh, Louisiana Appleseed
Alexis Erkert, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
Harrece C. Gassery, Orleans Public Defenders' Office
Sarah Whittington (moderator), Justice and Accountability Center

Louisiana is leading the way in innovative program models that address the critical civil legal needs of people formerly incarcerated. Addressing these needs can be a deciding factor in recidivism and public safety. Learn about these collaborative programs and ways you can reduce barriers to reentry.

10:05 – Noon

LIFT Networking Event – Exec. Boardroom 1

By invitation

LIFT Fellows in the Flood Proof Project will be joined by graduate of the LIFT program DeVonn Jarrett to talk about best practices for starting a public interest solo practice focused on increasing access to legal representation to those who would not otherwise be able to obtain services.

11:15 – 12:15 pm
(1.0 CLE)

Effective Advocacy: Mental Health & Assisted Out-Patient Treatment Courts Premier 3

Hon. Kern A. Reese, Orleans Civil District Court
William "Chuck" Credo, III, Louisiana State Coroner's Association
Kerry K. Lentini, Louisiana Supreme Court

In 2009, Nicola's Law was enacted after police officer Nicola Cotton was killed by a person suffering from serious mental illness (SMI) and history of violence. The law allows doctors and families to bring people with SMI into civil court through an Assisted Out-Patient (AOT) treatment program. This session will provide more information about the law and AOT Courts in Louisiana.

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11:15 – 12:15 pm
(1.0 CLE)

Substantive Law Track: Identifying Legal Issues across Practice Areas – Cypress 2

Rebecca Holmes, Advocacy Center

Paula M. Charles and Maureen W. Morrow, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

Join this highly interactive training to learn what to look for in various substantive legal areas during client screenings and consultations. Presenters will use hypotheticals to help you identify legal issues in family, housing, disability, public benefits, consumer, and much more.

12:15 – 1:00 pm

LUNCH – Legal Service Awards Presentation with Luz Molina – Premier 3

Join us to recognize Legal Excellence in Advocacy Award Winner Jonathan and Legal Service in Innovation Award Winner, the Re-Entry Legal Clinic.

1:00 – 2:00 pm
(1.0 CLE)

Plenary Session* Transforming Access to Justice – Premier 3

Amanda L. Brown, Lagniappe Law Lab

Rachael M. Mills, Louisiana State Bar Association

Luz M. Molina, Loyola University College of Law

Joyce Raby, Florida Justice Technology Center

This session brings together state and national legal community members that are reimagining the way we measure and address the growing Justice Gap. It will explore how we identify legal needs, the spectrum of services and tools that are shaping the future of civil legal aid, and the multidisciplinary techniques that technologists are using to advance Access to Justice.

2:05 – 3:05 pm
(1.0 Ethics)

Ethics & the #MeToo Movement ~ Times They Are A Changin’ – Premier 3

Katie E. Lasky, Lasky Murphy

In 2018, the Louisiana Legislature enacted what is known as Louisiana’s #METOO law, the state’s first government-wide policy against sexual harassment. In this session, presenter Katie Lasky discusses the effect of this law on the legal profession as it relates to Louisiana’s Model Rule 8.4. Katie will also discuss key findings from a study on racial and gender biases in the landscape of nonprofit organizations.

3:05 – 3:15 pm

CLOSING REMARKS – Premier 3

Total Available CLE Credits: 9.0 hours (including one ethics and one professionalism)

*Thank you to the Louisiana Bar Foundation for providing funding support for the professionalism and plenary sessions.