

# Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

*Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2025-26 Bar year. Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Edward J. Walters, Jr. will make all committee appointments. Widespread participation is encouraged in all Bar programs and activities. Appointments to committees are not guaranteed, but every effort will be made to accommodate members' interests. When making selections, members should consider the time commitment associated with committee assignments and their availability to participate. Also, members are asked to list experience relevant to service on the chosen committees. The deadline for committee assignment requests is Wednesday, April 9. The current committees are listed below.*

## **Access to Justice Committee**

The committee works to ensure that every Louisiana citizen has access to competent civil legal representation by promoting and supporting a broad-based and effective justice community through collaboration between the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana law schools, private practitioners, local bar associations, pro bono programs and legal aid providers.

## **Bar Governance Committee**

The committee ensures effective and equitable governance of the association by conducting an ongoing evaluation of relevant procedures and making recommendations to the House of Delegates regarding warranted amendments to the association's Articles of Incorporation and/or Bylaws.

## **Children's Law Committee**

The committee provides a forum for attorneys and judges working with children to promote improvements and changes in the legal system to benefit children, parents and the professionals who serve these families.

## **Client Assistance Fund Committee**

The committee protects the public and maintains the integrity of the legal profession by reimbursing, to the extent deemed appropriate, losses caused by the dishonest conduct of any licensed Louisiana lawyer practicing in the state.

## **Continuing Legal Education Program Committee**

The committee fulfills the Louisiana Supreme Court mandate of making quality and diverse continuing legal education opportunities available at an affordable price to LSBA members.

## **Criminal Justice Committee**

The committee recognizes and addresses issues affecting the Louisiana criminal justice system, provides a forum for discussion, and works with stakeholders to develop programs and solutions for fair and effective administration of justice.

## **Diversity Committee**

The committee assesses the level of racial, ethnic, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana, identifies barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds, and proposes programs and methods to effectively remove barriers and achieve greater diversity.

## **Ethics Advisory Service Committee**

The committee encourages ethical lawyer conduct by supporting the LSBA's Ethics Counsel in his/her provision of informal, non-binding ethics opinions to members of the Bar.

## **Insurance Committee**

The committee ensures the long-term stability of all Bar-endorsed insurance plans, balancing the most favorable rates, coverage and service for Louisiana lawyers by overseeing the relationship between the Louisiana State Bar Association, its carrier and its third-party administrator. The committee is charged with management of the professional liability, life, disability and other group plans offered to members of the Louisiana State Bar Association. The committee is comprised of a chair and up to 18 additional members.

## **Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee**

The committee provides members of the bench, Bar and general public with a greater understanding of the legal needs and rights of persons with disabilities, and helps persons with disabilities meet their legal needs and understand their rights and resources.

## **Medical/Legal Interprofessional Committee**

The committee works with the joint committee of the Louisiana State Medical Society to promote collegiality between members of the legal and medical professions by receiving and making recommendations on complaints relative to physician/lawyer relationships and/or problems.

## **Outreach Committee**

The committee develops and implements sustained outreach to local and specialty bars throughout the state and increases awareness of the member services and benefits provided by the LSBA. The committee encourages member participation in all aspects of the LSBA and facilitates participation through the use of technology and other feasible alternatives.

## **Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee**

The committee serves the Bar and the public in furtherance of the association's goals of prevention and correction of lawyer misconduct and assistance to victims of lawyer misconduct by evaluating, developing and providing effective alternatives to discipline programs for minor offenses, educational and practice assistance programs, and programs to resolve minor complaints and lawyer/client disputes.

## Committee on the Profession

The committee encourages lawyers to exercise the highest standards of integrity, ethics and professionalism in their conduct; examines systemic issues in the legal system arising out of the lawyer's relationship and duties to his/her clients, other lawyers, the courts, the judicial system and the public good; provides the impetus and means to positively impact those relationships and duties; improves access to the legal system; and improves the quality of life and work/life balance for lawyers.

## Rules of Professional Conduct Committee

The committee monitors and evaluates developments in legal ethics and, when appropriate, recommends changes to the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct; acts as liaison to the Louisiana Supreme Court on matters concerning the Rules of Professional Conduct; reviews issues of legal ethics and makes recommendations to the LSBA House of Delegates regarding modifications to the existing ethical rules; oversees the work of the Ethics Advisory Service and its Advertising Committee, Publications Subcommittee and other subcommittees; and promotes the highest professional standards of ethics in the practice of law.

## Transitioning Lawyers Committee

The committee safeguards the public by educating members of the legal profession about age-related disabilities. The committee also helps attorneys suffering from impairments that prevent them from practicing law competently to transition out of the practice of law with dignity.

## Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

The committee protects the public from incompetent or fraudulent activities by those who are unauthorized to practice law or who are otherwise misleading those in need of legal services.

# Louisiana State Bar Association 2025-26 Committee Preference Form

*Indicate below your committee preference(s). If you are interested in more than one committee, list in 1-2-3 preference order. On this form or on a separate sheet, list experience relevant to service on your chosen committee(s).*

### Print or Type

- ☐ Access to Justice
- ☐ Bar Governance
- ☐ Children's Law
- ☐ Client Assistance Fund
- ☐ Continuing Legal Education Program
- ☐ Criminal Justice
- ☐ Diversity
- ☐ Ethics Advisory Service
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities
- ☐ Medical/Legal Interprofessional
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Practice Assistance and Improvement
- ☐ Committee on the Profession
- ☐ Rules of Professional Conduct
- ☐ Transitioning Lawyers
- ☐ Unauthorized Practice of Law

**Response Deadline: April 9, 2025**

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List (on separate sheet) experience relevant to service on the chosen committee(s).