

Focus on Diversity

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Seventeen students completed the 2014 “Suit Up for the Future” High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program, a partnership of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Just the Beginning Foundation and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. From June 9-27, the students attended an abridged law school session, participated in an internship consisting of shadowing at area law firms and courts, and attended field trips to federal and state courts, law schools and museums. On the final day, the students presented oral arguments to a panel of federal and state judges on a mock problem related to a venue issue. Each student also prepared a legal memorandum in support of his/her position. *Photo by Barbara D. Baldwin.*

Minority Involvement Section’s Professional Development Symposium set for Aug. 16

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Minority Involvement Section’s Professional Development Symposium, “Preparing Practice-Ready Attorneys,” is set for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge. (This 26th event, previously organized as the Minority Job Fair, was redesigned to increase focus on professional development of the students, rather than job placement.)

Employers have the option of participating in mock interview sessions and/or manning information tables and résumé review tables. The interviewing and information table sessions will begin at 10 a.m. Employers also have the option of receiving

links to résumé books of participating law students.

Employers should confirm their participation by July 18, indicating whether they will conduct mock interviews, receive résumés or man tables. Register online at: <https://law-sulc-csm.symphlicity.com/employers>. After logging in, employers should update their profiles, then click on the link OCI to participate in the symposium.

The symposium is focused on preparing practice-ready attorneys and will introduce students and recent graduates from the state’s four law schools to recruiters from law firms, governmental agencies, corporate legal departments, judges and solo practitioners.

Students will have the opportunity

to attend three different panels on Solo/Small Practice Work; Alternative Careers; and Navigating the Current Job Market.

The fair includes a free networking workshop and breakfast from 8-8:45 a.m.

For more information on the event, go to: <http://files.lsba.org/documents/News/LSBANews/2014MISSymposiumInfo.pdf>. Or email Minority Involvement Section Chair Demarcus J. Gordon at demarcus.gordon@kellyhart.com.

To RSVP for the networking breakfast or to inquire about event sponsorship, contact LSBA Program Coordinator Christine A. Richard, (800)421-5722, ext. 105, (504)619-0105, or email crichard@lsba.org.