

19 Student Interns Complete 2016 "Suit Up" Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program had another successful year with 19 student interns completing the program. The three-week program (June 13-July 1) included abridged law school sessions; shadowing opportunities at law firms, courts and agencies; and field trips to courts and law schools.

During the final week, the students prepared written memorandum to support their oral argument that was presented on the last day of the program to a panel of judges in a courtroom.

The Suit Up Program, a partnership with the LSBA, the Just the Beginning Foundation, the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Louisiana law schools, is an award-winning Diversity Pipeline Program and a 2013 American Bar Association Partnership Program recipient.

The Suit Up Program is successful because of the dedicated volunteers, including:

- ▶ the LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs



The 19 student interns participating in the 2016 Suit Up Program were, seated from left, Jerrica D. Fleming, Deja S. Hansell, Gabriella N. Ayala, Caroline M. Bland, Fatima A. Rahman, Gabriela T. Guzman, Olymar Ocegueda and Bailey M. Chauvin. Standing from left, Asia J. Hentkowski, Kenedi A. Reed, Ashley A. Berry, Dillon A. Peters, Gary C. Peters, Tamunobelega A. Derefaka, Daryl A. Naquin, Erron M. Thomas, Emma Chiao, Shaela S. Phillips and Zora D. Robinson.

Scherri Neewana Guidry and Kandace Runita Hamilton.

- ▶ Professor Mary G. Algero, Loyola University College of Law; Professors Michelle A. Jackson and Russell L. Jones, Southern University Law Center; and Professors Jeffrey C. Brooks and Christopher J. Tyson, Louisiana State University Paul

M. Hebert Law Center.

- ▶ Shadowing employers — Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, L.L.C.; Liskow & Lewis, P.L.C.; Orleans Public Defenders Office and Chief Defender Derwyn D. Bunton; Orleans Parish Civil District Court and Judge Piper D. Griffin; 24th Judicial District Court and Judge June Berry Darensburg and Judge Raymond S. Steib, Jr.; Orleans Parish First City Court and Section B Judge Angelique A. Reed; Courington Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C.; and U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, and Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle.

- ▶ Volunteers — Louisiana Supreme Court; the Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal; Orleans Parish Criminal District Court and Section B Judge Tracey Flemings-Davillier and Section A Chief Judge Laurie A. White; Dillard University; LSBA Access to Justice Department; and externs of Judge Karen Wells Roby and Suit Up Alumni.

- ▶ Attorneys Jackie M. McCreary, Jason M. Freas, Amanda Casey Desselles, Matthew S. Smith, Janet C. Kearney, Micah C. Zeno and Caroline F. Bordelon.



On the final day, the Suit Up Program interns prepared and presented oral arguments before judges. From left, students Zora D. Robinson and Caroline M. Bland; U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, Eastern District of Louisiana; Chief Judge Kern A. Reese, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; student Tamunobelega A. Derefaka; Judge Paula A. Brown, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; student Daryl A. Naquin; U.S. District Court Judge Michael B. North, Eastern District of Louisiana; and student Asia J. Hentkowski.



Suit Up students participated in a field trip to Tulane University Law School. With them is Professor Ronald J. Scalise, Jr., far left.



Suit Up students participated in a field trip to Loyola University College of Law. With them are Kimberly Jones, far left, and Laura V. Apsley, far right.



Southern University Law Center Professor Michelle A. Jackson presented a class on education law for the Suit Up students.



Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks presented a class on oral argument for the Suit Up students.



Loyola University College of Law Professor Mary G. Algero, far right, presented a class on legal writing for the Suit Up students.



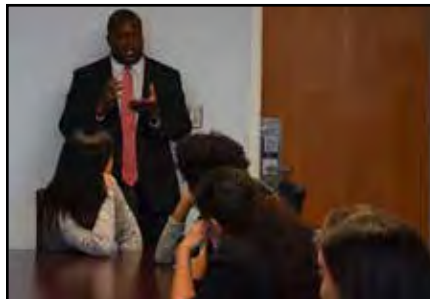
Southern University Law Center Professor Russell L. Jones, second from right, presented a class on criminal law for the Suit Up students.



Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center Professor Christopher J. Tyson, center, presented a class on local government law for the Suit Up students.



Orleans Parish District Attorney Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr. addressed Suit Up students during a field trip.



Orleans Public Defenders' Chief Defender Derwyn D. Bunton addressed Suit Up students during a field trip.



Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle, far right, with the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, presented a shadowing opportunity for students. From left, student Kenedi A. Reed; Judge Lemelle's law clerks C.J. Murray and Kathryn J. (Kaki) Johnson; and students Gabriella N. Ayala and Caroline M. Bland.