

12 Students Complete 2017 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 12 student interns completing the program. The three-week program (June 12-30) 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 memorandums to support their oral arguments presented on the last day of the program to a panel of judges in a courtroom.

The LSBA Suit Up Program, a partnership with Just the Beginning and the Louisiana Bar Foundation, 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:

► LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs Scherri N. Guidry, 15th Judicial District Public Defenders Office, and Monique M. Edwards, the Edwards Group.

► LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar and President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky.



The 12 student interns participating in the 2017 Suit Up Program. Seated from left, Aityana U. Cousin, Alanna B. Austin, Isabel S. Sauviac, Khaja K. Bradley, Sionne J. Murray, Grace J.R. Morse and Carrington J. Carey. Standing from left, Tori D. Dozier, Ishmael J. Blackstone, Hayward J. Expose, Domenic G. Mesa and Meghan E. Quaglino.

► Instructors — Professors Isabel Medina and Emily A. Bishop, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Professor Russell L. Jones, Southern University Law Center; and Professors Jeffrey C. Brooks, Christopher J. Tyson and Robert E. Lancaster, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

► Shadowing employers — Entergy Services; Hon. Ivan L.R. Lemelle, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office; Liskow & Lewis, P.L.C.; Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore,

LLC; Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C.; Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP; Courington Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C.; and Christovich & Kearney, LLP.

► Volunteers — U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, and Hon. Karen Wells Roby and law clerk Christian S. Chaney; Louisiana Supreme Court; Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal and Hon. Joy Cossich Lobrano and Hon. Paula A. Brown; Orleans Parish Criminal District Court and Hon. Tracey E. Flemings-Davillier (Section B) and Hon. Camille G. Buras (Section H); LSBA Access to Justice Department; Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office; Orleans Public Defenders Office; Hon. Max N. Tobias, Jr. (retired); Adria N. Kimbrough, Dillard University; Martin Smith, University of New Orleans; Tulane University Law School; Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Suit Up alumna Synise Pierre; and Suit Up interns Ashley Berry and Karina Shareen.

► Attorneys — Bryanna C. Frazier, Kimberly R. Silas, Dominik J. Cvitanovic, Victoria J. Cvitanovic, Alexandra V. Navarre-Davis, Micah C. Zeno and Caroline F. Bordelon.



On the final day, the Suit Up students presented oral arguments before judges. From left, winners for the Prosecution, Domenic G. Mesa (written memo) and Isabel S. Sauviac (oral argument); Hon. Paula A. Brown, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal; Hon. Joseph B. Landry, Orleans Parish Municipal Court; Hon. Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; and winners for the Defense, Meghan E. Quaglino (written memo) and Ishmael J. Blackstone (oral argument).



Louisiana State Bar Association President-Elect Barry H. Grodsky, left, and U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby welcomed the students on Day One.



Louisiana State Bar Association President Dona Kay Renegar, third from left, with students Grace J.R. Morse, Isabel S. Sauviac and Hayward J. Expose.



Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, discussed “How to Make an Oral Argument.”



Professor Christopher J. Tyson, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, center, discussed Local Government Law.



Loyola University College of Law Professor Isabel Medina, second from right, presented Constitutional Law.



Southern University Law Center Professor Russell L. Jones, right, engaged the students in a discussion about Criminal Law.



District Attorney Hon. Leon J. Cannizzaro, Jr., sixth from left, helped the students understand the work of the Orleans Parish District Attorney’s Office.



A mock oral argument was delivered by Dominik and Victoria Cvitanovic before a three-judge panel. From left, Hon. Joy Cossich Lobrano, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal; Dominic Cvitanovic, Carver, Darden, Koretzky, Tessier, Finn, Blossman & Areaux, L.L.C.; Victoria Cvitanovic; Hon. Max N. Tobias, Jr. (retired); and Hon. Paula A. Brown, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal.



Martin Smith, University of New Orleans, left, and Adria N. Kimbrough, Dillard University, presented the “College Admission Preparation Workshop.”



Chief Public Defender Derwyn D. Bunton, center, spent time with the students discussing the work of the Orleans Public Defenders Office.