

Focus on Diversity

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Volunteers sought for 2018 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), in partnership with the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Just the Beginning, will host the 2018 Suit Up for the Future Program from June 11-29. The three-week legal institute offers participating students the opportunity to attend an abridged law school session, field trips to law schools and courts, and an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts.

Organizers are now seeking attorneys to volunteer their time.

► **Volunteer for one hour.** During the three-week session, attorneys are invited to volunteer their time from noon-1 p.m. to talk with the students about their legal careers.

► **Shadowing opportunities.** During the second week of the program (June 18-22), students are assigned to “shadow” attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This allows the students to see what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workplace.

Attorneys interested in participating should email the LSBA’s Member Outreach and Diversity Department staff at diversity@lsba.org.

Nominations accepted through June 30 for Citizen Lawyer Award

Nominations will be accepted through June 30 for the Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) *Citizen Lawyer Award*, a service award that recognizes individual attorneys and judges who have performed public services out of a sense of duty, responsibility and professionalism.

In 2001, the LSBA instituted the Crystal Gavel Awards. This award program was updated in 2014 and renamed the Citizen Lawyer Awards.

To be nominated, the lawyer must be admitted to practice in Louisiana, and the judge must have been elected or appointed to a state or federal court in Louisiana. Nominees must have made a difference in their local communities, in local organizations, or in the life of one person, and have served the public in a number of areas, including:

- Aiding the administration of justice.
- Assisting groups or individuals on a volunteer basis in a non-legal capacity.
- Educating the public or individuals or students about legal matters.

► Providing pro bono legal services in a matter of a significant nature, or in a significant number of cases, or in a way that significantly changed the life of a person or group.

► Working in conjunction with the court system to make it more welcoming, inviting and understandable for jurors, witnesses or victims of crime.

Awards are presented in local communities throughout the state. There is no limit to the number of awards which will be presented, as the LSBA wishes to recognize all deserving individuals.

For more information about the award or to submit a nomination, go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CitizenLawyerAward. Or email the LSBA’s Member Outreach and Diversity Department at outreach@lsba.org.



The New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted its annual Federal Judges’ Reception in November 2017. The reception honored the judiciary of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, and Bankruptcy Courts. Attending the event were, from left, Ashley J. Heilprin, president of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.; Duane A. Evans, acting U.S. attorney, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge Nannette J. Brown, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Marcus V. Brown, Entergy; and Wendy Hickok Robinson, Entergy.



The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.’s annual holiday party and toy drive was Dec. 13, 2017. Attending, from left, Ashley J. Heilprin, president of the GNO Martinet Society; and Marcus B. Hunter, GNO Martinet community service co-chair.