

## 24 Students Complete 2018 Suit Up for the Future

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 24 student interns completing the program. The three-week program (June 11-29) included abridged law school sessions; shadowing opportunities at law firms, courts and agencies; and field trips to courts and law schools.

During the program, students prepared written memoranda to support their oral arguments. Oral arguments were presented on the last day of the program to a panel of judges at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

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

The Suit Up Program's success is credited to its dedicated volunteers.

► LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs Adria Nobles Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm; and Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office.

► LSBA President Barry H. Grodsky.

► Instructors — Professors Isabel Medina and Emily Bishop, Loyola University College of Law; Professors Jeffrey C. Brooks and Robert E. Lancaster, Louisiana State University (LSU) Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Advocacy Fellow Annie Scardulla, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and Professor Russell L. Jones, Southern University Law Center.

► Shadowing Employers — Judge June Berry Darensburg, 24th JDC; Judge Lee V. Faulkner, Jr., 24th JDC; Judge Piper Griffin, Orleans Parish Civil District Court;



Members of the 2018 Suit Up for the Future class and program coordinators. Front row from left, Adria Nobles Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm, co-chair, Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee; Spring A. Gaines, Loyola University College of Law; students Lanisha M. Dorsey, Shandrea U.M. Dyson, Gabrielle A. Bradford, Brooklyn M. Comeaux, Aria A. Morgan, Nakia Williams, Theresa M. Falgoust and Grace H. Traina; and Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office, co-chair, Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee. Middle row from left, Elizabeth (Libby) Crocker, Tulane University Law School; students Alexandra D. Flakes, Adrija Bhattacharjee, Alyssa M. Portillo, Cassadi L. Marone, Terrol L. Perkins, Paitlyn M. McDonald, Nisha V. Bhatia and Rose Z. Ayyad; and Jay J. Vega, Tulane University Law School. Top row from left, students Bridget (Bee) Spinney, Chloe G. Brown, Matias D. Witte, Solange G. Campbell, Christian H. Lacoste, Amaya E. Felix, Kewanée A. Harris and Patrick D. Murray.

Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge Angelique A. Reed, 1st City Court, Orleans Parish; Judge D. Nicole Sheppard, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Adams and Reese, LLP; Courington Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C.; Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP; Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, LLC; Kelly Hart & Pitre; Shields Mott, L.L.P.; Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C.; Orleans Public Defenders Office; Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office; and Entergy Services, Inc.

► Judges' Panel — Judge Janis Van Meerveld and Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge D. Nicole Sheppard (Section J), Orleans Parish Civil District Court; and Judge Paula A. Brown and Judge Tiffany G. Chase, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal.

► Field Trip Presenters — Judge Joyce

Cossich Lobrano and Judge (Ret.) Max N. Tobias, Jr., Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal; Judge Camille Buras (Section H)



Welcoming Suit Up students on the first day were, from left, Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; 2018-19 Louisiana State Bar Association President Barry H. Grodsky; and Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office, co-chair, LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee.

and Judge Tracey Flemings-Davillier (Section B), Orleans Parish Criminal District Court; Loyola University College of Law; Tulane University; Tulane University Law School; and Robert Gunn and Miriam Childs, Louisiana Supreme Court.

► Interns — Asia Hentkowski, Ashley Berry, Elizabeth (Libby) Crocker, Spring A. Gaines, Jay J. Vega; and Brian Trepanier, law clerk to Judge Karen Wells Roby.

► Lunch Presenters — Natalie S. Blackman, Caroline F. Bordelon, J. Michael Bowman, Alayne K. Gobeille, Robert W. Goeke, Amanda R. James, Janet Kearney, Kristen A. Lee, Dayal S. Reddy, Kimberly R. Silas and Micah C. Zeno.



Derwyn D. Bunton, chief district defender, Orleans Public Defenders Office.



“Legal Research and Writing” presenter Professor Emily Bishop, Loyola University College of Law.



“Statutory Interpretation” presenters, from left, Caroline F. Bordelon, Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, LLC; Micah C. Zeno, Gordon, Arata, Montgomery, Barnett, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC; and Kristen A. Lee, law clerk, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal.



“College and Law School Admission Preparation Workshop” presenters, from left, Daphne A. James, associate director of admissions, Office of Admissions, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and Sierra Cason, admission counselor, Office of Undergraduate Admission, Tulane University.



“How a Legal Career Provides You with Meaning, Purpose and a Mission in Life” presenter Professor Robert E. Lancaster, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.



“Criminal Law” presenter Professor Russell L. Jones, center, Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Endowed Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center, with student interns.



The 24 student interns participating in the 2018 Suit Up Program.



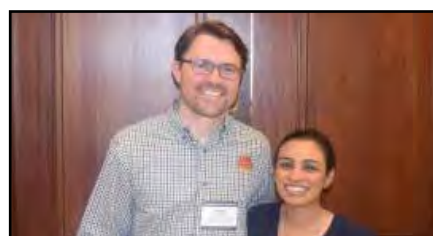
Orleans Parish District Attorney Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr.



On the final day of the program, Suit Up student interns presented oral arguments before a panel of judges. From left, Judge Paula A. Brown, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal; a.m. session Oral Argument winner and Best Memo winner (prosecution), Aria A. Morgan; a.m. session Oral Argument winner (defense), Adrija Bhattacharjee; p.m. session Oral Argument winner (defense), Christian H. Lacoste; p.m. session Oral Argument winner (prosecution), Theresa M. Falgoust; Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; and Judge Tiffany G. Chase, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal. Not in photo, Gabrielle A. Bradford, Best Memo winner (defense).



“Constitutional Law” presenter Professor Isabel Medina, Loyola University College of Law.



“College and Law School Admission Preparation Workshop” presenters, from left, Brent McLemore, assistant director at the Loyola Career Development Center, Office of Student Affairs, Loyola University New Orleans; and Veronica Aviles, admissions counselor, Loyola University New Orleans.



“Oral Argument Workshop (How to Deliver an Oral Argument)” presenters, from left, Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks, assistant professor of professional practice and Annie Scardulla, Advocacy Fellow, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.