

Focus on DIVERSITY

2021 SUIT UP PROGRAM



Participants and organizers of the 2021 Suit Up Program. Front row from left, Janell M. McFarland-Forges, Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal; Malcolm X. Ferrouillet; Zoe K. Stamps; Jaden S. Armond; Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Sage J. Allen; Lauren S. Benn; Veronica E. Camenzuli; Aleia B. Johnson; Sania B. Islam; and Sherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defender's Office. Back row from left, Tracey Gant; Lauren A. Langley; Emma R. Graff; Kori L. Dupree; Jackie B. Breckenridge III; Thomas A. Massey; and Isabella M. Lancaster.



Students with Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice John L. Weimer and Associate Justice Piper D. Griffin.

14 Students Complete 2021 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 2021 Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program had another successful year with 14 students completing the program. The three-week program (June 14 - July 2) included abridged law school sessions; shadowing opportunities at law firms, courts and agencies; and field trips to courts and agencies.

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

The LSBA Suit Up for the Future program is an award-winning Diversity Pipeline program and a 2013 American Bar Association Partnership recipient.

The Suit Up Program thanks its dedicated volunteers:

► LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office, and Janell M. McFarland-Forges, Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal; Chief Justice John L. Weimer and Associate Justice Piper D. Griffin,

Louisiana Supreme Court; and 2021-22 LSBA President H. Minor Pipes III.

► Instructors — Professor Emily Bishop, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Professors Jeffrey C. Brooks and Danny Bosch, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and Professor Russell L. Jones, Southern University Law Center.

► Shadowing Employers — Hon. June Berry Darensburg and Hon. Shayna Beevers Morvant, 24th JDC; Hon. D. Nicole Sheppard, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne L.L.C.; Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP; Hair Shunnarah Trial Attorneys; Leake & Andersson LLP; Liskow & Lewis; Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfeam, LLP; and Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C.

► Judge Panel — Hon. Donna P. Currault, Hon. Dana M. Douglas and Hon. Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

► Field Trip Presenters — Hon. Dale N. Atkins, Hon. Tiffany G. Chase, Hon. Rosemary Ledet, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal; Hon. Tracey Flemings-Davillier (Section B), Orleans Parish Criminal District Court; District Attorney Jason R. Williams, Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office; and Miriam D. Childs and Robert Gunn, Louisiana Supreme Court.

► Interns — 2018 Suit Up Alumni Adrija Bhattacharjee, Alexandria Flakes and Christian Lacoste; Michael C. Ledet, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and Alexis B. Vegafria, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.



Students viewed oral arguments at the Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal. Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal judges, top from left, Hon. Tiffany G. Chase, Hon. Rosemary Ledet and Hon. Dale N. Atkins.



Students were welcomed on day one by, from left, LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair Janell M. McFarland-Forges, Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal; 2021-22 LSBA President H. Minor Pipes III; LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office; and Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.



Memorandum and Oral Argument winners Kori L. Dupree (Defense), left, and Jaden S. Armond (Prosecution).



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



Students with Judge Tracey E. Flemings-Davillier, Section B, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, center.



Students with Orleans Parish District Attorney Jason Williams, seventh from left.



Students with “Legal Research and Writing” presenter Professor Emily A. Bishop, center, Westerfield Fellow, Director of the Lawyering Program, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.



Students with “Memorandum Preparation (One-On-One Assistance) presenter Matthew R. Slaughter, third from left, Phelps Dunbar LLP.



Students with “Law School Admission Preparation Workshop” presenter Morgan Jackson, center, Senior Administrative Program Coordinator for Student Life and Diversity Initiatives, Tulane Law School.



Students with “Oral Argument Workshop” presenters Danny Bosch, Advocacy Fellow, second from left, and Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks, third from left, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.



“Law School Admission Preparation Workshop” presenter Rick Bolte, Assistant Director of Law Admissions, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.



Students with “Law School Admission Preparation Workshop” presenter Daphne A. James, third from left, Director of Admissions, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law School.