

Focus on Diversity

For more information on items in this section, visit www.lsba.org/diversity.

Nomination procedures listed, forms online for Trailblazer Award, Guardian of Diversity Award

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Member Outreach and Diversity Department has announced the nomination periods and procedures for the Trailblazer Award and the Guardian of Diversity Award. Nomination deadlines are Feb. 28, 2019, for both awards.

For more information on awards and to access nomination forms, go online: www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx. Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards." Or email the Member Outreach and Diversity Department at diversity@lsba.org.

LSBA Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award

The LSBA Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award was established in 2016. It combined two previous diversity awards — the Trailblazer Award (established in 2013) and the Human Rights Award (established in 2010). The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award is awarded by the Association annually in June at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

The nomination period runs from October through February.

This award recognizes individual attorneys and judges who champion the ideals set forth by Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, the first African-American chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme

Court, who has always exhibited an unwavering commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Nominees must be admitted to practice in Louisiana. Judges must have been elected or appointed to a state or federal court in Louisiana; the lawyer or judge can be on active or inactive status and from any practice setting; and the lawyer or judge cannot be a current member of the LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession.

The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award recipient should demonstrate a unique blend of experience, skills and accomplishments which translate into successful diversity and inclusion efforts which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ▶ supporting and encouraging attorneys who are members of an unrepresented group within the legal profession to reach their career and personal potential;
- ▶ ensuring opportunities for the advancement of diverse people through mentoring efforts and diversity outreach;
- ▶ commitment to addressing issues of equality, fairness and injustice in the legal profession; and
- ▶ participation in community service activities which promote and broaden the diversity pipeline to the legal profession.

Guardian of Diversity Award

The Guardian of Diversity Award, established in 2013, recognizes non-profit groups, local and specialty bar associations, and public interest organizations that implement and advance diversity programs to promote and support diversity in the legal community. It is presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

The nomination period is October through February.

Nominees can be bar associations, courts, law firms/departments, or community organizations (including non-profits and public interest organizations).

Recipients should demonstrate the following diversity and inclusion efforts:

- ▶ creating and implementing innovative strategies to promote and advance the concept and spirit of diversity and inclusion in society;
- ▶ making a significant impact on diversity issues in the legal profession;
- ▶ enhancing access and equality in employment, economic and educational opportunities;
- ▶ advocating and promoting an understanding and awareness of diversity;
- ▶ dedication to improving and bridging the relationship between diverse groups; and
- ▶ proven commitment to creating a culture of diversity and inclusion. 📖




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Friday, February 15, 2019 • New Orleans

THROUGH THE LENS...



The Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Black Law Students Association hosted an August 2018 reception to welcome alumni, professionals and first-year law students. Attending, from left, Eliana Green, 3L; Bria Saunders, 1L; and Elizabeth Griffin, 3L.



Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Dean Madeleine M. Landrieu, second from left, attended the August 2018 reception hosted by the Black Law Students Association. From left, Jamia Love, 2L; Dean Landrieu; Anna Hoiberg, 1L, center back; Malika Howard, 2L, center front; and Trinity Goines, 2L.



Black History Month CLE Seminar “The Disproportionate Impact of Non-Unanimous Juries”

Hosted by the LSBA Diversity Committee’s Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee

February 21, 2019

Adams and Reese, LLP, Ste. 1900,
450 Laurel St., Baton Rouge

Civil Rights Etouffee

Hosted by the Federal Bar Association (FBA) Civil Rights Law Section, FBA New Orleans Chapter, FBA SDNY Chapter and the Louisiana State Bar Association’s Diversity Committee

February 15, 2019

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage
Foundation, 1205 North Rampart St.,
New Orleans

For more information on all Member Outreach and Diversity Department events, go to:
www.lsba.org/diversity.

Sponsor deadline extended to Feb. 4

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for the 12th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, scheduled for March 8 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal St. The sponsorship deadline has been extended to Feb. 4. Learn more about sponsorships online at: www.lsba.org/goto/conclave.



STRIDES IN DIVERSITY

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 8, 2019

12TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE ON DIVERSITY
IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

Opening Doors for the NEXT GENERATION

Join the LSBA in cooperation with the Louisiana Supreme Court for the 12th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession on March 8, 2019 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street.

CONCLAVE HIGHLIGHTS

Luncheon Keynote Speaker:

Dima Ghawi

Dima Ghawi LLC, Baton Rouge, LA

Diversity and Inclusion Workshop Presenter:

Dr. Katrice Albert

Executive VP of Inclusion and Human Resources,
NCAA, Indianapolis, IN

Excellence in Diversity Reception

Breakout Session One – Immigration
Breakout Session Two – Best Practices

Plenary Session One – Labor and Employment
Plenary Session Two – Trending Legal Issues

**Reserve your spot and register before February 8, 2019 for a discounted rate, visit
WWW.LSBA.ORG/GOTO/CONCLAVE**