

# Focus on Diversity


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## Job Shadowing Opportunities Available for 2026 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association, in partnership with the Louisiana Supreme Court, Just the Beginning, and the Louisiana law schools host an annual internship program. This program is available to incoming high school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates who are interested in the legal profession.

The program is scheduled for June 8–26, 2026. Students participate in a three-week legal institute, during which they attend an abridged law school session, tour law schools and courts, and participate in an internship consisting of job shadowing at law offices, courts, and agencies.

Legal professionals are being asked to participate in job shadowing opportunities. During the program's second week (June 15–19, 2026), students will be provided with an opportunity to job shadow attorneys at law offices, courts, and agencies. This is an opportunity for students to see what attorneys do daily and to spend one-on-one time with them in the workplace. Attorneys in the greater New Orleans area who are interested in hosting one or more students should contact the LSBA Member Outreach and Diversity team at [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org). 

## Application Deadline is May 29 for the Leadership LSBA 2026-27 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Curtis R. Joseph, Jr. is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2026–27 Class. The deadline for submission of applications is May 29.

The program, created in 2002 by then-LSBA President Larry Feldman, Jr., provides exposure to how the LSBA functions and to the pressing issues facing the association and the legal profession. Participants also receive information on the responsibilities of volunteer leaders. Beginning in 2008, classes have been required to organize an individual class project to address needs in the profession and the community at large. The goal of the class project is to further develop young attorneys' leadership skills and to provide them with opportunities for statewide networking.

Prior to applying, the candidate should consider the commitment required. The candidate should have the time and ability to participate and fulfill the class requirements. By the conclusion of the LSBA Fiscal Year 2026–27, class members will be required to:

- ▶ attend one meeting of the Board of

Governors;

- ▶ attend one meeting of the House of Delegates;

- ▶ attend one meeting of the Young Lawyers Division Council;

- ▶ attend one Budget Committee meeting;

- ▶ attend one meeting of the Access to Justice Committee;

- ▶ attend one meeting of an LSBA committee of their choice;


- ▶ work with the class to develop and implement a class project with the help of staff; and

- ▶ commit to serve on an LSBA committee the year following completion of Leadership LSBA.

The class term begins in late August (orientation) and ends in June (Annual Meeting).


Expenses for attendance at meetings and activities will be reimbursed in accordance with LSBA policies.

Interested candidates should submit applications online by May 29. Go to: [www.lsba.org/goto/LeadershipLSBA](http://www.lsba.org/goto/LeadershipLSBA).

To learn more about the program, go to: [www.lsba.org/members/LSBALeadershipclass.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/members/LSBALeadershipclass.aspx). 

## Sponsorship Opportunities Open for 2026 Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession

The 18th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, with the theme “Our Diversity, Our Strength,” is scheduled for August 7, 2026, at the Four Seasons New Orleans Hotel, 2 Canal St. The deadline for sponsorships is April 24, 2026.

Learn more about the event, register, or access sponsor information at: [www.lsba.org/goto/conclave](http://www.lsba.org/goto/conclave). 

# Online Application Portal Now Open for 2026 Suit Up Program

Do you know any high school students interested in the legal profession?

Applications are now being accepted for the Louisiana State Bar Association's Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Intern Program, scheduled for June 8–26, 2026.

The application deadline is May 4, 2026, for high school juniors, seniors, and students entering their first year of college in Fall 2026. Students may access the online application portal at [www.lsb.org/goto/suitup](http://www.lsb.org/goto/suitup).

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and participate in an internship consisting of job shadowing at law offices, courts, and agencies. Students provide their own transportation and housing. Over the course of the three-week program, students will be introduced to lawyers, legal documents, and the legal system, all designed to assist them in pondering one important question: “Do I really want to be a lawyer?”

## Save the Date

LSBA Entertainment Law CLE Seminar: *Safeguarding the Spotlight*

**Date:** April 16-17, 2026 | **Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day

**Registration Fee:** \$175

**Location:** Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130

LSBA's Diversity Committee's Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee & Art, Entertainment and Sports Law Section

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