


# Focus on Diversity

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## Sponsorship Opportunities Open for 2025 Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession

The 17th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, with the theme “Empowering Voices, Driving Impact: Leading in a New Era,” is scheduled for August 8, 2025 at the Four Seasons New Orleans Hotel, 2 Canal St. The deadline for sponsorships is April 25, 2025.

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


## Save the Date: LSBA Leadership Class Well-being in the Legal Profession CLE Seminars

In partnership with the Judges and Lawyers’ Assistance Program (JLAP), the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Leadership LSBA Class is pleased to announce the upcoming CLE seminars focused on well-being in the legal profession. These seminars are free and 1.50 hours of continuing legal education credit.

Dates and locations:

► March 25, 2025 from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Hilton Shreveport, 104 Market Street, Shreveport, LA

► May 12, 2025 from noon – 1:30 p.m., Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA

► May 2025 (date to be determined) from noon – 1:30 p.m., Lafayette Bar Center, 2607 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA. 

## Application Deadline is May 30 for Leadership LSBA 2025-26 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Edward J. Walters, Jr. is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2025-26 Class. Deadline for return of applications is May 30.

The program, created in 2002 by then-LSBA President Larry Feldman, Jr., provides exposure on how the LSBA functions as well as on 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 conclusion of the LSBA Fiscal Year 25/26, 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 the May 30 deadline. Go to: [www.lsba.org/goto/leadershiplsba](http://www.lsba.org/goto/leadershiplsba).

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

 **LEADERSHIP LSBA** 2024-2025 Class proudly presents  
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## Job Shadowing Opportunities Available for 2025 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association, in partnership with the Louisiana Supreme Court, Just the Beginning, and Louisiana law schools, hosts the Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Intern Program this summer — a free, three-week legal institute for high school students and recent graduates interested in pursuing careers in the legal profession. The program is scheduled for June 9- 27, 2025.

Students participate in an abridged law school session, and tours and job shadowing

at area law offices, courts, and agencies.

Attorneys and judges are needed to provide job shadowing opportunities during week two on June 17-18. This is an opportunity for the students to see what attorneys and judges do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys and judges.

Attorneys and judges in the greater New Orleans area, who are interested in providing a job shadowing opportunity for one or more students, should contact the LSBA Member Outreach and Diversity Department at [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org). 📧



2024 Suit Up students job shadowing at Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn. Want to provide a job shadowing opportunity for 2025 Suit Up students? Email [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org)

## Online Application Portal Open for 2025 Suit Up for the Future Program

Do you know a high school student who is interested in the legal profession? Please consider encouraging the student to apply for the Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Intern Program. The program is scheduled for June 9 - 27, 2025 at the Louisiana Bar Center in New Orleans.

Over the three-week program, students will take part in a one-week legal institute featuring condensed law school sessions, along with various activities such as tours and job shadowing at local law offices, courts, or agencies.

The application deadline is May 5, 2025 for high school juniors and seniors, and students entering their first year of college in fall 2025. Access the online application portal at: [www.lsba.org/goto/suitup](http://www.lsba.org/goto/suitup). 📧

## SPECIALTY BARS CONFERENCE

Hosted by Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Committee and Outreach Committee  
**MAY 8, 2025 • 8:45 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**LOUISIANA BAR CENTER • 601 ST. CHARLES AVE., NEW ORLEANS, LA**

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