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# Nominating Committee to meet Aug. 28 to nominate president-elect, secretary

he Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will meet on Friday, Aug. 28, in New Orleans to nominate a president-elect for the 2021-22 term and a secretary for the 2021-23 term. The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2022-23.

According to the president-elect rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 2 (parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana).

According to the secretary rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee

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A virtual first: Alainna R. Mire, 80th president of the LSBA, and the Executive Committee were sworn in at the Louisiana Supreme Court by Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson on June 11. The LSBA Board of Governors was also sworn in via Zoom, observing social-distancing guidelines.

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District 3 (parishes of Acadia, Allen, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Cameron, Caldwell. Catahoula. Claiborne. Concordia. DeSoto. East Carroll. Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tensas, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Webster, West Carroll and Winn).

Any member interested in seeking the position of president-elect or secretary should contact members of the Nominating Committee. Go online to: www.lsba.org/GoTo/NominatingCommittee.

#### **Election Schedule**

For the 2020-21 election cycle, balloting will be conducted electronically only, as approved by the LSBA Board of Governors. No paper ballots will be provided.

The Nominating Committee report will be submitted to the Board of Governors on Saturday, Aug. 29.

On Monday, Sept. 21, notice of the action of the Nominating Committee and self-qualification forms for positions on the Board of Governors, LSBA House of Delegates, Nominating Committee, Young Lawyers Division and American Bar Association House of Delegates will be provided to the membership.

Deadline for return of nominations by petition and qualification forms is Monday, Oct. 19. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 16. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Dec. 14.

#### Other Positions Open

Other positions to be filled in the 2020-21 elections are:

**Board of Governors** (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2021 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2024 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Board Districts.

LSBA House of Delegates (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2021 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2023 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one delegate from each of the Twentieth through Forty-Second Judicial Districts, plus one additional delegate for every additional district judge in each district.

Nominating **Committee** (15 members, one-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2021 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2022 LSBA Annual Meeting) — District 1A, Orleans Parish, four members; District 1B, parishes of Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany, one member; District 2A, East Baton Rouge Parish, two members; District 2B, Jefferson Parish, two members; District 2C, parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana, one member; District 3A, Lafayette Parish, one member; District 3B, parishes of Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion, one member; District 3C, parishes of Allen, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry and Vernon, one member; District 3D, parishes of Bossier and Caddo, one member; and District 3E, parishes of Bienville, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll and Winn, one member.

Young Lawyers Division. Secretary (2021-22 term), nominee shall not be a resident of or actively practicing law in the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard or Plaquemines, based on preferred mailing address. Petitions for nomination must be signed by 15 members of the Young Lawyers Division. Also to be elected, one representative each from the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth districts (two-year terms).

American Bar Association House of Delegates (must be members of the American Bar Association) — one delegate from the membership at large. The delegate will serve a two-year term, beginning with the adjournment of the 2021 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2023 ABA Annual Meeting, as provided in Paragraph 6.4(e) of the ABA Constitution.

For more information on the election procedures and the schedule, go to: www. lsba.org/goto/elections.

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### Supreme Court lifts online CLE limit for 2020

he Louisiana Supreme Court on April 28 issued an order lifting the cap on self-study mandatory continuing legal education credits for calendar year 2020. The "self-study" credits were increased to 12.5 hours annually (for 2020). Carryover hours for 2021, however, are still limited to in-person CLE attendance. For more information on mandatory CLE, go to: www.lsba.org/mcle.

# Interested in an appointed LSBA House of Delegates position? Respond ASAP

everal Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates seats are still open and available to be filled by presidential appointment. Members interested in being considered for appointment to these positions should email LSBA Executive Assistant Jennifer France at jen.france@ lsba.org as soon as possible. Available positions are listed below.

#### LSBA House of Delegates (June 2020-June 2022 term)

- ► First Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ► Second Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.

- ► Fifth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ► Sixth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ► Thirteenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.

#### LSBA House of Delegates (June 2019-June 2021 term)

- ► Thirtieth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ► Thirty-Sixth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ► Thirty-Ninth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.

### LBF awards \$35,000 in 2020-21 Kids' Chance Scholarships

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship program awarded \$35,000 in scholarships to seven students. Scholarships are awarded to dependent children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law.

The LBF Kids' Chance Program was started in 2004 and is administered by the LBF and governed by a committee representing a cross-section of the state's legal and workers' compensation communities. Since 2004, the LBF has awarded 313 scholarships totaling \$754,000.

The 2020-21 scholarship recipients are Tyler Byrd, Pearl River; Matthew Garrett, Montegut; Mason Graham, Luling; Blake Ledet, Houma; Breanna Leleaux, Lafayette; Hallie Rogers, Patterson; and Derek Trouard, Baton Rouge.



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# Supreme Court amends Rule XVIII to create emeritus status, effective FY 2020/2021

he Louisiana Supreme Court on April 9 issued an order amending Rule XVIII to allow for emeritus status for lawyers meeting the following criteria — an active member of the Louisiana State Bar Association in good standing; 50 years of age or older; and actively practiced law in Louisiana for a minimum of 10 years.

Lawyers electing emeritus status shall pay 50 percent of the annual bar dues and disciplinary fee for lawyers practicing three years or more. A lawyer electing emeritus status will restrict his/her activities to the following:

▶ engage in pro bono practice of law through a program established, sponsored

or recognized by the LSBA's Access to Justice Program, www.lsba.org/ATJ;

- ▶ participate in any mentoring program established by the LSBA, www. lsba.org/mentoring;
- ▶ engage in the uncompensated representation of immediate family members, as defined in La. R.S. 42:1102;
- ► serve on LSBA committees, www. lsba.org/BarGovernance/Committees. aspx; and
- ▶ serve on receivership team panels, www.lsba.org/Transitioning.

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates approved a resolution in January 2020 to amend the LSBA's Bylaws to create emeritus status

and to recommend to the membership that it approve corresponding amendments to the Association's Articles of Incorporation. The members approved the Articles amendments in February.

Attorneys will be able to elect emeritus status and pay the reduced fees beginning with Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

Prior to making the dues and assessment payments, lawyers should review the Emeritus Status guidelines and restrictions for possible election. Review the "Emeritus Status Guidelines and Restrictions and Notice of Application" at: <a href="https://www.lsba.org/Members/EmeritusStatus.aspx.">www.lsba.org/Members/EmeritusStatus.aspx.</a>

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# Deadline extended to Aug. 1 for payment of 2020-21 LSBA dues and LADB assessment, filing statements

the COVID-19 to pandemic and its impact, the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) have extended the deadline for payment of the 2020-21 LSBA dues and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB) assessment and filing of the Attorney Registration Statement and the Louisiana Supreme Court Trust Account Disclosure and Overdraft Notification Authorization Form. The new deadline is Aug. 1, 2020. Postcards were mailed to all Louisiana lawyers in May and reflect the due date of Aug. 1 rather than the usual July 1.

New for this year's dues cycle is the category of Emeritus Status for lawyers who only handle pro bono work or uncompensated work for family members (both subject to certain guidelines and restrictions) and who meet age and practice criteria. Prior to making the dues and assessment payments, lawyers should review the Emeritus Status guidelines and restrictions for possible election. Review the "Emeritus Status Guidelines and Restrictions and Notice of Application" online at: www.lsba.org/Members/EmeritusStatus.aspx.

LSBA members have the option to pay their LSBA dues and LADB assessment by ACH electronic check, credit card. or download and mail their Attorney Registration Statement and checks for the payment of fees. Members are encouraged to pay and file electronically, as this access will be available 24/7, including times when the Bar Center is closed or if mail service is disrupted due to inclement weather. Further, electronic payment gives members more control over their information in the database and allows for more timely updates to their member records. To complete and file Attorney Registration Statements and pay annual dues and the assessment online, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/MemberDues.

Filing electronically can be a quick and simple process, utilizing the online member accounts that participants have relied on for years to register for CLE seminars and to access Fastcase. If an attorney has not yet set up a member account, one can easily be created at: <a href="https://www.lsba.org/Members/memberaccts">www.lsba.org/Members/memberaccts</a>. aspx. This webpage also allows members to edit their existing accounts and reset a lost or forgotten account password.

After member data is confirmed but before the payment/filing process begins, members will be advised that they also need to go to www.LADB.org to complete the Louisiana Supreme Court Trust Account Disclosure and Overdraft Notification Authorization Form and will be asked to confirm that they understand this requirement.

The collection schedule will be the same as in prior years. In lieu of mailing a statement to each member, in May, the LSBA mailed to each member a postcard, which provides instructions to go online to www.LSBA.org to complete the registration process, and to go online to www.LADB.org to complete the Trust Account Form. This is the only mailing members will receive prior to the Aug. 1, 2020, extended due date; attorney registration statements will NOT be mailed.

With the email address, compliance@ lsbamembership.com, the LSBA will email reminders throughout the dues collection period. Members are encouraged to add this email address to their contact list to avoid missing important communications. Members should not reply to this email address, but rather direct questions to processing@ lsba.org.

Once members have electronically filed their Attorney Registration Statements (including any necessary changes and/or updates) and made the required payments, they will receive email confirmations. The filing and payment deadline has been extended to Aug. 1. The LSBA will continue to mail delinquency and ineligibility notices to

those who fail to meet the deadlines.

Members who elect to pay by electronic check will continue to pay the following fees:

- ► LSBA dues (practicing more than three years): \$200:
- ► LSBA dues (Emeritus Status): \$100; and
- ► LSBA dues (practicing three years or less): \$80;
- ► LADB assessment (practicing more than three years): \$235;
- ► LADB assessment (Emeritus Status): \$117.50; and
- ► LADB assessment (practicing three years or less): \$170.

Those who are planning to pay by electronic check should contact their financial institutions to confirm that their accounts allow payment by this method. If your account is Positive Pay Protected, update the Company ID 1016207445.

As was the case last year, processing fees of 3%, plus a .20 transaction fee, will be passed along to those choosing to pay by credit card. Total amounts, including credit card processing fees, are as follows:

- ► LSBA dues (practicing more than three years): \$206.20;
- ► LSBA dues (Emeritus Status): \$103.20; and
- ► LSBA dues (practicing three years or less): \$82.60;
- ► LADB assessment (practicing more than three years): \$242.25;
- ► LADB assessment (Emeritus Status): \$121.23; and
- ► LADB assessment (practicing three years or less): \$175.30.

Bar staff members will be available to answer questions and provide assistance to members. All questions and concerns should be directed to:

- ► Email processing@LSBA.org
- ► Telephone (504)566-1600 or (800)421-LSBA; ask for Payment Processing.

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#### Check-off boxes for donations

Using either the online payment/filing procedure, or via the downloadable form, LSBA members may make voluntary, tax-deductible contributions to the Louisiana Bar Foundation Access to Justice Fund, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.

▶ Louisiana Bar Foundation Access to Justice Fund. Donations benefit Louisiana's justice community efforts in statewide technology, intake and referral, and disaster response. Include a separate check made payable to the "Louisiana Bar Foundation Access to Justice Fund."

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- ▶ Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE). As the public education partner of the LSBA, the LCLCE's mission is to assist people to develop an understanding of, and respect for, the law and legal system. Donations will be used to fund operations and support programs that bring lawyers and judges into the classroom and provide free professional development for social studies teachers and free civics education for adults. Include a separate check made payable to the "Louisiana"
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### La. Board of Legal Specialization accepting requests for applications

he Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) is accepting applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification from now through Sept. 30, 2020.

The LBLS will be accepting applications for certification in five additional areas — appellate practice, estate planning and administration, family law, health law and tax law — from Nov. 1, 2020, through March 1, 2021.

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association member in good standing who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. Further requirements are that each year a minimum

percentage of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought, passing a written examination to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought and five favorable references. Peer review shall be used to determine that an applicant has achieved recognition as having a level of competence indicating proficient performance handling the usual matters in the specialty field. Refer to the LBLS standards for the applicable specialty for a detailed description of the requirements for application: www. lsba.org/documents/Specialization/ LSBAPlanofLegalspecialization2017.pdf.

In addition to the above, applicants must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the year in which application is made and the examination is administered:

- ► Appellate Practice 15 hours of appellate practice law.
- ► Estate Planning and Administration

   18 hours of estate planning law.
- ► Family Law 15 hours of family law.
  - ► Health Law 15 hours of health law.
  - ► Tax Law 18 hours of tax law.
- ▶ Bankruptcy Law CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, the testing agency.

Approved specialization CLE courses can be viewed on the LBLS Approved Course Calendar at: www.lsba.org/MCLE/MCLECalendar.aspx?L=S.

With regard to applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification, although the written test(s) is administered by the American Board of Certification, attorneys should apply for approval of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization simultaneously with the testing agency in order to avoid delay of board certification by the LBLS. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s).

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email maryann.wegmann@ lsba.org, or call (504)619-0128. For more information, go to the LBLS website: www.lsba.org/specialization/.

#### LBLS lifts self-study CLE credit limit for 2020

In compliance with the April 28 Louisiana Supreme Court order and in accordance with Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) Rules 7.4 and 7.9, the LBLS has amended its rules for specialty education for self-study credits and the limitation on self-study credits for 2020 only, increasing the limit from 4 hours to 12.5 hours. All specialists may earn up to 12.5 hours of approved specialization self-study credits on or before Dec. 31, 2020. Learn more: www. lsba.org/specialization/.



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Philips is a partner of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, L.L.P., in Baton Rouge. He practices primarily in the areas of commercial and personal injury litigation and insurance law. He received his BS and JD degrees from Louisiana State University.

Ralston is a litigation partner and litigation group coordinator in the New Orleans office of Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P. His practice is focused on business disputes, including litigation of real estate, intellectual property, tax and licensing disputes. He received his undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and his law degree from Tulane University Law School.

Brackett is the managing member of Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett in New Orleans, where his practice is focused on representing clients in defense of maritime personal injury claims, including federal longshore and Defense Base Act workers' compensation claims.



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He received his BA and JD degrees from Tulane University.

Robert is executive counsel for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, where she serves as the chief legal officer for the department. Prior to accepting this appointment, she served as general counsel for the Southern University System and deputy director of the Litigation Division of the Louisiana Attorney General's Office. She received her BA degree from Louisiana State University and her law degree from Southern University Law Center, where she serves as an adjunct professor.

New board members are Wendy E.W. Giovingo, Monroe; H. Minor Pipes III, New Orleans; Maggie T. Simar, St. Martinville; Shayna L. Sonnier, Lake Charles; and Hon. Ray S. Steib, Jr., Gretna.

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#### Kids' Chance Awareness Week is Nov. 9-13

Kids' Chance Awareness Week is designed to increase visibility through special outreach events to spread the word about Kids' Chance scholarship opportunities. Stay tuned for more information as the week draws closer.

For more information about Kids' Chance or to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Dee Jones at the Louisiana Bar Foundation office, (504)561-1046,

email dee@raisingthebar.org. Or go to: https://raisingthebar.org/kids-chance-scholarship-program/become-a-kids-chance-sponsor.



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Children's Legal Services	\$150,000	The Advocacy Center	\$28,750
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$12,000	The Ella Project	\$12,000
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$21,000	Pro Bono Projects	\$400,000
First Grace Community Alliance	\$17,000	Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$75,775
Louisiana CASA Association	\$10,000	Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$76,900
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	\$25,000 \$10,000	Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$54,775
T.E.A.M.S.	\$25,000	Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$31,000
The Advocacy Center	\$30,000	The Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$37,775
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Beauregard Community Concerns	\$38,562	Child in Need of Care	\$3,100,672*
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D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$39,295	protection cases by Acadiana Legal Service Corp	oration and
Faith House, Inc. Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$37,524 \$33,739	Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	
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Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$40,000	General Appropriation	\$500,000*
Oasis	\$22,033	Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$250,000
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$40,000	Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$250,000
Project SAVE	\$40,654	<u> </u>	
Safe Harbor	\$18,000	Special Program and Project Funding	<i>\$500,940*</i>
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program St. Parmard Pattered Women's Program Inc.	\$16,270 \$24,720	Access to Justice Commission	\$55,000
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program, Inc. The Haven, Inc	\$24,729 \$37,149	Access to Justice Fund Grants	\$40,000
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$60,654	Regional Grantee Board & Staff Training	\$7,500
		Lagniappe Law Lab	\$114,000
Law-Related Education	\$125,000	LouisianaLawHelp.org and Probono.net	\$13,000
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$25,000	Louisiana Appleseed	\$144,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$20,000	Oral Histories	\$500
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$10,000	Pelican Center for Children and Families	In Kind
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$35,000	Pro Hac Vice	\$118,940
LSBA Young Lawyers Division Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$10,000 \$25,000	Statewide Case Management System	\$8,000
·		Scholarships and other funding project	ts \$38,500*
Legal Services Corporations	\$2,800,000	Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$35,000
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$1,423,344	Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid	\$3,500
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<b>Loan Repayment Assistance Program</b>	\$63,413	Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants	\$90,000*
Other Legal Service Providers	\$400,000		
Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$35,750		4
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$45,000	* Pending Board Approval July 24, 2020	As of 07/2020
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$50,000	1615 Decides Green Gr. 1000 N. C.1	- I A 70110
Frontline Legal Services, Inc. Innocence Project New Orleans	\$50,000 \$60,000	1615 Poydras Street, Ste. 1000, New Orlean	
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### Four new solos join LIFT and deliver 300 pro bono hours in first 6 months

our new solo practitioners joined the Louisiana State Bar Association's legal incubator program, Legal Innovators for Tomorrow (LIFT), at the beginning of 2020. While the year has presented many unforeseen challenges in the midst of COVID-19, the attorneys continue to pursue and develop their solo practices to ensure access to legal representation in areas where the demand for legal services has risen — estate planning, successions and family law.

Since January, the attorneys listed below have provided more than 300 pro bono hours combined and are using hands-on experience to develop their practice skills and increase access to legal representation.

LIFT operates under two projects — the Flood Proof Project and the Domestic Violence Project.

The LIFT Flood Proof Project helps people affected by the 2016 flood in Baton Rouge settle property disputes, gain clear title and handle matters involving succession law. The attorneys in the program provide these services at no cost and receive a stipend through a grant from the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Additionally, the attorneys receive mentorship, case management software, legal research tools and training during the 18-month program from the partners — Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS), Southern University Law Center, American Bar Association Center for Innovation, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center and the LIFT program. The program welcomed its second class of participants, Shawn B. (Pepper) Roussel and LaKendra D. Sampson, in 2020.

▶ Shawn B. (Pepper) Roussel is a graduate of Loyola University College of Law, an environmentalist, an ecoculinarian and a solo practitioner at Green Pepper Legal, which offers food and farm, business



Shawn B. (Pepper) Roussel



LaKendra D. Sampson



A. Camille Patti



Christine D. Thomas

transactions, land use, estate planning and successions services as well as assisting with bankruptcy cases in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

▶ LaKendra D. Sampson, with LaKendra D. Sampson, L.L.C., is a graduate of Southern University Law Center. Upon passing the bar exam, she immediately opened her law firm. She understands the impact that the lack of clear title can have on a family and seeks to help people with homes passed down through generations obtain clear title and keep inherited property family-owned for future generations.

The **Domestic Violence Project**, operated in partnership with the New Orleans Family Justice Center, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) and the LIFT program, was launched in 2015 to ensure domestic violence survivors have access to legal representation for legal matters that can go unaddressed due to gaps in available services. A. Camille Patti and Christine D. Thomas make up the fourth class of attorneys in this project.

▶ Attorney A. Camille Patti graduated magna cum laude, with a certification in civil law, from Tulane University Law School. She has been dedicated to social justice and increasing access to affordable legal services early in her career. At the New Orleans Family Justice Center in New Orleans, she offers family law-related legal services with a focus on survivors of domestic violence.

▶ Attorney Christine D. Thomas is a graduate of Loyola University College of Law. She has more than 20 years' professional experience in civil and criminal law and compliance. In 2019, she opened her own solo law firm focused on serving domestic violence survivors and providing passionate, affordable legal services to meet the needs of the community in family law, wills and successions.

Patti is already seeing the impact of her work in a short time during an emergency custody hearing: "We did the hearing via Zoom and were able to successfully reunite child and client. The client, who has limited English proficiency, had not been able to afford an attorney, which I believe directly impacted the previous custody proceedings while the courts were closed due to COVID-19."

Elena M. Perez, who manages SLLS's pro bono program and works closely with the attorneys in LIFT, said, "As a former solo practitioner, I know the exceptional effect hands-on legal experience has on an attorney developing a solo practice. And from a community perspective, the pro bono work the attorneys in LIFT are doing to meet the legal needs are already having a critical impact for people who are not able to obtain legal help elsewhere."

For more information about the LIFT program, projects and participants, go to: <a href="https://www.lsba.org/lift">www.lsba.org/lift</a>.

#### Attorney volunteers: Sign up to offer free legal assistance via LA.FreeLegalAnswers

he Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) online program, accessible at LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org, allows attorneys to volunteer their legal experience, virtually, to low-income users who post civil legal questions to the site.

Through the website, attorney volunteers are able to log in whenever and wherever they like to anonymously respond to legal questions submitted by individuals who could not otherwise afford to consult an attorney. Volunteers will be covered by malpractice insurance provided by the American Bar Association for any legal advice given through the site.

An added bonus is that volunteers earn one hour of CLE credit for every five hours of service (three-hour maximum).

La.FreeLegalAnswers.org is not only an incredibly convenient way for attorneys to do pro bono, but also it will help expand pro bono access throughout Louisiana, especially to those in rural areas where few pro bono resources are currently available.

For more information, contact LSBA Access to Justice Projects Counsel Rachael Mills at (504)619-0104 or email rachael. mills@lsba.org.



Pro bono work is important to me because I want to give back to the community, and I believe that the best way to do this is by using my skills as an attorney. I have been given so many wonderful opportunities in my personal and professional life,

and it is my privilege to pay it forward by providing legal services to those in need.

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Courtney Hollier Guillory Attorney at Law

Law Office of Courtney Hollier Guillory, L.L.C.

Lafayette, LA



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# LAWYERS

October 26-31, 2020

For the past 6 years, the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Library Association have hosted "Lawyers in Libraries" events during National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. This year, we hope you will join "Lawyers AND Libraries" to provide virtual access to individuals who may be in even more need of legal direction as a result of the current health crisis. We need volunteers who will conduct educational conversations on relevant legal topics or who will virtually answer questions for participants across Louisiana.

Make a difference and ensure justice: volunteer virtually!

To participate in a virtual **Lawyers in AND Libraries** event, sign up at *https://lil.ivolunteer.com/2020* 

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

#### **Tulane University Law School Diversity Networking Reception**



Tulane University Law School hosted its annual Diversity Networking Reception on March 10. The networking reception was an opportunity for diverse law students to network with attorneys and judges in the Greater New Orleans area. Among the students attending were, from left, Karli Wells and Royce Copper.



Attending Tulane University Law School's Diversity Networking Reception were, from left, Morgan Jackson, senior administrative programming coordinator for Student Life and Diversity Initiatives, Tulane Law School; and Lezlie A. Griffin, assistant dean for Career Development and Diversity Initiatives, Tulane Law School.

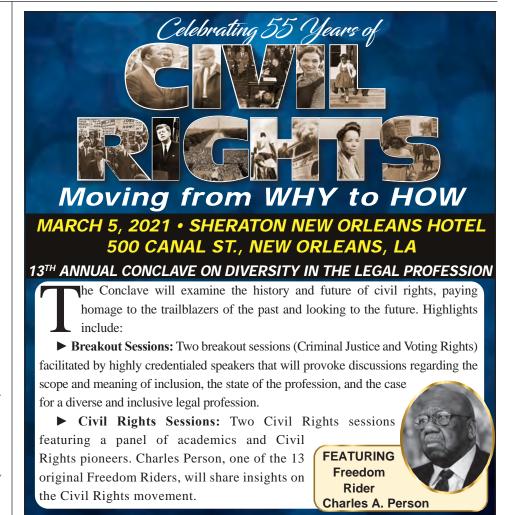
### ULL Black Student Achievement Awards go virtual due to COVID

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette's Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) cancelled the in-person Black Student Achievement Awards. The awards annually recognize high-achieving students and their families.

In place of the in-person ceremony, the BFSA Executive Board created a virtual experience to recognize recipients. Students were sent their certificates in the mail and encouraged to share photos on social media. Clyde R. Simien, partner at law firm Simien and Miniex, served as keynote speaker.

The four highest-achieving students received individual scholarships of \$500 to support their academic pursuits. Scholarship recipients are Bianca L. Brroussard, Quincy M. Damon, Olawale Ariyibi and Brooklyn York.

Visit the virtual webpage at: https://spark.adobe.com/page/ohEi6KtwsF4Xp/.





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The print version of the directory for arbitrators and mediators will be mailed with the October/November 2020 Louisiana Bar Journal.

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- Or, mail your listing, photo, disk and check to the above address.

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