

# Focus on Diversity

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## Attorney volunteer opportunities open for 2017 Suit Up Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), in partnership with the Louisiana Bar Foundation and the Just the Beginning Foundation, hosts the annual Suit Up for the Future program, a free, three-week legal institute during which high school students attend an abridged law school session, participate in field trips to law schools and courts, and “shadow” legal professionals at law offices and courts. The 2017 program will be June 12-30.

The program is successful because attorneys, law firms, judges and organizations volunteer their time and/or staff. Program organizers are offering several ways to volunteer.

► **Volunteer for one hour.** During the

three-week session, attorneys are invited to volunteer their time from noon-1 p.m. to talk with the Suit Up students. If you are interested in participating, email the Member Outreach and Diversity staff at [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org).

► **Shadowing opportunities.** During the second week of the Suit Up program, June 19-23, students are assigned to “shadow” attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This provides an opportunity for students to see what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workforce. If you or your firm would be interested in providing a shadowing opportunity for one or more Suit Up students, email [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org). 📧

## Registration still open for 2017 Conclave on Diversity

Time is running out to register for the 10th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession. This year’s theme is “Diversity is Good for Everyone.” The Conclave is scheduled for Friday, March 24, at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal St., New Orleans.

Conclave highlights include:

► Luncheon keynote speaker Samuel Reeves, SVP and senior counsel at Walmart Stores, Inc., nationally recognized advocate for diversity in the legal industry.

► Diversity and Inclusion Workshop presenter Shawn C. Marsh, Ph.D., director of judicial studies and an associate professor of communication studies and social psychology, University of Nevada, Reno. The title of his presentation is “Implicit Social Cognition and the Justice System: The Pros and Cons of Autopilot.”

► Two breakout sessions (immigration and best practices) facilitated by highly credentialed speakers who will provoke discussions regarding the scope and meaning of inclusion, the state of the profession, and the case for a diverse and inclusive legal profession.

Registration is \$90 and includes 5.50 credit hours (including professionalism and ethics). To register, go to: [www.lsba.org/CLE](http://www.lsba.org/CLE). 📧

## Professionalism facilitator seminar April 8

The next Professionalism Facilitator Training Workshop is set for Saturday, April 8, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans. The CLE seminar is free for all attorneys. Organizers have applied for 3.0 hours of professionalism CLE credit.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Training is 9:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (light breakfast provided).

Facilitators are attorney volunteers who educate others on promoting diversity and

inclusion in the legal profession. At the workshop, participants will increase their knowledge of unconscious bias; discover new ways to reduce bias; learn how to help others become more culturally competent; gain tools to promote diversity and inclusion through training; and boost confidence in delivering effective CLE presentations.

To register for the workshop, go online: [www.lsba.org/CLE](http://www.lsba.org/CLE). 📧



The 2016-17 officers of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. Greater New Orleans Chapter were sworn in on Oct. 6 at the annual Black Law Student Association mixer hosted by Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle in his courtroom at U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. Officers include, from left, William C. Snowden, vice president; April D. Davenport, recording secretary; Amelia D. Colomb, corresponding secretary; Ashley J. Heilprin, president-elect; and Dana M. Douglas, immediate past president. Not in photo, James L. Moffett, treasurer. President Royce I. Duplessis was previously installed by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson.



Among those attending the Oct. 16 Black Law Student Association (BLSA) mixer hosted by Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle were, from left, Richard Montgomery, Southern University Law Center; Kennard Davis, Loyola University College of Law; Judge Lemelle; Traci Gibson, chair, National Black Law Student Association, Southwest Region; Judge Nannette Jolivet Brown; and Charles Phillips, Tulane University Law School.



*Friday*  
**MARCH 24, 2017**

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**The Conclave will encourage discussion among judges and attorneys, primarily hiring and managing attorneys with law firms and law departments, about the importance of diversity within the legal profession and how to improve diversity within the profession in Louisiana.**

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