

Focus on Diversity

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LSBA NEW ADMITTEES *Reception*

RSVP for the LSBA New Admittees Reception

Join the LSBA in welcoming New Admittees to the Bar!

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans

RSVP: www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026NewAdmitteesReception



NATCHITOCHES LIGHTS CLE SEMINAR

Thursday, December 10, 2026
Natchitoches, LA

*Save
the date!*

Riverside Reserve, 100 Mill St., Natchitoches, LA
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Midyear Meeting CLE Seminar

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2027 | 1:00-4:30 p.m. | Free Registration

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel
7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge

LSBA Entertainment Law CLE Seminar

Hosted by the Louisiana State Bar Association's Diversity Committee's Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee

Co-hosted by Southwest Louisiana Bar Association & Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., Southwest Louisiana Chapter

OCTOBER 15, 2026 • 10:15 A.M.-2:25 P.M.

THE PIONEER CLUB • 127 BROAD STREET • LAKE CHARLES, LA 70601

Specialty Bars Reception – June 1, 2026

On June 1, 2026, the LSBA Diversity Committee's Specialty Bars Subcommittee held a reception at Hotel Effie Sandestin, Ara Rooftop Pool and Lounge. The Specialty Bars Reception was held in conjunction with the LSBA Annual Meeting and featured an evening of networking. 📷



Hon. Jerry Edwards, U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Alexandria; Brian P. Wiggins, Judicial Administrator, Louisiana Supreme Court, New Orleans; Hon. Karelia R. Stewart, 1st JDC, Division D, Shreveport; Justice Piper D. Griffin, Louisiana Supreme Court, 7th District, New Orleans; Hon. Tiffany G. Chase, 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, Division B, New Orleans; Hon. Roger P. Hamilton, Jr., 16th JDC, Division H, New Iberia.



Justice Piper D. Griffin, Louisiana Supreme Court, 7th District, New Orleans; Kim M. Boyle, Partner, Phelps, New Orleans; Hon. Tiffany G. Chase, 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, Division B, New Orleans.

LGBT Legal Issues CLE Seminar – June 13, 2026

On June 13, 2026, the LSBA Diversity Committee's LGBT Subcommittee hosted a CLE seminar titled LGBT Legal Issues CLE Seminar. The seminar provided four hours of CLE credit and featured multiple sessions led by legal professionals who discussed legal issues impacting the LGBTQ+ community. 📷



Nicholas J. Hite, Senior Attorney and McDonald/Wright Distinguished Counsel, Lambda Legal Defense & Education, Dallas, Tx.



Todd G. Brower, Professor of Law - Emeritus, Western State College of Law, Irvine, Ca.



Tyler J. Arbour, Bondurant Law, Covington



Shannon T. Mathew, Staff Attorney, Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans; Matthew S. Kellner, Training Supervising Attorney, Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans.

Specialty Bars CLE Seminar – Dec. 18, 2025

On Dec. 18, 2025, the Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Committee's Specialty Bars Subcommittee and the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., Greater Lafayette Chapter hosted a CLE seminar in conjunction with a networking reception. The CLE seminar featured Brianne A. Hemmans, Deputy Disciplinary Counsel, Office of the Disciplinary Counsel; Hon. Valerie G. Garrett, 15th Judicial District Court, and Dr. Angela White-Bazile, Executive Director, Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program. The event was held at the Downtown Convention Center in Lafayette, Louisiana. 📷



Brianne A. Hemmans, Deputy Disciplinary Counsel, Office of the Disciplinary Counsel, Baton Rouge.



Hon. Valerie G. Garrett, 15th Judicial District Court, Division B, Lafayette; Dr. Angela White-Bazile, Executive Director, Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP), New Orleans.