

17 Students Complete LSBA's Suit Up for the Future Program



Stephen I. Dwyer, left, 2022-23 LSBA president; and Denia S. Aiyegbusi, Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP.



Statutory Interpretation Session presenters, from left, Micah C. Zeno, Gordon, Arata, Montgomery, Barnett, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC; Bianca N. Moore, The BMoore Law Firm, LLC; and Kristen A. Lee, City of New Orleans Law Department.



Suit Up students with Professor Emily A. Bishop, second from left, Westerfield Fellow, writing instructor and Lawyering Program co-director, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; and, from left, Jerminy C. Kendrick, Alysa T. Blackwell and Carissa M. Washington.



Suit Up students with Professor (Ret.) Russell L. Jones, third from left, Southern University Law Center; and, from left, Amaya M. Windham, Eryn A. Vance and Jasmin Kumar.

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program had another successful year with 17 students completing the program. The three-week program (June 12-30, 2023) included abridged law school sessions; job shadowing opportunities at law firms, courts and agencies; and field trips to courts and agencies.

During the program, students prepared written memorandums to support their oral arguments. Oral arguments were presented on the last day of the program to a panel of judges at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of

Louisiana.

The LSBA Suit Up for the Future Program is an award-winning Diversity Pipeline Program and a 2013 American Bar Association Partnership recipient.

The success of the Suit Up Program was made possible with the efforts of dedicated volunteers.

Diversity Committee, Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee 2022-23 Co-Chairs. Denia S. Aiyegbusi, Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP; and Janell M. McFarland-Forges, Judicial Program attorney, Louisiana Judicial College.

Instructors. Professor Emily A. Bishop, Westerfield Fellow, writing in-

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Suit Up students and coordinators. Top row, from left, William T. David; Benjamin B.H. So; Jordana R. Montegut; Keithen C. Batiste; Iyanna M. Snaer; William P. Xi; Aidan C. Macaluso; Brooke P. Arcement; Carissa M. Washington; and Alexandria D. Flakes (intern). Bottom row, from left, Brinley B. Pethe (intern); Denia S. Aiyegbusi, Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP; Aima Shahid; Sophie M.L. Yeon; Holly H. Phan; Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.; Jasmin Kumar; Jerminy C. Kendrick; Alysa T. Blackwell; Amaya M. Windham; Eryn A. Vance; and Janell M. McFarland-Forges, Judicial Program attorney, Louisiana Judicial College.



Suit Up students with Orleans Parish District Attorney Jason R. Williams, far right.

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structor and Lawyering Program co-director, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Professor (Ret.) Russell L. Jones, Southern University Law Center; Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks, assistant professor of Professional Practice, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Dominique R. Bright-Wheeler, attorney at law, New Orleans; and Matthew R. Slaughter, Phelps Dunbar, LLP.

Shadowing Employers. Judge Lee V. Faulkner, Judge June B. Darenburg and Judge Shayna B. Morvant, 24th Judicial District Court; Hair Shunnarah Trial Attorneys, LLC; Kelly Hart Pitre; Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP; Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, LLP; Adams and Reese LLP; Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne L.L.C.; Entergy; Liskow & Lewis; and Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C.

Judges' Panel. Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Judge D. Nicole Sheppard, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; and Judge Paula A. Brown, Louisiana 4th Circuit

Court of Appeal.

Field Trip Presenters. Daniel L. Engelberg, chief district defender, Orleans Public Defenders Office; Judge Tracey E. Flemings-Davillier, Section B, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court; District Attorney Jason R. Williams, Orleans Parish; Maurice Lightfoot, deputy U.S. marshal; Jordan Ginsberg, assistant U.S. attorney; Miriam D. Childs, director, Louisiana Supreme Court Library; Robert Gunn, deputy judicial administrator/community relations, Louisiana Supreme Court; and Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

Statutory Interpretation Session Presenters. Kristen A. Lee, City of New Orleans Law Department; Bianca N. Moore, The BMoore Law Firm, LLC; and Micah C. Zeno, Gordon, Arata, Montgomery, Barnett, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC.

Law School Admissions Preparation Sessions. Kimberly Jones, JD, Associate Dean of Law Admissions, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Emily Wojna-

Hodnett, JD, Director of Admissions, Tulane University Law School; Julia M. Spencer, JD, Assistant Director of Admissions, Tulane University Law School; and Blair R. Boles, Assistant Director of Admissions, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Lunch Sponsors. Tulane University Law School; and Yunion Batista and Katie Lazor with Shake Shack New Orleans.

Interns. Alexandra D. Flakes (Loyola University), 2018 Suit Up alumna; Christian Lacoste (LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center), 2018 Suit Up alumnus; and Brinley B. Pethe (Tulane University), 2022 Suit Up alumna.



Suit Up students with the Judges' Panel. Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, left; and Judge Paula A. Brown, Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, right.



Suit Up students with Judge Tracey E. Flemings-Davillier, Section B, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, seated.



Suit Up Best Memorandum winners. Jasmin Kumar, Best Prosecution Memorandum, center; and Iyanna M. Snaer, Best Defense Memorandum, right. With them are Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, left; and Judge D. Nicole Sheppard, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, seated.



Suit Up Oral Argument winners with Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, left; and Judge D. Nicole Sheppard, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, seated. From left, Morning Winners Brooke P. Arcement, Defense; and Aidan C. Macaluso, Prosecution. Afternoon Winners Eryn A. Vance, Prosecution; and Amaya M. Windham, Defense.



Suit Up Oral Argument Defense Team, from left, Aima Shahid, Jordana R. Montegut, Brooke P. Arcement, Keithen C. Batiste, Amaya M. Windham, Jerminy C. Kendrick, Alyssa T. Blackwell and Iyanna M. Snaer.



Suit Up Oral Argument Prosecution Team, from left, Benjamin B.H. So, Holly H. Phan, Sophie M.L. Yeon, Jasmin Kumar, Eryn A. Vance, Carissa M. Washington, William T. David, William P. Xi and Aidan C. Macaluso.