

14 Students Complete 2022 “Suit Up for the Future” Program

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 14 students completing the program. The three-week program (June 13-July 1, 2022) 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 Suit Up Program would not be possible without dedicated volunteers:

- ▶ LSBA Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office, and Janell M. McFarland-Forges, Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal.

- ▶ Instructors. Professor Emily A. Bishop, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center;



Suit Up students were welcomed on day one by Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office; 2021-22 LSBA President H. Minor Pipes III; and Just the Beginning Coordinator, Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

- and Professor Kenya J.H. Smith, Southern University Law Center.

- ▶ Shadowing Employers. Judge June Berry Darensburg and Judge Shayna Beevers Morvant, 24th JDC; Judge Nakisha Ervin-Knott, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Adams and Reese LLP; Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC; Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP; Hair Shunnarah Trial Attorneys; Kelly Hart Pitre; Liskow & Lewis; Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfeam, LLP; and Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLC.

- ▶ Judge Panel. Judge Roland L.

- Belsome, Jr., Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal; and Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

- ▶ Field Trip Presenters. Miriam D. Childs, Director, Law Library of Louisiana, and Robert Gunn, Deputy Judicial Administrator/Community Relations, Louisiana Supreme Court; Judge Tracey Flemings-Davillier (Section B), Orleans Parish Criminal District Court; Derwyn Bunton, Chief District Defender, Robert Jones, Director of Community Outreach, and Beth Sgro, Director of Training, Orleans Public Defenders Office; Christina M. Jackson and Carly M. Greenfield, Admissions Counselors, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Judge Karen Wells Roby; Jason R. Williams, District Attorney, and Tim Browning, Chief Administrative Officer, Orleans Parish District Attorney’s Office; and Emily Wojna-Hodnett and Julia Martin, Admissions Counselors, Tulane University Law School.

- ▶ Statutory Interpretation Session. Kristin A. Lee, City of New Orleans; Bianca N. Moore, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court; and Micah C. Zeno, Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLC.

- ▶ Law School Admission Preparation Session. Daphne A. James, Director of Admissions, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Kimberly R. Silas, Author, *The Ultimate Guide to Succeeding in Law School*, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP.

- ▶ A special thank you to week three lunch sponsor, Yunior Batista at Shake Shack Canal.

- ▶ Interns. Adrija Bhattacharjee (University of Rochester) and Alexandra D. Flakes (Loyola University), 2018 Suit Up alumni; Jereme A. Henry and Kayla D. Jackson, Southern University Law Center.



Suit Up 2022 Program students and coordinators. Top row from left, Kayla D. Jackson, Dylan G. Rhoton, Madeleine P. Morrison, Isabella A. Mantilla, Mariya W. Grace, Myla A. Stovall, Lindsay M. Bickham, Brinley P. Pethe, Olivia M. Cassreino and Jereme A. Henry. Middle row from left, Jayde Encalade, judicial law clerk for Judge Karen Wells Roby; Evanston L. Markey, Nathan T. Vatter, Caroline G. VanHoose, Selae J. Walker, Warren M. Stevens II, Lonzo L. Hamilton, Jr., Abigail C. Hu, Samuel R. Danzig, Alexandra D. Flakes and Adrija Bhattacharjee. Bottom row from left, Janell M. McFarland-Forges, Louisiana 5th Circuit Court of Appeal; Judge Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; and Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defender’s Office.



Students prepared written memorandums to support their oral arguments, which they presented in front of a panel of judges at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. Front row from left, Samuel R. Danzig, Myla A. Stovall, Lindsay M. Bickham, Olivia M. Cassreino, Judge Roland L. Belsome, Jr., Isabella A. Mantilla, Judge Karen Wells Roby, Abigail C. Hu, Brinley P. Pethe and Madeleine P. Morrison. Back row from left, Evanston L. Markey, Nathan T. Vatter, Lonzo L. Hamilton, Jr., Selae J. Walker, Warren M. Stevens II and Dylan G. Rhoton.



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

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Suit Up students with presenter Robert Jones, center, Director of Community Outreach, Orleans Public Defenders Office.



Suit Up students with Orleans Parish District Attorney Jason R. Williams, eighth from left.



Suit Up students with instructor Professor Emily A. Bishop, center, Westerfield Fellow, Writing Instructor and Lawyering Program Co-Director, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. From left, Madeleine P. Morrison, Selae J. Walker, Professor Bishop, Evanston L. Markey and Dylan G. Rhoton.



Suit Up oral and memorandum winners with Chief Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby, from left, Dylan G. Rhoton, Abigail C. Hu, Nathan T. Vatter, Judge Roby, Brinley P. Pethe, Selae J. Walker and Samuel R. Danzig.



Suit Up Defense Group, front row from left, Olivia M. Cassreino, Dylan G. Rhoton, Myla A. Stovall and Abigail C. Hu. Back row from left, Nathan T. Vatter, Lonzo L. Hamilton, Jr. and Lindsay M. Bickham.



Suit Up Prosecution Group, front row from left, Samuel R. Danzig, Brinley P. Pethe, Madeleine P. Morrison and Isabella A. Mantilla. Back row from left, Evanston L. Markey, Selae J. Walker and Warren M. Stevens II.



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