

Application Deadline is May 31 for Leadership LSBA 2024-25 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Patrick A. Talley, Jr. is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2024-25 Class. Deadline for return of applications is May 31.

The program, created in 2002 by then-LSBA President Larry Feldman, Jr., provides exposure on how the LSBA functions as well as on the pressing issues facing the association and the legal profession. Participants also receive information on the responsibilities of volunteer leaders. Beginning in 2008, classes have been required to organize an individual class project to address needs in the profession and the community at large. The goal of the class project is to further develop young attorneys' leadership skills

and to provide them with opportunities for statewide networking.

Prior to applying, the candidate should consider the commitment required. The candidate should have the time and ability to participate and fulfill the class requirements. By conclusion of the LSBA FY 24/25, class members will be required to:

- ▶ attend one meeting of the Board of Governors;
- ▶ attend one meeting of the House of Delegates;
- ▶ attend one meeting of the Young Lawyers Division Council;
- ▶ attend one Budget Committee meeting;
- ▶ attend one meeting of the Access to Justice Committee;
- ▶ attend one meeting of an LSBA

committee of their choice;


▶ work with the class to develop and implement a class project with the help of staff; and

▶ commit to serve on an LSBA committee the year following completion of Leadership LSBA.

The class term begins in late August (orientation) and ends in June (Annual Meeting).

Expenses for attendance at meetings and activities will be reimbursed in accordance with LSBA policies.

Interested candidates should submit applications online by the May 31 deadline. Go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/leadershplsbaapplication.

To learn more about the program, go to: www.lsba.org/members/LSBALeadershipclass.aspx. 

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The Louisiana State Bar Association, in partnership with the Louisiana Supreme Court, Just the Beginning and Louisiana law schools, will again host the Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Intern Program this summer — a free, three-week legal institute for high school students and recent graduates interested in pursuing careers in the legal profession.

The 2024 program is set for June 10-28. During the program, students attend an abridged law school session, tour law schools and courts, and participate in an internship consisting of job shadowing at

area law offices and courts.

Legal professionals in the greater New Orleans area are asked to participate in job shadowing opportunities. During the program's second week (June 17-21), students will be assigned to "job shadow" attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This is an opportunity for the students to see for themselves what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workforce. Attorneys and firms in the greater New Orleans area interested in providing a job shadowing opportunity for one or more students should email diversity@lsba.org. 


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LSBA NEW ADMITTEES Reception

Save the Date: New Admittees Reception Recognizing New Admittees from May 2024 and October 2024

4:30-6:30 p.m. • Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024 • Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.

To learn more and reserve a space, go online to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024newadmitteesreception> 

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In the past several years, the legal profession has experienced many changes. The LSBA has kept up with those changes by maturing in structure and stature and becoming more diverse and competitive.

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- Daniel W. Linna Jr., Director of Law and Technology Initiatives, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL
- Julián Posada, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, American Studies Program, Yale University

Best Practices Session (Jury Trials):

- Jeffrey T. Frederick, Jeffrey Frederick Trial Consulting Services, LLC, Charlottesville, VA
- Paula Hannaford-Agor, Director, Center for Jury Studies, Williamsburg, VA
- Lindsey A. Cheek, The Cheek Law Firm LLC, New Orleans, LA

Pipeline Session (DEI and the U.S. Supreme Court):

- Alena M. Allen, Dean, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law School, Baton Rouge, LA
- Esther G. Lander, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, Washington, D.C.
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Keynote Session:

- Mary Smith, J.D., President, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C.
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