

Focus on Diversity

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Application Deadline is May 30 for Leadership LSBA 2025-26 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Edward J. Walters, Jr. is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2025-26 Class. The deadline for the return of applications is May 30.

The Leadership LSBA Class program was created in 2002 by LSBA President Larry Feldman, Jr. It provides exposure for young lawyers on how the LSBA functions as well as the pressing issues that face the Association and the legal profession. It also provides participants with general 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 the participants' leadership skills and to provide them with opportunities for

statewide networking.

The Leadership Classes from 2002 to 2008 were expected to fulfill the LSBA meeting requirements listed above to gain exposure to how the LSBA functions and to learn about the various leadership roles within the Association. The yearly "class project" was instated with the 2008-2009 Class.

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 April, participants 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 (chosen by participant);

▶ Work with other members of the Leadership LSBA class to develop and implement a class project with the assistance of LSBA staff; and

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

Class Term: late August (orientation) to June (LSBA 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 30 deadline.

Go to: www.lsba.org/goto/leadershiplsba. 



NATCHITOCHES LIGHTS CLE SEMINAR

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Mariner's Restaurant

5948 Highway 1 Bypass, Natchitoches, LA 71457



Save the Date: Natchitoches Light CLE Seminar

Date: December 11, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Mariner's Restaurant, 5948 Highway Bypass, Natchitoches, LA


Job Shadowing Opportunities Available for 2025 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association, in partnership with the Louisiana Supreme Court, Just the Beginning, and Louisiana law schools, hosts 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 program is scheduled for June 9- 27, 2025.

Students participate in an abridged law school session, and tours and job shadowing at area law offices, courts, and agencies.

Attorneys and judges are needed to provide job shadowing opportunities during week two on June 17-18. This is an opportunity for the students to see what attorneys and judges do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys and judges.



Attorneys and judges in the greater New Orleans area, who are interested in providing a job shadowing opportunity for one or more students, should contact the LSBA Member Outreach and Diversity Department at diversity@lsba.org. 

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Time: 12:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Location: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 921 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA