

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
OUTREACH COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
PROPOSING ITS DISSOLUTION AS A STANDING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Outreach Committee was established as a standing committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) pursuant to Article X, Section 1(18) of the LSBA Bylaws, with the mission of developing and implementing sustained outreach to local and specialty bars throughout the state and increasing awareness of LSBA member services and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Outreach Committee has fulfilled its mission and its functions have been integrated into the ongoing work of other LSBA departments and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the LSBA has reevaluated its strategic priorities and determined that it will support only those award programs that are directly related to achievements in the legal profession, rather than those focused on community service and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, as part of this shift, the LSBA discontinued two major outreach-related award programs in 2021:

The Citizen Lawyer Awards, originally established in 2001 as the Crystal Gavel Awards and renamed in 2014, which recognized lawyers and judges for outstanding volunteer service and civic engagement; and

The Leah Hipple McKay Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteerism, the premier honor of the Citizen Lawyer Awards program, which recognized long-term volunteer contributions by Louisiana lawyers and judges; and

WHEREAS, the discontinuation of these awards reflects a broader organizational decision to focus on initiatives more closely aligned with the LSBA's core mission and legal profession; and

WHEREAS, the dissolution of the Outreach Committee as a standing committee is consistent with this strategic realignment and will allow for more efficient governance and resource allocation within the LSBA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approve the proposed amendment to Article X, Section 1 of the Bylaws as indicated in the attached Exhibit A to remove the Outreach Committee as a standing committee of the Association.

Respectfully Submitted by:
2025-2026 OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Amy L. Pirtle, Chair
Taylor B. Ashworth
Sarah Russell Giglio
Justin A Jack

EXHIBIT A

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE X. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Creation

The following are the standing committees. The number of members of such committees, except as provided for hereinafter, shall be set by the President, subject to approval of the Board of Governors.

~~(17) Outreach Committee—The mission of the Outreach Committee is to develop and implement sustained outreach to local and specialty bars throughout the state and to increase awareness of the member services and benefits provided by the LSBA. The committee shall encourage member participation in all aspects of the LSBA, and shall facilitate such participation through the use of technology and any other feasible alternatives.~~

(Added January 16, 2016)