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## Administrative Law

### Dues \$15 • Membership 45

The purpose of this section is to provide a forum for study and discussion of administrative law issues arising under the laws of the state of Louisiana and of the United States; to contribute to the continuing education of the attorney who practices in this field; to disseminate information regarding recent administrative law decisions of the state and federal agencies and courts; and to encourage publication of legal writings on administrative law questions among the members of the association.

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## Alternative Dispute Resolution

### Dues \$25 • Membership 106

The purpose of this section is to promote reasonable dispute resolution alternatives to litigation for use by the public, the judiciary and members of the Bar.

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## Animal Law

### Dues \$15 • Membership 26

The purpose of this section is to promote and assist members of the profession in the study and understanding of the laws, regulations, and court decisions dealing with legal issues involving animals and to provide a forum for members of the profession to consider and discuss the legal issues involved in human beings' relationship and coexistence with animals.

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## Antitrust & Trade Regulation Law

### Dues \$17.50 • Membership 15

The purpose of this section is to provide a forum for members to study and discuss developments in antitrust, unfair trade practices, trade secrets, RICO and other business torts.

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## Appellate

### Dues \$20 • Membership 109

All members will be added to the section's listserve (electronic discussion group). The section asks every member to make a contribution to the listserve once a year – whether a comment on a case or rule development, or just a practice tip. The section hopes to improve liaison between the bar and the appellate courts, sponsor seminars, and is currently investigating an appellate certification.

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## Art, Entertainment & Sports Law

### Dues \$32.50 • Membership 40

Attorneys interested in "artistic, entertaining and athletic" law are invited to join the AES Section, which produces educational programs for members, other attorneys and the general public concerning the many facets of law covered by the section. Previous CLE programs include the Global Film Conference co-sponsored by the Motion Picture Association of America and the section's popular "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Movie World" seminar on entertainment-related issues and legislative updates. The programs to date have featured speakers from the industry in such locations as Los Angeles, Europe and China. The section provides a forum for discussion and comment on legal issues related to these fields, provides information in public hearings and legislative sessions, and comments on draft legislation and proposed administrative rules affecting members, their clients and the public. To date, the section has participated in public hearings in the administrative rule process for film, television, music and infrastructure tax credits and incentives. Programs rotate throughout the state and have been held previously in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe, New Orleans and Shreveport. Section members have been featured speakers at entertainment-related seminars in Hollywood, Washington, D.C. and Cannes, with more productions planned for the future.

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## Bankruptcy Law

### Dues \$25 • Membership 95

The purpose of this section is to encourage and foster discussion, studies and the dissemination of information relative to the (1) statutes and jurisprudence relating to bankruptcy law; (2) continuing education of the practicing attorney with regard to current developments in this field; (3) study of possible improvements in the statutes and jurisprudence in this field and recommendations of changes to appropriate committees and sections within the Louisiana State Bar Association; (4) to promote interest, activity and research in this field, to diffuse knowledge thereof among members of the legal profession and others, to formulate professional opinion thereon, and (5) to cooperate with those sections of the American Bar Association which have Bankruptcy Law Committees whenever possible and not otherwise inconsistent with the section's by-laws.

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## Bench & Bar

### Dues \$27.50 • Membership 40

The purpose of this section is to provide a forum for the study and discussion of the composition and administration of the judicial branch of government; contribute to continuing education of attorneys regarding the judicial branch of government; provide a vehicle for the dissemination of information regarding legislation and/or litigation affecting the selection of judges; and encourage study and publication of legal writings concerning the composition and administration of the judicial branch of government.

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## Civil Law & Litigation

### Dues \$25 • Membership 501

The purposes of this Section are to promote educational activities, study and service to the Bar, Judiciary, and the public on the law, procedure, practice and techniques of civil law and litigation, to promote professionalism, civility, diversity and inclusion in the practice of civil law and litigation, and to take such related actions as may be desirable and consistent with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of this Association.



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## Class Action, Mass Tort & Complex Litigation

### Dues \$25 • Membership 143

The purposes of this section are to promote and assist members of the profession in the study and understanding of the laws, regulations, and jurisprudence addressing the legal issues involving class action procedural provisions, mass joinder and complex litigation and provide a forum for members of the profession to consider and discuss the legal issues involved in the class action procedural provisions, mass joinder and complex litigation.



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## Corporate & Business Law

### Dues \$20 • Membership 312

The purpose of this Section shall be to foster the study and improvement of the corporate and business laws of the State of Louisiana and the United States of America; to continue the education of the practicing attorney with regard to the current developments in the corporate and business law fields; to develop and encourage legal writings in these fields among the members of the Louisiana State Bar Association (the "Association"); and to cooperate with and establish liaison with law schools in Louisiana and the departments of the state and federal governments that enact, administer and enforce corporate and business law.



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## Criminal Law

### Dues \$20 • Membership 97

This section places an emphasis on education. In addition to providing recent case reports through the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, the section participates in joint seminars designed to bring prosecutors and defense attorneys together to share their views and interpretations on a wide range of legal topics. The section also funds a number of scholarships to seminars both to encourage active participation by section members who might otherwise not attend and to assist members in meeting CLE requirements.



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## Environmental Law

### Dues \$20 • Membership 160

The section sponsors an annual half-day Environmental Law Seminar in the fall and conducts other periodic CLE programs of special interest to section members at other times during the year. The section also sponsors an Environmental Law Essay contest in the Louisiana law schools and presents cash awards to the winners at the section's Annual Meeting in the spring.



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## Family Law

### Dues \$25 • Membership 175

The purpose of this section is to discuss and disseminate information concerning recent developments in statutes and jurisprudence; provide CLE to its members; study ways to improve the statutes and jurisprudence; recommend changes to appropriate LSBA committees and sections; and promote interest, activity and research in the field of family law.



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## Fidelity, Surety & Construction Law

### Dues \$22.50 • Membership 124

This section focuses on laws governing contracts, services and coverage of fidelity insurance, insurance guarantee bonds and contracts for construction projects of all sizes and descriptions.



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## Francophone

### Dues \$27.50 • Membership 27

The purpose of this section is to encourage and foster discussions in the field of francophone issues; to contribute to and provide opportunities for the continuing education of attorneys who deal with francophone issues; to promote interest in and study of the existing statutes and jurisprudence which govern this field; and to cooperate and establish liaison with the Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, local bar associations and the legal academic community to achieve these purposes.



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## Government & Public Law

### Dues \$20 • Membership 96

This section provides a forum for both government lawyers and lawyers in private practice who represent or practice before governmental agencies, to disseminate information about governmental law to the specialized and non-specialized bar. The section also holds an annual CLE program.



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## Health Law

### Dues \$20 • Membership 127

The purpose of this section is to provide a forum for study and discussion of health law issues arising under the laws of the state of Louisiana and of the United States; to contribute to the continuing education of the attorney who practices in this field; to disseminate information regarding recent health law decisions of state and federal courts; and to encourage publication of legal writings on health law questions among the members of the Association and the legal academic community.



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## Immigration Law

### Dues \$20 • Membership 37

The purpose of this Section is to promote and assist members of the profession in the study and understanding of the laws, regulations and court decisions dealing with the legal issues involving immigration, and to provide a forum for members to consider and discuss the legal issues involved in immigration.



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## Insurance, Tort, Workers' Compensation & Admiralty Law

### Dues \$27.50 • Membership 474

The section provides important information on issues regarding the areas of insurance, workers' compensation, admiralty and tort law. The section contributes a Recent Developments article for each issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, conducts a free CLE seminar in connection with the Annual Meeting with materials circulated electronically to all members, and co-sponsors a variety of Louisiana State Bar Association CLEs in exchange for our members receiving discounts.



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## Intellectual Property Law

### Dues \$35 • Membership 81

This section was established for those attorneys whose practices include patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret issues. This section will assist in keeping Louisiana lawyers abreast of new developments by having periodic CLEs addressed solely to the needs of intellectual property attorneys. The section also regularly contributes to the Recent Development section of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* and maintains a Web page for the dissemination of information related to intellectual property law.



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## International Law

### Dues \$17.50 • Membership 22

This section hosts seminars throughout the state on topics including export/import control, joint ventures abroad, money laundering, international trade and international transactions. The section has proposed rules to allow foreign consultants to practice on a limited basis in Louisiana in the law of the country of their origin.



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## Labor Relations & Employment Law

### Dues \$22.50 • Membership 190

Section members are involved with employment law as well as traditional labor law matters such as the National Labor Relations Act and collective bargaining, Fair Labor Standards Act, employment discrimination law, Americans with Disabilities Act, Family Medical Leave Act, OSHA, ERISA litigation and employee benefits, and state tort, wage payment and other employment law. Annual activities include co-hosting a spring labor and employment law seminar with LSU and co-hosting a fall labor and employment law seminar with the LSBA.



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## Mineral Law

### Dues \$10 • Membership 132

This section recently instituted an annual writing contest for law students in the four Louisiana law schools. Students can write on any topic regarding mineral law and papers are judged by section members. Winners are recognized at the Mineral Law Institute held at the LSU Law Center.



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## Minority Involvement

### Dues \$25 • Membership 35

The most diversely comprised section of the Bar, the Minority Involvement Section was designed to foster a sense of inclusiveness and community among those attorneys who feel their special needs are not currently an intricate part of the Bar system. The section sponsors a Minority Job Fair each fall and they are also in the process of publishing a quarterly newsletter.



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## Public Utility

### Dues \$25 • Membership 59

The purpose of this section is to encourage and foster discussions in the field of public utilities; to contribute to and provide opportunities for continuing education of the attorney who practices in the public utility field; and to promote interest in and study of the existing statutes and jurisprudence which govern this field.



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## Solo & Small Firm

### Dues \$25 • Membership 181

The Solo and Small Firm Section maintains a referral network on its website. It is organized by practice area, and only members can be listed. The section also sponsors an electronic discussion group available only to members. With this medium, members throughout the state can tap each other's experience and refer cases. They can share forms, practice tips, and expert witness referrals. The section sponsors luncheon seminars, good for one hour of CLE credit, generally every two months and is interested in volunteers willing to expand these to other areas of the state. Seminars are geared to the solo and small firm attorney, and time is allowed at these luncheons for members to meet and network.



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## Taxation

### Dues \$35 • Membership 175

The purpose of this section is (1) to promote continuing education of the practicing attorneys with regard to current developments in this field; (2) to maintain an active liaison with the Internal Revenue Service, Louisiana Department of Revenue and any other government agency that may have an interest in the field of taxation; (3) to study possible improvement in the statutes and jurisprudence in this field and to make recommendations for changes to appropriate government agencies and to committees and sections within the Louisiana State Bar Association and/or the American Bar Association; (4) to promote interest, activity and research in this field; and (5) to cooperate with those sections of the American Bar Association and Bar Associations of our sister states which have sections or committees on taxation whenever possible and not otherwise inconsistent with our by-laws.



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## Trusts, Estate, Probate & Immovable Property Law

### Dues \$12.50 • Membership 347

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## Louisiana Bar Foundation Access to Justice Fund

Your donation benefits Louisiana's justice community efforts in statewide technology, intake and referral, and disaster response. Please include a separate check ***made payable to the Louisiana Bar Foundation Access to Justice Fund.***

## Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (JLAP)

Your donation will directly further JLAP's mission of providing confidential life-saving assistance to lawyers, judges and their family members who suffer from alcohol/drug abuse, mental health disorder, depression, stress, burnout, gambling addiction, or other mental impairments. Please include a separate check made payable to JLAP, Inc.

## Louisiana Bar Foundation

Donations support our network of civil legal aid organizations across the state that provide access to free legal representation, education, and community outreach to help families facing non-criminal, civil legal challenges. Please include a separate check ***made payable to the Louisiana Bar Foundation.***

## Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (LCLCE)

As the public education partner of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the LCLCE's mission is to assist people to develop and understanding of and respect for the law and legal system. Your donation will be used to fund operations and support programs that bring lawyers and judges into the classroom, provide free professional development for social studies teachers and free civics education for adults. For more information, contact the LCLCE at 504-619-0134 or email [peggy.cotogno@lsba.org](mailto:peggy.cotogno@lsba.org).