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## Legal Minds & Good Vibes: 2025 Annual Meeting & Joint Summer School



2025-26 LSBA President Edward J. Walters, Jr. is sworn in by Hon. Darrel J. Papillion during the 2025 Annual Meeting. Read more about the LSBA Annual Meeting in the August/September 2025 issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. All photos by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Want the full scoop? Check the August/September *Bar Journal* for the full recap!



2024-25 LSBA President Patrick A. Talley, Jr. delivers his report to the House of Delegates.



The Civil Procedure Recent Developments Interactive CLE was a crowd favorite, featuring a real-time audience response component and moderated by (L-R) Hon. Tiffany G. Chase, Hon. Guy P. Holdridge (Ret.) and Hon. Piper D. Griffin.

## Nominating Committee to Meet Aug. 21 to Nominate President-Elect, Treasurer

The Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will meet on Thursday, Aug. 21, in New Orleans to nominate a president-elect for the 2026–27 term and a treasurer for the 2026–28 term. The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2027–28.

According to the president-elect rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 1 (parishes of Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany).

According to the treasurer rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 2 (parishes of Ascension,

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Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana).

Any member interested in seeking the position of president-elect or treasurer should contact members of the Nominating Committee. Go online to: [www.lsba.org/GoTo/NominatingCommittee](http://www.lsba.org/GoTo/NominatingCommittee).

### Election Schedule

For the 2025–26 election cycle, balloting will be conducted electronically only, as approved by the LSBA Board of Governors and provided for in the Association's Articles of Incorporation. No paper ballots will be provided.

The Nominating Committee report will be submitted to the Board of Governors on Saturday, Aug. 23.

On Monday, Sept. 15, notice of the action of the Nominating Committee and self-qualification forms for positions on the Board of Governors, LSBA House of Delegates, Nominating Committee, Young Lawyers Division and American Bar Association House of Delegates will be provided to the membership.

Deadline for return of nominations by petition and qualification forms is

Monday, Oct. 13. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 3. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Nov. 17.

### Other Positions Open

Other positions to be filled in the 2025–26 elections are:

- ▶ **Board of Governors** (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2026 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2029 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the First, Second, Third and Fifth Board Districts.
- ▶ **LSBA House of Delegates** (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2026 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2028 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one delegate from each of the First through Nineteenth Judicial Districts, plus one additional delegate for every additional district judge in each district.
- ▶ **Nominating Committee** (15 members, one-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2026 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2027 LSBA Annual Meeting)

— District 1A, Orleans Parish, four members; District 1B, parishes of Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany, one member; District 2A, East Baton Rouge Parish, two members; District 2B, Jefferson Parish, two members; District 2C, parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana, one member; District 3A, Lafayette Parish, one member; District 3B, parishes of Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion, one member; District 3C, parishes of Allen, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry and Vernon, one member; District 3D, parishes of Bossier and Caddo, one member; and District 3E, parishes of Bienville, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll and Winn, one member.

- ▶ **Young Lawyers Division Secretary** (2026–27 term), nominee shall not be a resident of or actively practicing law in the

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parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard or Plaquemines, based on preferred mailing address. Petitions for nomination must be signed by 15 members of the Young Lawyers Division. Also to be elected, one representative each from the First, Second, Third, Fifth and Seventh districts (two-year terms).

- **American Bar Association House of Delegates** (must be members of the American Bar Association) — two delegates from the membership at large plus one young lawyer delegate. The delegates will serve a two-year term, beginning with the adjournment of the 2026 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2028 ABA Annual Meeting, as provided in Paragraph 6.4(e) of the ABA Constitution.

For more information on the election procedures and the schedule, go to: [www.lsba.org/goto/elections](http://www.lsba.org/goto/elections). ♦

## Phishing Scam Targets LSBA Members with Fraudulent Emails

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) has received multiple reports of fraudulent phishing emails targeting its members. The deceptive messages appear to originate from LSBA officers and may request sensitive information or payment.

Members are urged not to respond to these emails, click on any links, or provide any personal or financial information. The LSBA confirmed that the messages are not legitimate and are being sent from unauthorized, misleading email addresses.

Anyone who receives such an email should delete it immediately and block the sender. The LSBA reminds members to remain vigilant and report suspicious communications to their IT provider or security team. ♦

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Are you interested in creating a new legal specialty area in Louisiana? The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) has adopted a written policy concerning how submissions must be made for LBLS to consider a new legal specialty area. While new legal specialties must be approved by the Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates (LSBAHOD), LBLS is charged with recommending new specialties to the LSBA HOD. Ten (10) legal specialties have been approved so far: Tax Law, Family Law, Business Bankruptcy Law, Consumer Bankruptcy Law, Labor Law, Employment Law, Estate Planning and Administration, Appellate Practice, Environmental Law, and Health Law.

LBLS oversees these legal specialty areas. Read more about Louisiana's board certified legal specialization on the website [www.lsba.org/Specialization](http://www.lsba.org/Specialization). For more information on creating a new legal specialty area in Louisiana, please contact Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann at (504)619-0128 or email [maryann.wegmann@lsba.org](mailto:maryann.wegmann@lsba.org). ♦

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## LSBA House of Delegates (June 2025-June 2027 term)

- ▶ Twenty-First Judicial District:  
3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Second Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Third Judicial District:  
3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Fifth Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.

- ▶ Twenty-Sixth Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Seventh Judicial District:  
2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Eighth Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Ninth Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirtieth Judicial District:  
3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Thirty-First Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Second Judicial District:  
4 appointments pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Third Judicial District:  
2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Fourth Judicial District:  
2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Sixth Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Seventh Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Ninth Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.

Also open for appointments are the following House seats:

## LSBA House of Delegates (June 2024-June 2026 term)

- ▶ Second Judicial District:  
3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Third Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Fifth Judicial District:  
2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Sixth Judicial District:  
1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Eighth Judicial District:  
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Visit these websites for further information regarding testing by the American Board of Certification on the LBLS website: Business Bankruptcy [www.lsba.org/Specialization/BusinessBankruptcy.aspx?Area=Testing](http://www.lsba.org/Specialization/BusinessBankruptcy.aspx?Area=Testing) and Consumer Bankruptcy [www.lsba.org/Specialization/ConsumerBankruptcy.aspx?Area=Testing](http://www.lsba.org/Specialization/ConsumerBankruptcy.aspx?Area=Testing). To receive an application for board certification, contact Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann at (504)619-0128, (800)421-5722 or email [maryann.wegmann@lsba.org](mailto:maryann.wegmann@lsba.org). ♦

## **Amendments to LBLS Appellate Practice Standards are Approved by HOD and BOG at the LSBA Annual Meeting**

The LSBA House of Delegates (HOD) at their June 5, 2025, annual meeting approved a resolution of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS), that was presented by LBLS Vice Chair Richard K. Leefe. LBLS's resolution amended the Appellate Practice Standards to clarify that an appellate matter is a single appeal or writ application, unless multiple appeals or writs are briefed and decided at approximately the same time. LBLS's resolution also added a footnote that the LBLS Board may waive the requirement that one (1) of five (5) references be from a Board Certified Appellate Practice Specialist until there are a sufficient number of Board Certified Appellate Practice Specialists.

By unanimous vote on June 6, 2025, the LSBA Board of Governors (BOG) ratified and approved the LBLS resolution. <https://www.lsba.org/documents/HOD/June25res2.pdf>.

Copies of the amended LBLS Appellate Practice Standards may be downloaded from the LBLS website at <https://www.lsba.org/Specialization/AppellatePractice.aspx?Area=Standards>

For more information or questions, contact LBLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann at [maryann.wegmann@lsba.org](mailto:maryann.wegmann@lsba.org). ♦



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## House of Delegates Meeting Recap: Resolutions Approved

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## Louisiana Supreme Court Seeks Comments on Proposed Amendment to LASC Rule XXX

The Louisiana Supreme Court is seeking comments for a proposed amendment to Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, regarding the possible elimination of the 65 and over age exemption currently contained in Rule XXX, Rule 2(6). Review the proposed changes and comment procedures on the Louisiana Supreme Court's website, [www.lasc.org](http://www.lasc.org). ♦

## Early-Bird Deadline Approaching for 2025 ADR Directory

Now is the time for arbitrators and mediators to secure their place in the "Who's Who in ADR 2025" Directory, a dual-format resource that includes both a printed version mailed with the October/November 2025 *Louisiana Bar Journal* and an interactive online edition accessible for a full year. This directory not only increases visibility among legal professionals but also highlights individual profiles with contact information, headshots, and brief bios.

Reserving space early offers a clear advantage. Listings are just \$125 through the early bird deadline of July 11, the cost increases to \$150 after that date, with final submissions due August 1. By reserving space now, ADR professionals can take advantage of the lower rate and ensure ample time to prepare high-resolution photographs and personalized copy.

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The seminar offers four hours of CLE credit (pending approval) and features a dynamic lineup of speakers and sessions addressing topics essential to early-career attorneys. Registration is \$50 and includes webinar access and electronic course materials.

This event is open exclusively to young lawyers. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details on programming and registration at [www.lsba.org/YLD](http://www.lsba.org/YLD). ♦

## Registration Open for August Level Up Learning Series on Direct and Cross Examinations

The LSBA Young Lawyers Division will present the next installment of its Level Up Learning series on Thursday, Aug. 28, from noon to 1 p.m. The hybrid CLE seminar, "Direct and Cross Examinations," will be held at the Louisiana Bar Center (601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans) and also offered via Zoom.

Trial attorney Megan Kiefer of Kiefer & Kiefer will lead the session, sharing real-world strategies and practical insights into the art of direct and cross-examination. This free CLE is open exclusively to young lawyers and has been submitted for approval for 1 hour of CLE credit.

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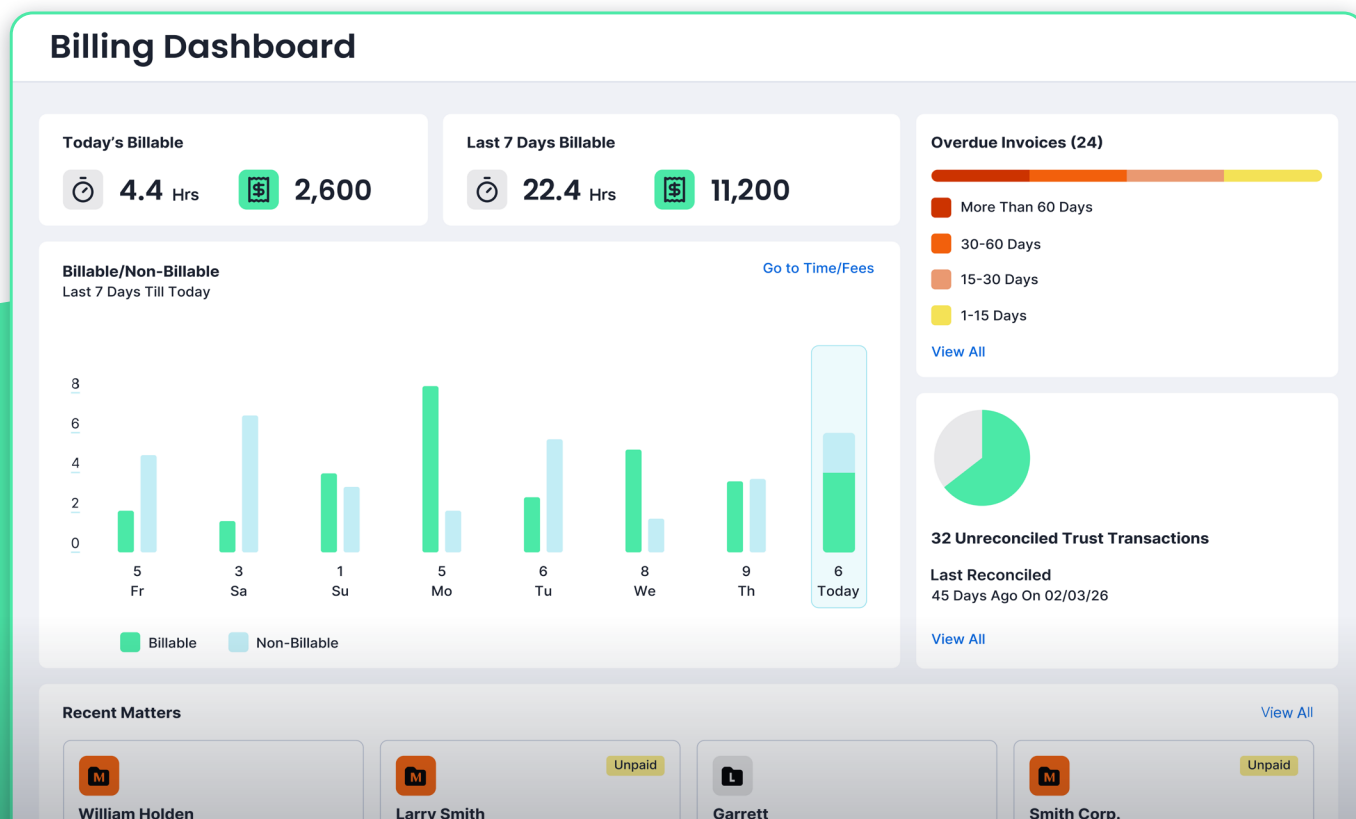
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*For one low price, your listing is first published in the print directory, then the directory is uploaded to the LSBA website in interactive PDF format (email addresses and website URLs are activated and instantly accessible). The Web version of the directory remains active for **one full year!***

One price gets  
you in the print  
directory and  
on the Web!

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directory at  
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adrdirectory](http://www.lsba.org/goto/adrdirectory)

The special Arbitrators and Mediators Directory will feature brief articles and photographs of arbitrators and mediators  
(INDIVIDUALS ONLY).

The articles should be **150 words MAXIMUM**. Provide your address, phone, fax, email address and website information at the end of the listing (not part of the word count).

Submit either original photos or digital photos. Digital photos should be submitted separately from the article as a high-resolution .jpg (at least 300 DPI at 4 inches wide). DO NOT submit digital photographs embedded in word processing programs; send the photograph as a separate file. High-resolution digital photos work best.



**EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE: JULY 11 FOR \$125**  
**FINAL DEADLINE: AUG 1 FOR \$150**

Articles and photographs must be for individuals only. No group articles or group photographs will be used. But, as an **ADDED BONUS**, firms which have three or more arbitrators/mediators purchasing individual listings will receive a free **firm** listing in the section. (Firms are responsible for submitting the additional information, 150 words maximum.)

If you would like to repeat a prior listing and photo, you may send us a photocopy of that listing along with your check; please provide the year the listing appeared.

## IT'S EASY TO RESERVE SPACE IN THE DIRECTORY!

Contact Advertising & Communications Coordinator Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez

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phone | (504)619-0131 or (800)421-5722, ext. 131

**LBJ ADR Directory**  
**Attn: Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez**  
**601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La. 70130-3404.**



# Focus on Access to Justice

For more information, visit [www.lsba.org/atj](http://www.lsba.org/atj).

## Courts, Community, and Collaboration: 6th Annual Self-Represented Litigant Summit Recap

The 6th Annual Self-Represented Litigant (SRL) Collaborative Summit was held on May 2, 2025, at the 22nd Judicial District Court in Covington, drawing over 50 legal professionals from across Louisiana. The event served as a dynamic platform for sharing innovative tools, strategies, and best practices for improving services to self-represented litigants in courts statewide.

The summit featured CLE-accredited sessions on a range of critical topics including:

- ▶ In Forma Pauperis (IFP) Procedures
- ▶ Ethical Engagement with Self-Represented Litigants
- ▶ Self-Help Center Models and Best Practices
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence and Court Form Development
- ▶ Systemic Barriers to Justice

Participants included judges and court staff from City and Judicial District Courts across the state—including representatives from the Louisiana Supreme Court—as well as members of legal aid and pro bono organizations, community partners, and private practitioners. This diverse group of attendees reflected the broad-based commitment to building a more inclusive, responsive, and user-friendly legal system.

Speakers and attendees alike shared practical insights for improving court navigation and support for SRLs, emphasizing the importance of collaboration across sectors. Discussions focused not only on current challenges but also on solutions that can be scaled and sustained.

The summit reaffirmed Louisiana's Access to Justice Commission and its Self-Represented Litigant Committee's dedication to ensuring that all residents—regardless of income or representation status—can meaningfully engage with the legal system. ♦



Lauren Kirichkow of the Justice & Accountability Center shares insights during a session about In Forma Pauperis at the SRL Summit. Photo by LSBA Staff.



A lively breakout session during the SRL Summit where participants shared challenges, exchanged ideas, and explored practical solutions to improve outcomes for self-represented litigants. Photo by LSBA Staff.



Hon. Patti Oppenheim of the 22nd Judicial District Court welcomes attendees to the SRL Summit and shares a judge's perspective. Photo by LSBA Staff.



## Attorney Volunteers Needed for Statewide Pro Bono Events in October

Volunteers needed for the LSBA's Lawyers in Libraries 2025 events, which are taking place October 20-25, 2025 in conjunction with National Celebrate Pro Bono Week. During this week, libraries will be hosting 2-hour "Ask-a-Lawyer" sessions where patrons can ask legal questions in a one-on-one setting. These sessions will be offered in person at libraries across the state and by phone for those who may be unable to participate in person. This year, Lawyers in Libraries needs volunteers for the following:

### Ask-A-Lawyer Sessions

- ▶ In person at participating libraries
- ▶ By phone
- ▶ "On Call" volunteers

"Ask-A-Lawyer" consultations are in 2-hour time slots. Individual events are scheduled based on attorney preference and library availability. To volunteer, go to <https://lil.ivolunteer.com/2025>. The deadline to register is Sept. 12, 2025.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To volunteer, please select the library branch from the drop-down menu, then select date(s) and time(s) to volunteer, and provide the required information. If volunteering for a virtual event, please select the "Virtual Calendar" from the drop-down menu. Please note that additional library schedules are forthcoming. For more information, go to [www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org](http://www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org). or contact Bridget.Berins@lsba.org. ♦

## Developing Leaders in Legal Service: 2025 ATJ Interns Begin Six-Week Immersion

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Access to Justice (ATJ) Developing Leadership Intern Program began its ninth year on May 12. The six-week program places interns with nonprofit legal aid organizations and district judges, while also inviting them to numerous LSBA ATJ Department-related meetings to provide a bird's-eye view of Louisiana's civil legal aid network. The idea for this program was developed during an ATJ Summit where participants concluded that cultivating the next generation of access to justice leaders should not only be a priority, but is essential as part of succession planning to ensure continued efforts within Louisiana's justice community. This year's interns are working with the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation, Louisiana Appleseed, the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV), Lagniappe Law Lab, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, the New Orleans Pro Bono Project and the Parole Project. The interns also will observe Judge Bernadette G. D'Souza, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, and Judge Jeffrey C. Cashe, 21st Judicial District Court. In addition to their experiences with legal aid providers, interns are sponsored by law firms and organizations with a commitment to supporting access to justice in Louisiana. This year's sponsors are Entergy Services LLC; Butler Snow LLP; the LSBA's Civil Law & Litigation Section; and Phelps Dunbar LLP. Anyone interested in learning



Pictured from left to right: Stashia Liegl (LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Ctr.), JD Deming (Tulane Law School), Jasmine Bellard (Southern Univ. Law Center), Ryn Neucere (Loyola College of Law).

*Photo by LSBA Staff.*

more about the program or wanting to become a sponsor for 2026 should contact Rachael M. Mills at (504)619-0104 or by email at [rachael.mills@lsba.org](mailto:rachael.mills@lsba.org). ♦

# OCTOBER 20-25, 2025

Make a real impact in just **2 hours**. Volunteer with Lawyers in Libraries to offer brief, one-on-one legal consultations to library patrons across Louisiana — either **in person** or **by phone**.

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## LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES

# Focus on Diversity

For more information on items in this section, visit [www.lsba.org/diversity](http://www.lsba.org/diversity).

## General Assembly Awards Ceremony



Harry Landry III accepted the Guardian of Diversity Award on behalf of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., Greater Baton Rouge Chapter. The award was presented by Patrick A. Talley, Jr., 2024–2025 Louisiana Bar Association President, during the General Assembly. *Photo by LSBA Staff.*



Hon. John Michael Guidry, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court, was presented with the Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award by Patrick A. Talley, Jr., 2024–2025 Louisiana Bar Association President. *Photo by LSBA Staff.*



Harry Landry III, Patrick A. Talley, Jr., 2024–2025 Louisiana Bar Association President, and Hon. John Michael Guidry, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court, during the General Assembly. *Photo by LSBA Staff.*



Sarah M. Day, 2024–2025 Leadership LSBA class member, Pipes Miles Beckman LLC, New Orleans, LA; Casey C. Hollins, 2024–2025 Leadership LSBA class member, Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins, L.L.P., Baton Rouge, LA; Hon. John Michael Guidry, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court, Baton Rouge, LA; Nicole T. Bowyer, 2024–2025 Leadership LSBA class member, State Farm, New Orleans, LA; and Stephanie M. Poucher, 2024–2025 Leadership LSBA class co-chair, Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., New Orleans, LA, during the General Assembly. *Photo by LSBA Staff.*



Harry Landry III, Eastern District Attorney's Office, Baton Rouge, LA; Patrick A. Talley, Jr., 2024–2025 Louisiana Bar Association President, Sarah M. Day, 2024–2025 Leadership LSBA class member, Pipes Miles Beckman LLC, New Orleans, LA; Casey C. Hollins, 2024–2025 Leadership LSBA class member, Hammonds, Sills, Adkins, Guice, Noah & Perkins, L.L.P., Baton Rouge, LA; Hon. John Michael Guidry, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court, Baton Rouge, LA; Chief Justice John L. Weimer, Louisiana Supreme Court, Sixth District, New Orleans, LA; Nicole T. Bowyer, 2024–2025 Leadership LSBA class member, State Farm, New Orleans, LA; and Stephanie M. Poucher, 2024–2025 Leadership LSBA class co-chair, Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., New Orleans, LA, during the General Assembly. *Photo by LSBA Staff.*



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**Date: August 8, 2025**

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**CLE Seminar**

Thursday, August 22, 2025

12–2:40 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans

Hotel, 921 Canal St.

Free to register + 1.25 Ethics CLE Credit Hour(s) and 1.25  
Professionalism CLE Credit Hour(s)

**Midyear Meeting**  
**CLE Seminar**

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026 | 1–4:45 p.m.

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel

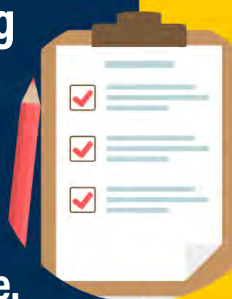
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**Please join the LSBA in welcoming**  
**New Admittees to the Bar!**

**November 5, 2025**

**4:30–6:30 p.m.**

**Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave.**



**RSVP**

**LSBA New Admittees Reception**



**NATCHITOCHES LIGHTS**  
**CLE SEMINAR**

**Thursday, December 11, 2025**

**Mariner's Restaurant**

**5948 Highway 1 Bypass, Natchitoches, LA 71457**

**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**



# Classified Advertisements

Standard classified advertising in our regular typeface and format may now be placed in “**Bar Briefs**” and on the LSBA Web site, *LSBA.org*. All requests for classified notices must be submitted in writing and are subject to approval. Copy must be typewritten and payment must accompany request. Our low rates for placement in both are as follows:

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**Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal Notice of Job Opening** – Judicial Research Attorney. Judge Fredericka Homberg Wicker of the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal is seeking a full-time, highly qualified attorney to serve as a judicial research attorney working under the judge’s exclusive supervision. In this position, the attorney directly assists the judge on assigned cases, performing comprehensive legal research, reviewing trial records, briefs, and writ applications, drafting memoranda and proposed dispositions, as well as reviewing drafts prepared by other research attorneys. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Please email your cover letter, resume, law school transcript, and a recent writing sample to [jobs@fifthcircuit.org](mailto:jobs@fifthcircuit.org). The Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal is an equal opportunity employer.

## Services

### **Briefs/Legal Research/Analysis of Unusual or Problem Cases**

**JD with honors**, federal judicial clerk, graduate of top 10 law school, 25 years experience federal and state litigation, creative legal thinker. Available for briefs, research, court appearances, analysis of unusual or problem cases.

References on request. Catherine Leary, (504)436-9648, statewide services, registered office Jefferson Parish. Email [CatherineLeary2021@gmail.com](mailto:CatherineLeary2021@gmail.com).

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# UPCOMING LSBA CLE OPPORTUNITIES



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## **Employment Law Update 2025**

Friday, August 15, 2025

*New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel  
859 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans*

## **Healthcare Law**

Friday, August 22, 2025

*Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center  
201 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, LA*

## **Nuts and Bolts of Insurance Law**

Friday, August 29, 2025

*New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel  
859 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans*

## **Tax Law 2025: Going Beyond the Numbers**

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

*Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel  
7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge*

## **32nd Annual Admiralty Symposium**

Friday, September 12, 2025

*Hyatt Centric French Quarter Hotel  
800 Iberville St., New Orleans*

## **Ethics & Professionalism**

Friday, September 19, 2025

*New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel  
859 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans*

## **Real Estate Law CLE**

Friday, September 26, 2025

*New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel  
859 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans*

## **Calling All Law Clerks - Summary Judgment CLE**

Friday, October 3, 2025

*New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel  
859 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans*

## **New York, New York Multi-Topic CLE**

Saturday, November 22– Tuesday, November 25, 2025

*InterContinental New York Times Square Hotel  
300 West 44th St., New York, NY*

The LSBA is heading back to New York Nov. 22–25, 2025. Enjoy the quintessential New York City experience at the InterContinental New York Times Square. Attendees will be within walking distance to the Broadway Theatre District, extraordinary shopping and fabulous restaurants! Earn all of your CLE credits including ethics and professionalism!

## **We're Having "A Grand CLE" at The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama!**

Friday, December 5–Sunday, December 7, 2025

*The Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Alabama*

On the Gulf Coast of Alabama, surrounded by beautiful Mobile Bay, the Grand Hotel Resort & Spa is a hidden jewel, rich with stunning natural beauty, alive with activity, and overflowing with generous hospitality — an enchanted destination filled with gracious charm AND CLEs.

## **"Experience Charleston" - A Multi-Topic CLE**

Monday, March 16–Wednesday, March 18, 2026

*The Charleston Place Hotel  
205 Meeting St., Charleston, SC*

Through sumptuous accommodations, delicious food and drink, shopping, restorative wellness services, and warm, generous hospitality, The Charleston Place stirs the senses and lives forever in the minds and souls of all who gather.

[WWW.LSBA.ORG/CLE](http://WWW.LSBA.ORG/CLE)

## Budget and Expenditure Update

June 6, 2025

The Louisiana State Bar Association's approved budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is included here for your information. The proposed budget was approved by the Budget Committee and preliminarily approved by the 2024-2025 Board of Governors. The 2025-2026 Board of Governors approved the final budget at its meeting on June 6. Even after final approval, the budget may be amended from time to time to reflect developments.<sup>1</sup> If you have any questions about this information, please contact the Treasurer at [treasurer@lsba.org](mailto:treasurer@lsba.org).

### Notice

The purpose of the LSBA is set forth in Art. III § 1 of its Articles of Incorporation. The expenditure of funds by the LSBA is limited as set forth in the LSBA's Articles and Bylaws; Supreme Court Rule XVIII § 6; *Keller v. State Bar of California*, 496 U.S. 1 (1990); *McDonald v. Longley*, 4 F.4th 229 (5th Cir. 2021); and *Boudreaux v. Louisiana State Bar Ass'n*, 86 F.4th 620 (5th Cir. 2023).

A member may object to the use of any portion of the member's bar dues for activities he or she considers inconsistent with the foregoing constitutional standards. Member objections must be filed within 45 days of the date of the Bar's publication of notice of the activity to which the member is objecting. Details on the objection, refund, and arbitration procedures are set forth in Article XII of the LSBA By-Laws. To review the LSBA's Articles and By-Laws, please visit <https://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/ByLawsAndArticles.aspx>. To review the LSBA's annual reports, please visit <https://www.lsba.org/NewsAndPublications/AnnualReports.aspx>.

1. Also included is the year-end data for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the current budget (as amended April 2025) for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.



April 28, 2025

To the Board of Governors and Members  
of Louisiana State Bar Association

The attached 2025-2026 Proposed Budgeted Expenditures schedule is based on 2023-2024 year-end actual expenditures (unaudited); 2024-2025 budgeted expenditures, as amended; and 2025-2026 proposed budgeted expenditures, as provided by management of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA). Our services were limited to calculating the ratios of the 2025-2026 budgeted expenditures by category to total 2025-2026 budgeted expenditures. We have not compiled, reviewed, or audited the data provided by management, nor evaluated the reasonableness of the actual or budgeted expenditures. Therefore, we express no opinion or other assurance on the information presented in the 2025-2026 Proposed Budgeted Expenditures schedule.

The attached 2025-2026 Proposed Budgeted Expenditures schedule has been acknowledged and accepted by the LSBA as appropriate to meet the intended purposes of informing users of the 2025-2026 proposed budgeted expenditures and providing information on the 2023-2024 year-end actual expenditures (unaudited) and the 2024-2025 budgeted expenditures, as amended, for comparative purposes. Users are responsible for determining whether the information provided is appropriate for their intended use.



Bourgeois Bennett L.L.C.  
Certified Public Accountants

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Proposed Budgeted Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026**

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2023-2024 YEAR-END ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	2024-2025 BUDGET AS AMENDED	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	
			\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
<b>GOVERNANCE</b>				
President	\$33,147	\$32,000	\$34,000	0.40%
President-Elect	20,450	25,000	30,000	0.36%
Immediate Past President	10,646	11,000	10,000	0.12%
President-Elect Designee	4,991	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Secretary	3,072	3,500	3,500	0.04%
Treasurer	1,098	3,500	3,500	0.04%
Board of Governors	145,096	140,000	140,000	1.66%
Strategic Planning	-	30,000	-	0.00%
House of Delegates	24,511	30,000	30,000	0.36%
Supreme Court Liaison	3,129	10,000	10,000	0.12%
Young Lawyers Division	120,281	125,000	125,000	1.48%
Nominations & Elections	15,307	18,000	18,000	0.21%
Legislative Monitoring	-	-	-	0.00%
Leadership LSBA Committee	22,033	23,000	26,000	0.31%
Membership Surveys	186	350	350	0.00%
Committees	5,456	8,000	8,000	0.10%
Telephone	1,244	1,600	1,600	0.02%
Supplies	1,212	2,000	2,000	0.02%
Executive Director - Expenses	20,918	20,000	20,000	0.24%
Personnel	444,148	472,000	499,000	5.93%
	<b>876,925</b>	<b>959,950</b>	<b>965,950</b>	<b>11.48%</b>
<b>COMMUNICATIONS and PUBLICATIONS</b>				
Bar Briefs	701	650	700	0.01%
Louisiana Bar Journal	184,346	190,000	195,000	2.32%
Unrelated Business Income Tax	(14,729)	5,000	8,000	0.10%
Telephone	1,234	1,500	1,500	0.02%
Supplies	395	1,500	1,000	0.01%
Professional Dues and Subscriptions	540	675	675	0.01%
Communications Director - Expenses	5,754	7,000	7,000	0.08%
Personnel	436,706	473,000	479,200	5.69%
	<b>614,947</b>	<b>679,325</b>	<b>693,075</b>	<b>8.23%</b>
<b>MEMBER OUTREACH and DIVERSITY</b>				
Annual Diversity Conclave Program	67,324	70,000	70,000	0.83%
Local Bar Outreach	29,141	36,000	36,000	0.43%
Departmental Projects	33,333	27,500	27,500	0.33%
Printing & Postage	237	200	200	0.00%
Telephone	1,787	2,450	2,450	0.03%
Supplies	2,149	2,200	2,200	0.03%
Professional Dues & Subscriptions	995	1,650	1,650	0.02%
Staff Travel & Training	11,259	11,000	11,000	0.13%
Personnel	299,052	323,000	329,200	3.91%
	<b>445,277</b>	<b>474,000</b>	<b>480,200</b>	<b>5.70%</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP SERVICES and MEETINGS</b>				
Annual Meeting/Summer School	338,405	325,000	340,000	4.04%
Midyear Meeting	38,153	35,000	38,000	0.45%
Bar Admissions Ceremonies	143	300	300	0.00%
Memorial Exercises	401	600	600	0.01%



EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	YEAR-END	BUDGET	\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
	ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	AS AMENDED		
<b>MEMBERSHIP SERVICES and MEETINGS (Cont.)</b>				
Senior Lawyers Division	318	500	700	0.01%
Committees	2,941	3,500	3,000	0.04%
Telephone	1,314	1,800	1,800	0.02%
Supplies	181	500	500	0.01%
Personnel	188,482	201,000	203,200	2.41%
	<b>570,338</b>	<b>568,200</b>	<b>588,100</b>	<b>6.99%</b>
<b>MANDATORY CLE</b>				
Travel	275	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Telephone	1,642	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Postage & Printing	2,233	3,000	3,000	0.04%
Supplies	3,428	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Personnel	332,547	342,000	358,500	4.26%
	<b>340,125</b>	<b>357,500</b>	<b>374,000</b>	<b>4.44%</b>
<b>ACCESS TO JUSTICE</b>				
Professional Dues & Subscriptions	2,990	3,675	2,740	0.03%
Committee Projects	15,194	15,500	18,500	0.22%
Training Programs	2,020	10,500	8,100	0.10%
Travel	10,623	6,000	8,000	0.10%
Supplies	1,505	2,000	2,000	0.02%
Printing & Postage	275	500	500	0.01%
Telephone	1,814	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Louisiana Justice Community Conference	28,237	32,000	37,000	0.44%
Criminal Justice Conference	-	4,000	4,000	0.05%
Access to Justice Conclave	8,831	10,000	10,000	0.12%
Pro Bono and Children's Awards Programs	8,696	8,000	8,000	0.10%
Legal Innovators for Tomorrow Program	6,753	10,000	10,000	0.12%
Intern Stipends	12,000	12,000	12,000	0.14%
Committees	479	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Personnel	593,534	652,000	672,000	7.98%
	<b>692,951</b>	<b>771,175</b>	<b>797,840</b>	<b>9.48%</b>
<b>PRACTICE MANAGEMENT &amp; ASSISTANCE</b>				
General:				
Committees	14,184	20,000	20,000	0.24%
Ethics, Management & Wellness Programming	4,077	5,000	4,000	0.05%
Travel	7,908	8,000	8,000	0.10%
Personnel	308,822	328,500	339,000	4.03%
	<b>334,991</b>	<b>361,500</b>	<b>371,000</b>	<b>4.41%</b>
CLE Programming:				
CLE Seminars	498,976	480,000	500,000	5.94%
Committee	220.00	1,000	1,000	0.01%
Sponsor Fee for CLE	2,700	3,000	3,000	0.04%
Travel	3,855	10,000	10,000	0.12%
Supplies	4,067	3,000	4,000	0.05%
Telephone	1,171	1,600	1,600	0.02%
Personnel	185,996	205,500	213,000	2.53%
	<b>696,985</b>	<b>704,100</b>	<b>732,600</b>	<b>8.70%</b>
Law Office Management and Assistance:				
Solo & Small Firm Conference	34,184	25,000	25,000	0.30%
Outreach Seminars and Programs	43,783	33,000	33,000	0.39%
Computer Assisted Legal Research (Fastcase)	125,111	135,000	135,000	1.60%
Fee Arbitration Program	1,436	2,000	2,000	0.02%
Committees	1,160	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Travel	3,618	4,500	4,500	0.05%

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	YEAR-END	BUDGET		
	ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	AS AMENDED	\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
<b>PRACTICE MANAGEMENT &amp; ASSISTANCE (Cont.)</b>				
Law Office Management and Assistance (Cont.):				
Supplies	26	700	700	0.01%
Telephone	668	1,200	1,200	0.01%
Personnel	199,729	216,000	223,000	2.65%
	<b>409,715</b>	<b>419,900</b>	<b>426,900</b>	<b>5.07%</b>
Practice Assistance Program:				
Programs	2,223	3,000	3,000	0.04%
Committee	2,893	6,000	6,000	0.07%
Furniture & Equipment	-	1,000	1,000	0.01%
Travel	2,842	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Supplies	1,329	4,000	2,500	0.03%
Telephone	1,382	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Personnel	224,246	240,000	247,000	2.93%
	<b>234,915</b>	<b>261,500</b>	<b>267,000</b>	<b>3.17%</b>
Committee on the Profession:				
Programs	7,699	16,000	12,000	0.14%
Law School Professionalism Programs	6,990	12,000	12,000	0.14%
	<b>14,689</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>0.29%</b>
Lawyer Advertising/Ethics Advisory Service:				
Postage	2,433	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Telephone	1,372	2,100	2,100	0.02%
Committee	5,277	6,000	6,000	0.07%
Travel	498	7,000	7,000	0.08%
Fees on Online Income	-	5,500	5,500	0.07%
Supplies	4,680	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Personnel	436,284	463,000	477,000	5.67%
	<b>450,544</b>	<b>491,100</b>	<b>505,100</b>	<b>6.00%</b>
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Database Management Software	50,092	56,000	52,000	0.62%
Security	15,559	15,000	20,000	0.24%
Technology Upgrades	55,320	58,000	60,000	0.71%
Computer Supplies & Service	22,764	35,000	30,000	0.36%
Internet Access	10,737	14,000	14,000	0.17%
LSBA.org	2,603	4,000	4,000	0.05%
Solace Project	2,292	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Video Conferencing	3,107	4,000	4,000	0.05%
Telephone	2,856	3,500	3,500	0.04%
Supplies	-	550	500	0.01%
Hurricane Evacuation	-	-	4,000	0.05%
IT Director - Expenses	2,880	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Personnel	399,627	422,500	436,000	5.18%
	<b>567,837</b>	<b>620,050</b>	<b>635,500</b>	<b>7.55%</b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP and FINANCE</b>				
Stationery & Printing	19,170	24,000	24,000	0.29%
Postage	23,917	26,000	26,000	0.31%
Professional Services	103,419	108,000	108,000	1.28%
Telephone	717	1,200	1,000	0.01%
Supplies	(258)	800	800	0.01%
Membership & Finance Director Travel & Training	1,125	4,000	4,000	0.05%
Personnel	492,448	550,000	550,000	6.53%
	<b>640,538</b>	<b>714,000</b>	<b>713,800</b>	<b>8.48%</b>

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	YEAR-END	BUDGET		
	ACTUAL	AS AMENDED	\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
(UNAUDITED)				
<b>GENERAL OPERATIONS</b>				
Property Management	144,510	160,000	160,000	1.90%
Property Insurance	74,437	83,500	83,500	0.99%
Building Supplies	620	2,000	2,000	0.02%
Building Maintenance	212,082	20,000	20,000	0.24%
Furniture & Equipment	-	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Equipment Rentals & Supplies	10,703	16,000	12,000	0.14%
Equipment Maintenance	784.00	1,000	1,000	0.01%
Postage	6,415	4,500	4,500	0.05%
Office Supplies	9,319	6,000	6,000	0.07%
Insurance-Other	74,450	72,025	77,700	0.92%
Litigation	2,064	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Staff Travel and Training	15,764	17,000	17,000	0.20%
Staff Miscellaneous Expenses	960	8,000	8,000	0.10%
Telephone	21,130	25,000	25,000	0.30%
Personnel	227,719	245,500	253,000	3.01%
	<b>800,957</b>	<b>670,525</b>	<b>679,700</b>	<b>8.07%</b>
<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b>				
Judges and Lawyers' Assistance Program **	100,000	100,000	100,000	1.19%
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	63,000	63,000	63,000	0.75%
Committee on Bar Admissions	215,320	220,000	-	0.00%
	<b>378,320</b>	<b>383,000</b>	<b>163,000</b>	<b>1.94%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$8,070,054</b>	<b>\$8,463,825</b>	<b>\$8,417,765</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* Sums in column may not add due to rounding.