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Curtis R. Joseph, Jr., a partner in the Shreveport law firm of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, APLC, was installed June 4 as the 86th president of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) during a ceremony at the LSBA's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla. Administering his oath of office was Hon. Carl E. Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. Read more about the LSBA Annual Meeting and Joint LJC/LSBA Summer School in the August/September 2026 issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Nominating Committee to Meet Aug. 20 to Nominate President-Elect, Secretary

The Nominating Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) will meet on Thursday, Aug. 20, in New Orleans to nominate a president-elect for the 2027-28 term and a secretary for the 2027-29 term.

The president-elect will automatically assume the presidency in 2028-29.

According to the president-elect rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 2 (parishes of East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Ascension, Assumption, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Point Coupee, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne,

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Washington, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana).

According to the secretary rotation, the nominee must have his/her preferred mailing address in Nominating Committee District 3 (parishes of Lafayette, Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion, Allen, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Grant, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry, Vernon, Bossier, Caddo, Bienville, Caldwell, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, DeSoto, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Red River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll and Winn).

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

Election Schedule

For the 2026-27 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 Friday, Aug. 21.

On Monday, Sept. 14, 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. 12. First election ballots will be available to members on Monday, Nov. 2. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Nov. 16.

Other Positions Open

Other positions to be filled in the 2026-27 elections are:

Board of Governors (three-year terms beginning at the adjournment of the 2027 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2030 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one member each from the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Board Districts.

LSBA House of Delegates (two-year terms beginning at the commencement of the 2027 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the commencement of the 2029 LSBA Annual Meeting) — one delegate from each of the Twentieth through Forty-Second 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 2027 LSBA Annual Meeting and ending at the adjournment of the 2028 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

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River, Richland, Tensas, Union, Webster, West Carroll and Winn, one member.

Young Lawyers Division Secretary (2027-28 term) nominee shall not be a resident of or actively practicing law in the 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, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth districts (two-year terms).

American Bar Association House of Delegates (must be members of the American Bar Association) — three delegates from the membership at large. The delegates will serve a two-year term, beginning with the adjournment of the 2027 ABA Annual Meeting and expiring at the adjournment of the 2029 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. 

LSBA to Hold Special Election to Consider Reduction in Size of House of Delegates

The LSBA will hold a special election beginning July 13 to consider a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 2 of the Articles of Incorporation to reduce the size of the House of Delegates by roughly one half. The House of Delegates Task Force made the recommendation after more than a year of study, which included a survey and outreach to LSBA leaders. The House

of Delegates approved the proposal at its Jan. 24, 2026 meeting. 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. Ballots will be available to members from July 13 through July 27. For more information, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/elections. 

House of Delegates Meeting Recap:

At its June 4 meeting, the LSBA House of Delegates approved two resolutions and elected a member of the LSBA House of Delegates to serve as a member of the Budget Committee for a term beginning July 1, 2026. The resolutions came from the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization and the Mineral Law Section.

Review the full resolutions online at: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/HouseofDelegates.aspx. 

Board of Governors Approves FY 2026-27 Budget

The 2026-27 LSBA Board of Governors, at its meeting on June 5, finalized and approved the FY 2026-27 budget as preliminarily approved and recommended by the Budget Committee.

Review the Budget and Expenditure Update on pages 20-25 of this issue or go online at: www.lsba.org/documents/BOG/BudgetExpenditure.pdf. 

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2026-27 LSBA Dues and LADB Assessment Payment Cycle Underway

The purpose of the Louisiana State Bar Association (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 constitutional standards. Members can object to LSBA expenditures based on the preliminary budget, the audited financial statements, the email alerts, the "Bar Briefs," the Louisiana Bar Journal or any other notice that they receive. 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 Bylaws. To review the objection, refund and arbitration procedures in Article XII of the LSBA Bylaws, go to: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/ByLawsAndArticles.aspx.

Additional information on annual LSBA expenditures is available on pages 20-25 of this issue of Bar Briefs or online at www.lsba.org/goto/budget.

The LSBA's annual reports also are available at: www.lsba.org/NewsAndPublications/AnnualReports.aspx.

Payment of Dues and Assessment

LSBA members have the option to pay their 2026-27 LSBA dues and Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (LADB) assessment by ACH electronic check, credit card, or download and mail their Attorney Registration Statement and checks for the payment of fees. Members are encouraged to pay and file electronically, through the LSBA website, which is available during

Annual Requirements

- 1. Filing of Attorney Registration Statement and Payment of LSBA Dues and LADB Assessment***
In accordance with LSBA Bylaws, Article I, Sections 1-4 and in accordance with LA Supreme Court Rule XIX, Section 8
- 2. Filing of Trust Account Disclosure and Overdraft Notification Authorization***
In accordance with LA Supreme Court Rule XIX, Section 8
- 3. Reporting of Pro Bono Hours**

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For more information, visit
www.lsba.org/members/memberduesinfo.aspx

times when the Bar Center is closed or if mail service is disrupted due to inclement weather. Further, electronic payment gives members more control over their information in the database and allows for more timely updates to their member records. The website is unavailable nightly between 10 p.m.-1 a.m. CST.

Filing the Attorney Registration Statement is an important part of an LSBA member's annual requirement and can be completed by mail or electronically. Mailing in the Attorney Registration Statement with two separate payments of Dues and Assessment constitutes filing. When paying online, verifying and/or updating member demographic information serves as electronically filing the Attorney Registration Statement.

Emeritus Status is available for lawyers who only handle pro bono work or uncompensated work for family members (both subject to certain guidelines and restrictions) and who meet age and practice criteria. Lawyers should review the Emeritus Status guidelines and restrictions for possible election. Election of emeritus status MUST be made prior to payment of the Dues and Assessment and the election deadline for the 2026-27 membership year which is June 30, 2026. Review the "Emeritus Status Guidelines and Restrictions and Notice of Application" at: www.lsba.org/Members/EmeritusStatus.aspx.

Attorneys who no longer wish to practice law and do not want to pay the LSBA dues or LADB assessment must

take the necessary steps to elect inactive status, as per Louisiana Supreme Court Administrative Rule XVIII, Section 3. This Rule states that a lawyer in good standing who is not engaged in the practice of law shall advise the Louisiana State Bar Association in writing of his or her desire to request inactive status and discontinue the practice of law. Inactive members may not engage in the practice of law and shall not be required to pay the annual dues or assessment or comply with trust account reporting requirements. Any lawyer who does not take these steps and simply ceases to timely pay the required fees and/or make the required filings shall be certified ineligible to practice law.

Filing electronically can be a quick and simple process, utilizing the online member accounts that participants have relied on for years to register for CLE seminars. If an attorney has not yet set up a member account, one can easily be created at: www.lsba.org/Members/memberacct.aspx. This webpage also allows members to edit their existing account and reset a lost or forgotten account password.

After member data is confirmed but before the payment/filing process begins, members will be advised that they also need to go to www.LADB.org to complete the Louisiana Supreme Court Trust Account Disclosure and Overdraft Notification Authorization Form and will be asked to confirm that they understand this requirement. The Louisiana Attorney

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Disciplinary Board is the certifying agency for the Trust filing for LSBA members' IOLTA accounts. Filing is quick and easy at www.LADB.org and any issues concerning trust accounts should be directed to LADB at (504) 834-1488.

The collection schedule will be the same as in prior years. The LSBA mailed a postcard in May to each member, prompting them to go online to www.LSBA.org to complete the registration process, pay the annual dues and assessment and go online to www.LADB.org to complete the Trust Account Form. This is the only mailing members will receive prior to the July 1, 2026, due date; attorney registration statements will NOT be mailed.

Throughout the dues collection period, the LSBA will email reminders using the email address, compliance@lsbamembership.com. Members are encouraged to add this email address to their contact list to avoid missing important communications. Members should not reply to this email address, but rather direct questions to processing@lsba.org.

Once members have electronically filed their Attorney Registration Statement (including any necessary changes and/or updates) and have made the required payments, they will receive email confirmations. The filing and payment deadline will remain July 1, 2026. The LSBA will continue to mail delinquency and ineligibility notices to those who fail to meet the deadline.

Members who elect to pay by electronic check will continue to pay the following fees:

- ▶ LSBA dues (practicing more than three years): \$200;
- ▶ LSBA dues (Emeritus Status): \$100; and
- ▶ LSBA dues (practicing three years or less): \$80;
- ▶ LADB assessment (practicing more than three years): \$235;
- ▶ LADB assessment (Emeritus Status): \$117.50; and
- ▶ LADB assessment (practicing three years or less): \$170.

Those who are planning to pay by electronic check should contact their

financial institutions to confirm that their accounts allow payment by this method.

As was the case last year, processing fees of 3%, plus a .20 transaction fee, will be assessed if choosing to pay by credit card. Total amounts, including assessed fees, are as follows:

- ▶ LSBA dues (practicing more than three years): \$206.20;
- ▶ LSBA dues (Emeritus Status): \$103.20; and
- ▶ LSBA dues (practicing three years or less): \$82.60;
- ▶ LADB assessment (practicing more than three years): \$242.25;
- ▶ LADB assessment (Emeritus Status): \$121.23; and
- ▶ LADB assessment (practicing three years or less): \$175.30.

Bar staff members will be available to answer questions and provide assistance to members. All questions and concerns should be directed to:

- ▶ Email — processing@LSBA.org
- ▶ Telephone — (504) 566-1600 or (800) 421-LSBA; ask for Payment Processing. 📞

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Interested in an Appointed LSBA HOD Position?

Several LSBA House of Delegates seats received no qualifiers by the Oct. 13, 2025, qualifying deadline. These positions will be filled by presidential appointment.

Members interested in being considered for appointment to these positions should email LSBA Governance Coordinator Jen France at jen.france@lsba.org. Available positions are:

LSBA House of Delegates (June 2026-June 2028 term)

- ▶ First Judicial District: 4 appointments pending.
- ▶ Second Judicial District: 3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fourth Judicial District: 4 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fifth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Sixth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Eighth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Tenth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twelfth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirteenth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Fourteenth Judicial District: 7 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fifteenth Judicial District: 4 appointments pending.

- ▶ Sixteenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Seventeenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Eighteenth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Nineteenth Judicial District: 4 appointments pending.

Also open for appointments are the following House seats:

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

- ▶ Twenty-First Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Sixth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Seventh Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Eighth 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-Sixth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Seventh Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Thirty-Ninth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.

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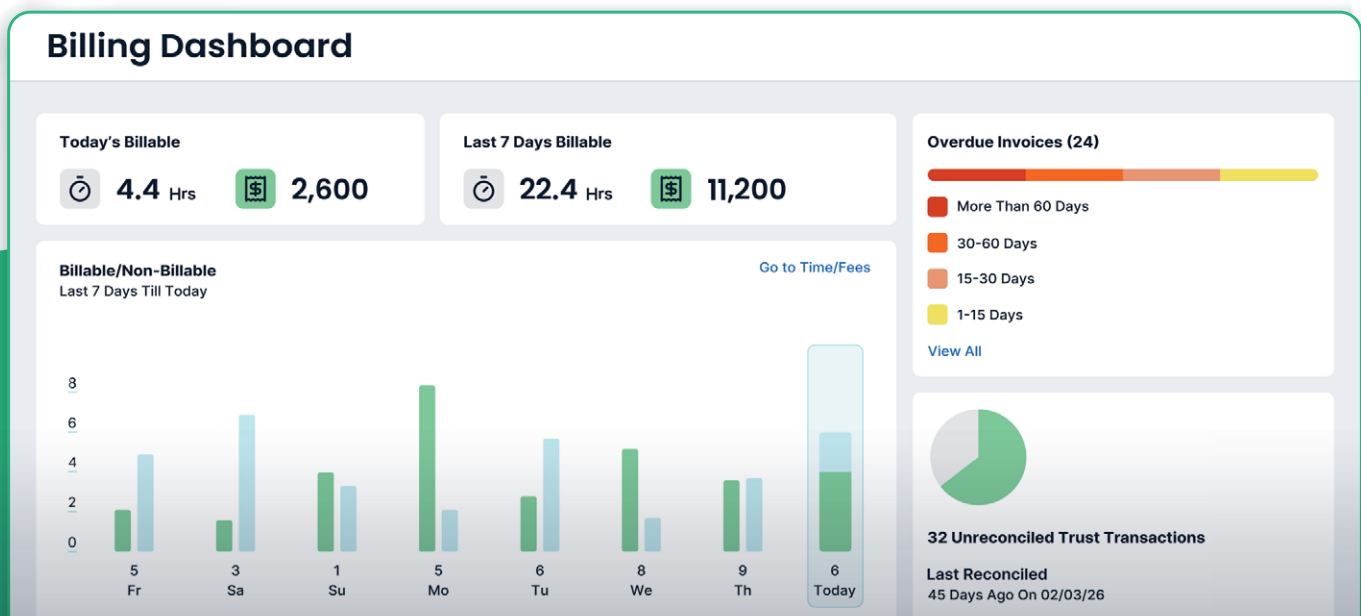
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Louisiana Supreme Court Amends Code of Judicial Conduct

The Louisiana Supreme Court has adopted several amendments to the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct affecting Canons 2, 3, 4 and 7. The changes, which take effect immediately, address judicial references and recommendations, courtroom recording, judicial discipline, recusal, legislative advocacy and political activity.

Among the revisions, judges are now expressly permitted to serve as personal references or write letters of recommendation based on personal knowledge, including on official letterhead when its use would not reasonably be perceived as an attempt to exert influence. The court also updated provisions governing courtroom photography and recording, clarifying when recordings may be made for educational purposes and reaffirming restrictions on public broadcasting of court proceedings absent Supreme Court authorization.

Additional amendments establish judges' obligations to cooperate with disciplinary investigations, revise the standard for recusal to align with applicable law and Supreme Court rules, clarify that judges may communicate with executive and legislative officials on matters affecting the law and the administration of justice, and update the Code's provisions governing partisan political activity.

The court's order states that the amendments became effective upon signing and will remain in effect until modified by future order. 📖

Louisiana Supreme Court Updates Judicial Travel Reimbursement Rules

The Louisiana Supreme Court has amended Part G, Section 1(b) of the General Administrative Rules governing reimbursement of travel expenses for judges attending official meetings. The revisions, which take effect July 1, 2026, update provisions related to transportation, rental vehicles and meal reimbursements.

Among the changes, the order clarifies reimbursement policies for airfare, private vehicle mileage, rental vehicles and other transportation expenses, including rideshare services, tolls and ferry fares. The amendments also provide updated guidance on baggage fees, reimbursement limits and documentation requirements for travel expenses paid with public funds.

The court also revised the rules governing reimbursement for meals, tips and incidental expenses. The amendments clarify eligibility for judges whose primary work location differs from their courthouse and reaffirm that reimbursements are limited to applicable federal per diem rates or actual documented expenses, whichever is less. The order also reiterates the reporting requirements associated with full per diem payments on the first and last days of travel.

The revised travel reimbursement rules become effective July 1, 2026, and will remain in effect unless amended by future order of the court. 📖



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LSBA YLD Professional Development Seminar

The LSBA Young Lawyers Division will host its annual Professional Development Seminar on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2026, from 8 a.m. to noon. This virtual program is tailored specifically for young lawyers seeking to enhance their skills, build confidence and strengthen their legal practice.

The seminar will offer up to 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. 

Advertising Ethically CLE Sept. 30

The attorney advertising rules and process can sometimes appear complicated. Richard Lemmler, LSBA Ethics Counsel, will discuss the advertising rules, the procedures for filing an advertisement with the LSBA and ways to market your practice to the public ethically and professionally.

Join the LSBA Advertising Workshop on Wed., Sept. 30 at the LSBA Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., in New Orleans from 9-11 a.m.

This in-person seminar is designed to educate on the important details of the LA attorney advertising process, with up to 2 hours CLE available (1 hour each of ethics and professionalism).

Register with Wendy Roberts at (wroberts@lsba.org). The in-person only CLE is \$25.00 and space is limited. 

LBLS Accepting Bankruptcy Law Certification Applications Through Sept. 30

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) is accepting applications for certification in business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law through Sept. 30, 2026.

In accordance with the Plan of Legal Specialization, a Louisiana State Bar Association member in good standing who has been engaged in the practice of law on a full-time basis for a minimum of five years may apply for certification. Further requirements are that, each year, a minimum percentage of the attorney's practice must be devoted to the area of certification sought, and the attorney must pass a written examination to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought and provide five favorable references. Peer review is used to determine that an applicant has achieved recognition as having a level of competence indicating proficient performance handling the usual matters in the specialty field. Refer to the LBLS Bankruptcy Law Standards for a detailed description of the requirements: www.lsba.org/Specialization/BusinessBankruptcy.aspx?Area=Standards.

In addition to the above, applicants must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the year in which application is made and the examination is administered. For bankruptcy law, CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, the testing agency.

In regard to applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification, although the written test(s) is administered by the American Board of Certification, attorneys should apply for approval of the LBLS simultaneously with the testing agency to avoid delay of board certification by the LBLS. Information concerning the American Board of Certification will be provided with the application form(s) and can be viewed at: www.abcwORLD.org.

For more information on the benefits of board certification, go to:

www.lsba.org/specialization/BusinessBankruptcy.aspx?Area=Letter.

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, (504) 619-0128, (800) 421-5722, ext. 128, or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. For more information, go to the LBLS website: www.lsba.org/specialization/. 

Interested in Creating a New Legal Specialty Area in Louisiana?

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) has adopted a written policy detailing how submissions must be made for the LBLS to consider a new legal specialty area. While new legal specialties must be approved by the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates, the LBLS is charged with recommending new specialties to the House of Delegates.

Currently, 10 legal specialties have been approved and are overseen by the LBLS — 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. Find out more here: www.lsba.org/documents/Specialization/LSBAPlanofLegalspecialization2017.pdf Or learn more about these specialties and about board-certified legal specialization online at: www.lsba.org/specialization.

For more information about creating a new legal specialty area in Louisiana, contact Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann at (504) 619-0128, or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. 

Reminder: MCLE Compliance Deadline is Dec. 31, 2026

The deadline for earning mandatory continuing legal education credits is Dec. 31, 2026. The deadline for filing those credits or an exemption is Jan. 31, 2027.

As a reminder, members who turned 65 on or after January 31, 2026, are no longer age-exempt and are required to complete five hours of CLE each year, including one hour of ethics and one hour of professionalism. All five hours may be earned through computer-based attendance.

For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, the limitation for computer-based CLE credits is set at 4 hours annually (as defined in Rule 3(d) of LASC Rule XXX). This includes

interactive live webcasts, webinars and on-demand recordings.

Louisiana State Bar Association members may review their transcripts online at www.lsba.org/MCLE/MCLETranscriptsV4.aspx. Members are encouraged to check their records throughout the year to keep track of their compliance needs. Compliance deadline email reminders will be sent periodically throughout the calendar year from the email address, compliance@lsbamembership.com.

Attorneys who are experiencing undue hardship should email MCLE Director Mindi Hunter, mindi.hunter@lsba.org, about the mitigating circumstances. An attorney

experiencing serious medical or other issues may qualify for a waiver or some degree of relevant assistance to help reach the compliance requirement for the year.

Members who choose to take a course that is not already approved for Louisiana CLE credit should be certain that the sponsor of the course is able to verify attendance. But there is no guarantee that the course will be approved for Louisiana credit.

To review transcripts online, to search for Louisiana-approved CLE courses and for more information on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, go to: www.lsba.org/MCLE/. 

Board-Certified Specialists and 2026 Applicants Under the Age of 65 May Earn Up to Four (4) Hours of Approved Specialization “Computer-Based CLE” Credits for 2026

The Louisiana Supreme Court amended Rule XXX of the Rules for Continuing Legal Education, modifying the longstanding age-based exemption for attorneys, by order dated Nov. 10, 2025. See the order at www.lsba.org/documents/Publications/2025MCLEOrderReAgeMCLE.pdf. Under the revised Louisiana Supreme Court rule, attorneys who turn 65 on or after Jan. 1, 2026, may earn all of their required CLE through computer-based programming.

Considering the Nov. 10, 2025 order of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) approved that all board-certified specialists and applicants, who are age 65 or older in 2026, may earn all of their required hours of specialization CLE either in person or online in 2026.

For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, there is no longer a limitation on “computer-based CLE” at four (4) hours annually for board-certified specialists and applicants, who are age 65 or older in 2026. “Computer-based CLE” includes interactive live webcasts, webinars and on-demand recordings. See the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) website at www.lsba.org/MCLE/.

The LBLS Board did not change any of the required number of specialization CLE hours for board-certified specialists, no matter what their age.

For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, LBLS Estate Planning and Administration specialists and Tax Law

specialists, who are 65 or older in 2026, may earn all of their required 18 hours of approved specialization CLE either in person or by “computer-based CLE” credits on or before Dec. 31, 2026. See Rule 3(d) of Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX: www.lasc.org/Supreme_Court_Rules?p=RuleXXX

For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, LBLS Appellate Practice specialists, Employment Law specialists, Family Law specialists, Health Law specialists and Labor Law specialists, who are 65 or older in 2026, may earn all of their required 15 hours of approved specialization CLE either in person or by “computer-based CLE” credits on or before Dec. 31, 2026. For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, LBLS Business Bankruptcy Law specialists and Consumer Bankruptcy Law specialists must satisfy the continuing legal education requirements of the American Board of Certification (ABC).

For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, board-certified specialists and applicants, who are younger than 65 in 2026, are subject to the limitation on “computer-based CLE” at four (4) hours annually (as defined in Rule 3(d) of Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX: www.lasc.org/Supreme_Court_Rules?p=RuleXXX). The remaining required specialization CLE hours are to be “in person attendance.”

For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, LBLS Estate Planning and Administration specialists and Tax Law specialists, younger than 65 in who are 2026,

may earn up to four (4) hours of approved specialization “computer-based CLE” credits on or before Dec. 31, 2026. The remaining fourteen (14) hours of their required 18 hours should be “in person attendance.” See Rule 3(d) of Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX: www.lasc.org/Supreme_Court_Rules?p=RuleXXX.

For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, LBLS Appellate Practice specialists, Employment Law specialists, Family Law specialists, Health Law specialists and Labor Law specialists, who are younger than 65 in 2026, may earn up to four (4) approved specialization “computer-based CLE” credits on or before Dec. 31, 2026. The remaining eleven (11) hours of their required 15 hours should be “in person attendance.” For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, LBLS Business Bankruptcy Law specialists and Consumer Bankruptcy Law specialists must satisfy the continuing legal education requirements of the ABC.

Review the LBLS Approved Course Calendar here: www.lsba.org/MCLE/MCLECalendar.aspx?L=S. Check off your specialization and click “Search Courses” to find approved CLE in that specialization. Be sure to review the “Total Hours” column to confirm how many CLE hours, if any, were approved for that specialization.

If you have any questions, please contact Specialization Director, Mary Ann Wegmann, at (504) 619-0128, 1-800-421-5722 or maryann.wegmann@lsba.org 

LBF Installs New Officers, Recognizes Distinguished Honorees

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) celebrated its 40th Anniversary Gala in April at the Four Seasons New Orleans to install 2026-27 officers and to honor distinguished legal professionals.

New officers were installed by Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Piper Griffin and Justice John Guidry. Read more about the newly installed officers in the News section of the Aug./Sept. issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. President Michael J. Mestayer, New Orleans; Vice President Charles C. Bourque, Jr., Houma; Treasurer Colleen C. Jarrott, Washington, D.C.; and Secretary George D. Ernest, Lafayette were all sworn in.

Recognized during the Gala were 2025 Distinguished Jurist Hon. Dana M. Douglas, U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit; Distinguished Attorney Michael A. Patterson of the Long Law Firm; Distinguished Professor Monica Hof Wallace, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; and Calogero Justice Award Recipient Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. (Ret.), Retired Chancellor Emeritus of Southern University Law Center.

These individuals were recognized because they have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession, brought credit and honor to the legal profession and made significant contributions to the Louisiana justice system. 📖



2025-26 LBF President Edmund J. Giering IV; Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. (Ret.); Hon. Dana M. Douglas, Prof. Monica Hof Wallace, Michael A. (Mike) Patterson and 2026-27 LBF President Michael J. (Mike) Mestayer at the 40th Anniversary LBF Gala. Photo by Patrick Niddrie.



LBF Past Presidents gather for a photo at the 40th Anniversary LBF Gala including, in the front row, Chris K. Ralston; Deidre Deculus Robert; Marcel Garsaud, Jr.; David F. Bienvenu; Suzanne M. Jones; Hon. John Davidson (Ret.) and Hon. Wendell Manning; and in the back row, John G. Swift; Edmund J. Giering IV; Valerie Briggs Bargas; E. Jane Sherman; Alan G. Brackett and Harry J. (Skip) Philips, Jr.. Photo by Patrick Niddrie.

DISPUTE OVER LEGAL FEES?



The LSBA Lawyer

Fee Dispute Resolution Program may be able to help.

Avoid the pitfalls of legal fee disputes such as disciplinary complaints or civil litigation by submitting your legal fee to binding low-cost fee arbitration with the LSBA. For more information on the process, go to www.lsba.org/goto/FeeDispute or contact Shawn L. Holahan, Practice Management Counsel/Loss Prevention Counsel, at 504-619-0153 or by email shawn.holahan@lsba.org.

Quick, Inexpensive, Informal, and Final resolution of attorney/client and attorney/attorney fee disputes.

IT'S TIME TO BOOK A LISTING IN THE LSBA ADR DIRECTORY 2026

The print version of the directory for arbitrators and mediators will be mailed with the October/November 2026 Louisiana Bar Journal.

*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!

View the 2025
directory at

[www.lsba.org/goto/
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 10 FOR \$125
FINAL DEADLINE: AUG 3 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

email | kbellanger@lsba.org

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.

LSBA Celebrates the 10th Anniversary of *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org*

Ten years ago, the LSBA launched *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org*, an online pro bono program created by the ABA and administered by the LSBA's Access to Justice Program. *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* allows low-income Louisianans to ask their civil legal questions online, and volunteer attorneys then answer those questions.

Volunteering through the site provides a quick and efficient way to provide pro bono services across the state. Volunteers can log in on their own schedule, filter questions by subject matter and provide meaningful guidance in as little as 30 minutes, all without the expectation of ongoing representation or leaving their office. Further, the ABA provides malpractice insurance for volunteer attorneys, removing one of the most common barriers to pro bono participation. What emerges is a model that removes barriers on both ends for attorneys willing to give their time and for the Louisianans who need it most.

Site users must be within 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, 18 years of age or older, not currently in jail or prison, and have less than \$10,000 in assets. Although, when there is a disaster, the income guidelines for the site increase to up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This is important because these guidelines are higher than they are for civil legal aid programs, so those who do not qualify for civil legal aid may still qualify to use *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org*.

Since the launch date on Aug. 16, 2016, over 10,000 questions have been submitted to the site, and approximately 8,550 have been answered by our 300+ volunteer attorneys. This is an answer rate of 85% and serving approximately 7,900 clients.

Celebrating Volunteer Excellence

These attorneys have been recognized for their contributions to *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* and their commitment to pro bono.

2018: **Peter S. Thriffley**, New Orleans
2019: **Cornelia S. Ullmann**, Metairie
2020: **Benjamin H. Banta**, New Orleans
2021: **Brian R. Johnson**, New Orleans
2022: **Amber C. Sheppard**, Mandeville
2023: **Kathleen M. Legendre**, Mandeville
2024: **Cornelia S. Ullmann**, Metairie
2025: **Gregory L. Landry**, Lafayette
2026: **Earlnisha D. Williams**, Shreveport

The site has proven especially valuable during moments of crisis. When the COVID-19 pandemic forced in-person legal clinics to close, and courthouse access became limited, *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* remained open around the clock, offering a lifeline to Louisianans whose legal problems did not pause with the world. Following major hurricanes and natural disasters, questions about insurance claims, contractor disputes and landlord-tenant issues surged, and volunteer attorneys showed up to help.

As the program enters its second decade, the LSBA continues to expand the base of volunteer attorneys and raise awareness of the site among the populations it serves.

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Register as a volunteer today!

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org



The Impact of an Answer

Behind every question is a person seeking legal help. These comments from *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* users reflect the difference volunteer attorneys make and the impact of the program on Louisianans across the state.

“ I am truly grateful for the assistance I receive and appreciate this site for providing legal counsel. I have asked for help from many places, and it wasn't until I came here that I finally got the support I needed. Thank you! ”

“ This site was very helpful in allowing me to navigate the legal system. I was given a number of potential resources but this one was the only one that was able to address my specific need... my journey for justice hasn't reached its end yet but I'm WELL on my way thanks to the knowledgeable attorneys on here. ”

“ Please know that this site is so wonderful for low income people like me! I was so desperate and lost as to what to do. I am so glad someone was there to help me with my issue! Thank you so very much! ”

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Attorneys can register at *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* in minutes, and pro bono hours logged through the site count toward Louisiana's Rule 6.1 aspirational goal of 50 hours annually.

Ten years in, the promise of *LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org* remains the same as the day it launched: that geography, income and circumstance should not determine whether a Louisianan can get a straight answer to a legal question. One question at a time, Louisiana's volunteer attorneys are making that promise real.

To learn more about the site or if you have questions about volunteering, please contact Rachael Mills, ATJ Project Counsel at Rachael.mills@lsba.org or (504) 619-0104. 



Top Five Question Categories

LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org

- family law
- housing/property owned
- debts/purchases
- civil/constitutional rights
- employment law



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OCTOBER 26-31, 2026

Ways to volunteer this year:

Ask-a-Lawyer In-Person • Ask-a-Lawyer Session by phone
Wills & Legacy Planning Clinic (in limited areas) • On-Call
Virtual Legal Presentation • [LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org](https://www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org)

Sign up at lil.ivolunteer.com/2026

For more information, visit
www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org

Focus on Diversity

For more information on items in this section, visit www.lsba.org/diversity.

18th Annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession

OUR DIVERSITY
OUR DIVERSITY



OUR STRENGTH
OUR STRENGTH

August 7, 2026 • Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans • New Orleans, LA

Registration still open! For more information and to register, visit www.lsba.org/cle

Hosted by: LSBA Department of Member Outreach and Diversity

Well-being IN THE *Legal Profession*

August 29, 2026 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. | Bocage Racquet Club | 7600 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA



NATCHITOCHES LIGHTS CLE SEMINAR

Thursday, December 10, 2026

Natchitoches, LA

Date: December 10, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Midyear Meeting CLE Seminar

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2027 | 1-4:30 p.m. | Registration Fee: Free

Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel
7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge

2027 EXPERT WITNESS, CONSULTANT AND LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

The Louisiana State Bar Association is publishing its Expert Witness, Consultant and Legal Services Directory. The supplement to the *Louisiana Bar Journal* will be printed separately and shrink-wrapped for mailing with the December 2026/January 2027 *Louisiana Bar Journal*. The directory is published annually, guaranteeing a year's worth of exposure in print and on the LSBA website.

- Reach 23,000+ practicing attorneys
- Listings indexed THREE ways:
alphabetical, geographical & by category
- View last year's publication at
www.lsba.org/expertwitness

Technical Details

- **Publication size:** 8 ½ inches wide x 10 7/8 inches tall
 - ½-page display ad 3.5 inches wide x 9.5 inches tall
 - ½-page CV ad 300 words max, not including contact info
 - Full-page display ad . . . 7.25 inches wide x 9.5 inches tall (no bleeds!)
 - Full-page CV ad 600 words max, not including contact info
- Display ads must be provided camera-ready in PDF format.
- For text/CV ads, supply text in an editable word-processing format.
- For CV ads, submit original or digital headshot photos separately from the text, in .jpg or .tif format (high-resolution digital photos of at least 300 dpi work best).
- E-mail or mail ads on a disk to the addresses provided below.
- **DON'T FORGET TO PROVIDE YOUR 5 INDEXING CATEGORIES.**

Contact Info, Deadlines & Pricing

To reserve space in the directory, mail and/or e-mail your display ad or text listing/photo, contact Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez via email at kbellanger@lsba.org and mail check (payable to the Louisiana State Bar Association) to:
Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez
Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404

If you prefer to charge your listing (Visa, Mastercard or Discover only), please call (504) 619-0131 or (800) 421-5722, ext. 131.

	Early-Bird Deadline Sept. 11, 2026	Final Deadline Oct. 16, 2026
½-page, black & white	\$425	\$525
½-page, color	\$475	\$785
Full-page, black & white	\$750	\$925
Full-page, color	\$850	\$1160

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secure your spot in
next year's Directory!**

Contact Krystal for details!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT www.lsba.org/expertwitness

Classified Advertisements

Standard classified advertising in our regular typeface and format may now be placed in “**Bar Briefs**” and on the LSBA website, *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:

Rates

Non-members of LSBA

\$85 per insertion of 50 words or less
\$1 per each additional word
\$20 for a C-Box number

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\$60 per insertion of 50 words or less
\$1 per each additional word
No additional charge for a C-Box

Screens: \$25

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Deadline

Payment and copy must be received by the first of the month before publication.

Send to:

Bar Briefs Classified Notices
Louisiana State Bar Association
601 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, La. 70130

Responses

To respond to a box number, address your envelope to:
Bar Briefs C-Box No. ____
c/o Louisiana State Bar Association
601 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, La. 70130

Positions Offered

Lamothe Law Firm seeks to hire a full-time associate attorney with good academic credentials and at least 3 years' experience in civil litigation. Located in downtown New Orleans, the majority of our practice is the representation of survivors of sexual abuse and assault. Please send resumes with a cover letter and writing sample to klosee@lamotheffirm.com. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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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.

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YOU HAD.

Your Wednesday coffee break just got better

“Perk Break” is the LSBA’s weekly social media feature, posted every Wednesday, designed to spotlight the valuable benefits available to members. From practical tools and professional resources to exclusive discounts and lesser-known services, each post highlights something you can use right away. A “perk” of LSBA membership.

Whether you’re looking to save time, cut costs or discover a resource you didn’t know existed, Perk Break delivers quick, easy-to-digest insights, all in the time it takes to enjoy a cup of coffee.

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UPCOMING LSBA CLE OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THE DATE

Health Law and Policy 2026 CLE



**Co-sponsored by the Health Law Section - Section members receive a discount!*

Also includes Health Law Specialization credit

This full-day CLE in Baton Rouge provides attorneys with timely insight into state and local healthcare issues, including licensure, regulatory enforcement and other key aspects of healthcare oversight affecting clients across the industry.

- Tuesday, August 11, 2026
- Renaissance Baton Rouge
7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge

Employment Law Update 2026 CLE



Stay current on the latest developments in labor and employment law at this annual seminar designed for practitioners who advise employers and employees. Topics include recent developments, EEOC updates, artificial intelligence in the workplace, mediation and dispute resolution strategies, summary judgment trends and ethics considerations related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

- Friday, August 14, 2026
- Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel
2 Poydras St., New Orleans

New York, New York A Multi-Topic CLE Seminar

Nov. 21-24, 2026

InterContinental New York Times Square
Whether you're looking to strengthen your expertise, gain new insights or stay current on developments affecting your practice, this CLE Seminar offers meaningful educational opportunities while you enjoy the winter festivities in a setting like none other, New York City!

2026 A Grand CLE

Dec. 4-6, 2026 • Point Clear, AL

Join colleagues for **A Grand CLE Experience** at the Grand Hotel Resort & Spa in Point Clear, Alabama. Earn valuable CLE credit through a lineup of timely, practice-focused programs designed to sharpen legal skills, explore emerging issues and enhance professional effectiveness all at a gorgeous setting.

WWW.LSBA.ORG/CLE



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Budget and Expenditure Update

June 5, 2026

The Louisiana State Bar Association's draft proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is included here for your information. The draft proposed budget has been approved by the Budget Committee and preliminarily approved by the 2025-2026 Board of Governors. The 2026-2027 Board of Governors will consider final budget approval at its meeting in early June. Even after final approval, the budget may be amended from time to time to reflect developments. If you have any questions about this information, please contact the Treasurer at 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>.

April 29, 2026

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

The attached 2026-2027 Proposed Budgeted Expenditures schedule is based on 2024-2025 year-end actual expenditures (unaudited); 2025-2026 budgeted expenditures, as amended; and 2026-2027 proposed budgeted expenditures, as provided by management of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA). Our services were limited to calculating the ratios of the 2026-2027 budgeted expenditures by category to total 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 Proposed Budgeted Expenditures schedule.

The attached 2026-2027 Proposed Budgeted Expenditures schedule has been acknowledged and accepted by the LSBA as appropriate to meet the intended purposes of informing users of the 2026-2027 proposed budgeted expenditures and providing information on the 2024-2025 year-end actual expenditures (unaudited) and the 2025-2026 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.

Bourgeois Bennett L.L.C.
Certified Public Accountants

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
Proposed Budgeted Expenditures
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2024-2025 YEAR-END ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	2025-2026 BUDGET AS AMENDED	2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	
			\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
GOVERNANCE				
President	\$25,710	\$34,000	\$38,000	0.44%
President-Elect	13,140	30,000	25,000	0.29%
Immediate Past President	5,412	10,000	10,000	0.12%
President-Elect Designee	4,645	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Secretary	3,296	3,500	3,500	0.04%
Treasurer	4,638	5,000	4,500	0.05%
Board of Governors	171,416	140,000	150,000	1.74%
Strategic Planning	22,438	-	-	0.00%
House of Delegates	21,249	30,000	25,000	0.29%
Supreme Court Liaison	799	10,000	10,000	0.12%
Young Lawyers Division	121,952	125,000	125,000	1.45%
Nominations & Elections	17,918	14,000	28,000	0.32%
Legislative Monitoring	-	-	-	0.00%
Leadership LSBA Committee	27,317	26,000	26,000	0.30%
Membership Surveys	205	350	350	0.00%
Committees	7,370	8,000	8,000	0.09%
Telephone	1,137	1,200	1,600	0.02%
Supplies	1,407	2,000	2,000	0.02%
Executive Director - Expenses	21,415	20,000	20,000	0.23%
Personnel	469,411	499,000	513,900	5.96%
	940,875	963,050	995,850	11.54%
COMMUNICATIONS and PUBLICATIONS				
Bar Briefs	589	700	600	0.01%
Louisiana Bar Journal	190,692	195,000	195,000	2.26%
Unrelated Business Income Tax	(26,368)	3,600	4,000	0.05%
Telephone	1,246	1,500	1,500	0.02%
Supplies	330	1,000	1,000	0.01%
Professional Dues and Subscriptions	504	980	675	0.01%
Communications Director - Expenses	6,825	7,000	7,000	0.08%
Personnel	461,716	479,200	494,500	5.73%
	635,534	688,980	704,275	8.16%
MEMBER OUTREACH and DIVERSITY				
Annual Diversity Conclave Program	68,220	70,000	70,000	0.81%
Local Bar Outreach	31,453	42,000	36,000	0.42%
Departmental Projects	26,863	21,500	27,500	0.32%
Printing & Postage	8	200	200	0.00%
Telephone	1,743	2,450	2,450	0.03%
Supplies	2,811	2,200	2,200	0.03%
Professional Dues & Subscriptions	1,204	1,650	1,850	0.02%
Staff Travel & Training	11,770	11,000	11,000	0.13%
Personnel	299,992	329,200	343,000	3.98%
	444,064	480,200	494,200	5.73%
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES and MEETINGS				
Annual Meeting/Summer School	344,659	340,000	350,000	4.06%
Midyear Meeting	37,042	51,809	38,000	0.44%
Bar Admissions Ceremonies	24	300	300	0.00%
Memorial Exercises	664	750	750	0.01%

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	YEAR-END	BUDGET		
	ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	AS AMENDED	\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES and MEETINGS (Cont.)				
Senior Lawyers Division	2,285	2,600	2,600	0.03%
Committees	1,637	3,000	3,000	0.03%
Telephone	1,189	1,800	1,800	0.02%
Supplies	382	500	500	0.01%
Personnel	165,362	203,200	209,000	2.42%
	553,244	603,959	605,950	7.02%
MANDATORY CLE				
Travel	86	2,500	5,000	0.06%
Telephone	1,610	1,700	2,500	0.03%
Postage & Printing	2,337	3,000	3,000	0.03%
Supplies	3,915	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Personnel	337,748	358,500	372,000	4.31%
	345,696	370,700	387,500	4.49%
ACCESS TO JUSTICE				
Professional Dues & Subscriptions	2,300	2,740	2,720	0.03%
Committee Projects	12,231	18,500	18,500	0.21%
Training Programs	2,453	8,100	10,025	0.12%
Travel	5,769	8,000	8,000	0.09%
Supplies	2,123	2,000	2,000	0.02%
Printing & Postage	464	500	500	0.01%
Telephone	1,750	1,900	1,900	0.02%
Louisiana Justice Community Conference	30,285	37,000	37,000	0.43%
Criminal Justice Conference	4,213.00	4,000	4,000	0.05%
Access to Justice Conclave	7,437	10,000	11,000	0.13%
Pro Bono and Children's Awards Programs	7,645	8,000	8,000	0.09%
Legal Innovators for Tomorrow Program	5,326	10,000	8,000	0.09%
Intern Stipends	12,000	12,000	12,000	0.14%
Committees	542	2,500	2,200	0.03%
Personnel	665,526	672,000	665,700	7.72%
	760,064	797,240	791,545	9.17%
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE				
General:				
Committees	17,945	20,000	20,000	0.23%
Ethics, Management & Wellness Programming	2,284	4,010	4,010	0.05%
Travel	7,976	8,000	8,000	0.09%
Personnel	322,675	339,000	350,000	4.06%
	350,880	371,010	382,010	4.43%
CLE Programming:				
CLE Seminars	569,454	500,000	500,000	5.79%
Committee	-	1,000	1,000	0.01%
Sponsor Fee for CLE	3,150	3,000	3,000	0.03%
Travel	3,725	4,000	10,000	0.12%
Supplies	4,263	4,000	4,000	0.05%
Telephone	1,143	1,600	1,600	0.02%
Personnel	203,414	213,000	208,000	2.41%
	785,149	726,600	727,600	8.43%
Law Office Management and Assistance:				
Solo & Small Firm Conference	19,433	25,000	25,000	0.29%
Outreach Seminars and Programs	40,664	33,000	33,000	0.38%
Computer Assisted Legal Research (Fastcase)	127,106	135,000	135,000	1.56%
Fee Arbitration Program	1,123	2,000	2,000	0.02%
Committees	922	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Travel	3,701	4,500	4,500	0.05%

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	YEAR-END	BUDGET		
	ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	AS AMENDED	\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE (Cont.)				
Law Office Management and Assistance (Cont.):				
Supplies	22	700	700	0.01%
Telephone	639	1,200	1,200	0.01%
Personnel	196,499	223,000	227,000	2.63%
	390,109	426,900	430,900	4.99%
Practice Assistance Program:				
Programs	1,410	3,000	3,000	0.03%
Committee	3,783	6,000	6,000	0.07%
Furniture & Equipment	-	1,000	1,000	0.01%
Travel	4,370	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Supplies	2,090	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Telephone	1,441	1,800	2,300	0.03%
Personnel	235,958	247,000	255,500	2.96%
	249,052	266,300	275,300	3.19%
Committee on the Profession:				
Programs	3,869	12,000	12,000	0.14%
Law School Professionalism Programs	7,458	12,000	12,000	0.14%
	11,327	24,000	24,000	0.28%
Lawyer Advertising/Ethics Advisory Service:				
Postage	3,413	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Telephone	1,299	2,100	2,100	0.02%
Committee	4,164	6,000	6,000	0.07%
Travel	598	7,000	7,000	0.08%
Fees on Online Income	5,123	5,500	5,500	0.06%
Supplies	4,618	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Personnel	454,918	477,000	491,500	5.70%
	474,133	505,100	519,600	6.02%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY				
Database Management Software	46,583	72,000	52,000	0.60%
Security	15,489	20,000	25,000	0.29%
Technology Upgrades	54,022	50,000	58,000	0.67%
Computer Supplies & Service	23,156	26,000	30,000	0.35%
Internet Access	11,559	13,000	13,000	0.15%
LSBA.org	3,522	4,000	4,000	0.05%
Solace Project	1,245	2,500	2,500	0.03%
Video Conferencing	4,009	4,000	4,000	0.05%
Telephone	2,506	3,500	3,500	0.04%
Supplies	-	500	500	0.01%
Hurricane Evacuation	-	-	4,000	0.05%
IT Director - Expenses	4,620	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Personnel	420,624	436,000	452,500	5.24%
	587,335	636,500	654,000	7.58%
MEMBERSHIP and FINANCE				
Stationery & Printing	21,220	24,000	24,000	0.28%
Postage	28,798	29,000	29,000	0.34%
Professional Services	116,766	112,000	116,100	1.35%
Telephone	614	1,000	1,000	0.01%
Supplies	(2,326)	3,000	1,500	0.02%
Membership & Finance Director Travel & Training	1,868	2,500	4,000	0.05%
Personnel	545,887	550,000	596,000	6.91%
	712,827	721,500	771,600	8.94%

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	YEAR-END	BUDGET	\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
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GENERAL OPERATIONS				
Property Management	133,940	160,000	160,000	1.85%
Property Insurance	75,526	81,482	84,000	0.97%
Building Supplies	269	2,000	2,000	0.02%
Building Maintenance	32,993	20,000	20,000	0.23%
Furniture & Equipment	1,894	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Equipment Rentals & Supplies	12,264	12,000	12,000	0.14%
Equipment Maintenance	-	1,000	1,000	0.01%
Postage	4,142	4,500	4,500	0.05%
Office Supplies	7,155	6,000	6,000	0.07%
Insurance-Other	73,634	81,700	90,000	1.04%
Litigation	975	5,000	5,000	0.06%
Staff Travel and Training	10,405	17,000	17,000	0.20%
Staff Miscellaneous Expenses	6,183	8,000	8,000	0.09%
Telephone	17,835	25,000	25,000	0.29%
Personnel	241,460	253,000	261,500	3.03%
	618,675	681,682	701,000	8.12%
FINANCIAL SUPPORT				
Judges and Lawyers' Assistance Program **	100,000	100,000	100,000	1.16%
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	63,000	63,000	63,000	0.73%
Committee on Bar Admissions	213,830	-	-	0.00%
	376,830	163,000	163,000	1.89%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,235,794	\$8,426,721	\$8,628,330	100.00%

* Sums in column may not add due to rounding.