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Registration Open for 2024 Annual Meeting & Joint Summer School

Registration is open (online and by mail) for the 83rd Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and the Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School. With the theme “I Get By with a Little Help from My Friends,” the events are set for Sunday through Friday, June 2-7, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla.

Event participants will be able to enjoy six days of substantive programming, social events and fascinating speakers for one great price.

Special pricing discounts are available for judges; lawyers employed full-time by local, state or federal government; lawyers employed full-time by legal aid agencies or indigent defense agencies; lawyers employed in academic institutions; and

Young Lawyers. The four-day registration option will be available again for all groups.

In addition to a full slate of meetings (LSBA Board of Governors, House of Delegates, Young Lawyers Division, Senior Lawyers Division, committees and sections) and several award and networking receptions, there are many CLE opportunities for all participants.

Among the other offerings are nationally renowned keynote speakers; dynamic, interactive panels; multiple substantive law tracks; networking opportunities with leading judges and lawyers; business development/practice management tracks; evening receptions; law school gatherings; and children’s activities during evening social events.

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2024-25 LSBA Dues and LADB Assessment Payment Cycle to Begin in May

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); and *McDonald v. Longley*, 4 F.4th 229 (5th Cir. 2021).

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

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By-Laws. To review the objection, refund and arbitration procedures in Article XII of the LSBA By-Laws, go to: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/ByLawsAndArticles.aspx.

Additional information on annual LSBA expenditures will be made available for the May 2024 issue of “Bar Briefs.” 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 2024-25 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 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 2024-25 membership year is June 30, 2024. Review the “Emeritus Status Guidelines and Restrictions and Notice of Application” at: www.lsba.org/Members/EmeritusStatus.aspx.

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 and to access Fastcase. If an attorney has not yet set up a member account, one can easily be created at: <https://www.lsba.org/Members/memberaccts.aspx>. This webpage also allows members to edit their existing accounts and reset a lost or forgotten account password.

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housing options. Housing requests must be made directly with Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort by May 3. An online booking option is available. The LSBA does not accept housing forms.

To review all programming, register online, download a registration form or review housing information, go to: www.lsba.org/annualmeeting.

LSBA Seeking Sponsors, Exhibitors & Advertisers

Businesses, organizations and legal professionals are encouraged to sponsor an event, set up a booth at the Lawyers’ Expo or advertise in the program for the combined 83rd Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School, scheduled for Sunday through Friday, June 2-7, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla.

The sponsorship and vendor deadline is April 19. Contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard, email crichard@lsba.org or call (504)619-0105.

The program advertising deadline is April 19. Contact LSBA Communications Assistant Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez, email kbellanger@lsba.org or call (504)619-0131.

For more information and to review a “Disclaimer Regarding Exhibits, Sponsorship and Advertisements,” go to: www.lsba.org/annualmeeting/Sponsorship.aspx.

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After member data is confirmed but before the payment/filing process begins, members will be advised that they also need to go to <https://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 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. In lieu of mailing a statement to each member, in mid-May, the LSBA will mail a postcard to each member, which will provide instructions to go online to <https://www.LSBA.org> to complete the registration process, pay the annual dues and assessment, and go online to <https://www.LADB.org> to complete the Trust Account Form. ***This is the only mailing members will receive prior to the July 1, 2024, 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 Statements (including any necessary changes and/or updates) and made the required payments, they will receive email confirmations. The filing and payment deadline will remain July 1, 2024. The LSBA will continue to mail delinquency and ineligibility notices to those who fail to meet the deadlines.

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. If your account is Positive Pay Protected, update the Company ID 1016207445.

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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LASC Issues Letter Discussing Emergence of Artificial Intelligence Technology


The Louisiana Supreme Court, by letter dated Jan. 22, 2024, has commented on the challenges and opportunities presented by the emergence of artificial intelligence technology and the use of this technology in the legal profession. The Justices and the Court staff will continue to monitor the development of this technology and its impact on the legal profession to determine what future action or rule changes may be necessary or appropriate.

Read the letter at: www.lsba.org/documents/News/LSBANews/LASCLetterAI.pdf. 

LSBA Section Membership: Renew or Sign Up by April 15

The 2024-25 application for membership in the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) 30 sections was mailed in February. Members are encouraged to sign up for the sections by returning the application and payment by April 15 to: Section Membership, Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404.

The Section application and brochure are available online at: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/Sections.aspx. Members needing an additional copy should follow the link to download and print the application or brochure. Note: Members should select the correct application based on the fiscal year in which they would like to join.


For more information, contact the Membership Department, (504)566-1600, (800)421-5722, or email processing@lsba.org. 

Nomination Deadline is April 5 for Kimball Award

The nomination deadline is Friday, April 5, for the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2024 Catherine D. Kimball Award for Advancement of the Administration of Justice.

The award, established to honor Catherine D. Kimball, the first woman to serve as chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, recognizes an individual who has performed exemplary work in advancing the administration of justice in Louisiana. The award is open to both attorneys and judges.

In addition to presenting a plaque to the individual, a larger plaque is displayed at the Louisiana Supreme Court to list new recipients of the award.

For more information on the award and to download a nomination form, go to: www.lsba.org/documents/News/LSBANews/2024KimballAwardForm.pdf. 

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House of Delegates Jan. 20 Meeting: Resolutions Approved; Delegates Elected to Committees

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates approved three resolutions and elected delegates to committees during its Midyear Meeting on Jan. 20 in Baton Rouge.

The House approved the following resolutions:

► Resolution from the Bar Governance Committee amending the House of Delegates Rules of Procedure to make them consistent with governing documents and updated practices.

► Resolution from the Criminal Law Section amending its Bylaws to increase section dues from \$10 per member per year to \$20 per member per year.

► Resolution from the Young Lawyers Division amending its Bylaws to make them consistent with current practices regarding the qualification of members.

The House also elected delegates to

committees.

► Shannon Seiler Dartez, 15th Judicial District, was elected to serve as chair of the House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2024-25, whose term will commence at the conclusion of the 2024 Annual Meeting. The chair of the Liaison Committee is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

► Aaron R. Wilson, 26th Judicial District, was elected to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee, to commence at the conclusion of the 2024 Annual Meeting and end at the conclusion of the 2027 Annual Meeting.

► Mark D. Latham, 41st Judicial District, was elected to serve on the Budget Committee for the term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2026.

To review the full resolutions, go to: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/HouseofDelegates.aspx.

House Resolution Deadline is May 13 for Annual Meeting

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the next Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates meeting is Monday, May 13.

The House will meet on Thursday, June 6, in conjunction with the LSBA's Annual Meeting at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla.

Resolutions by House members and committee and section chairs should be mailed to LSBA Secretary Valerie T. Schexnayder, c/o Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404. All resolutions proposed to be considered at the meeting *must be received* on or before May 13. Resolutions must be signed by the author. Also, copies of all resolutions should be emailed (in MS Word format) to LSBA Executive Assistant Jen France at jen.france@lsba.org.



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LBLS Accepting Applications for Board Certification; Deadline Extended to March 15

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) is accepting applications for board certification in seven areas — appellate practice, employment law, estate planning and administration, family law, health law, labor law and tax law — through March 15, 2024.

The LBLS will accept applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification from now through Sept. 30, 2024.

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, passing a written examination to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, skills and proficiency in the area for which certification is sought and providing five favorable references. Peer review shall be 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 standards for the applicable specialty for a more detailed description of the requirements for application.

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:

► Appellate Practice — 15 hours of

approved appellate practice.

► Employment Law — 15 hours of approved employment law.

► Estate Planning and Administration — 18 hours of approved estate planning and administration.

► Family Law — 15 hours of approved family law.

► Health Law — 15 hours of approved health law.

► Labor Law — 15 hours of approved labor law.

► Tax Law — 18 hours of approved tax law.

► Bankruptcy Law — CLE is regulated by the American Board of Certification, the testing agency.

Approved specialization CLE courses can be viewed on the LBLS Approved Course Calendar at: www.lsba.org/MCLE/MCLEcalendar.aspx?L=S.

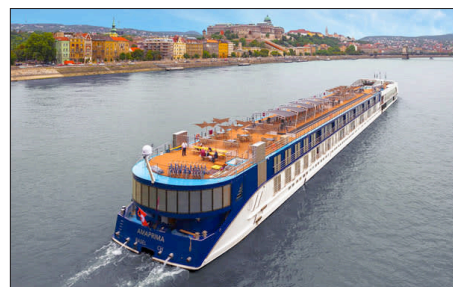
With regard to applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification, although the written test(s) is administered by the American Board of Certification, attorneys should apply for approval of the LBLS simultaneously with the testing agency in order to avoid delay of board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

Anyone interested in applying for certification should contact LBLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org, or call (504)619-0128, for an application packet. For more information, go online: www.lsba.org/Specialization/.

2024 LBLS Annual Dues: Mail/Deliver by March 8, 2024, to Avoid Penalties

The 2024 Annual Dues Notices have been mailed to all qualified Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) specialists. The completed original dues notice, together with proof of professional liability insurance and the appropriate fee, should be mailed or delivered to the LBLS office, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130, no later than March 8, 2024, to avoid a penalty assessment.

For more information, contact LBLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, (504)619-0128 or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org.



Registration Open for LSBA 2024 Danube River Cruise & CLE Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is offering an exciting CLE program in November 2024 while cruising the Danube River and visiting Austria, Germany, Hungary and Slovakia. Partnering with Vacations At Sea Travel, the LSBA program is Saturday, Nov. 9, through Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, aboard the Ama Waterways' AmaLea. Five hours of CLE will be offered during the cruise.

Pre- and post-cruise excursions are available to Budapest and Prague, respectively.

For more information, go to: www.lsba.org. Contact Roxanne Rose, Vacations At Sea, (504)482-1572 or email roxanne@seavacations.com.

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Application Deadline is May 31 for Leadership LSBA 2024-25 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Patrick A. Talley, Jr. is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2024-25 Class. Deadline for return of applications is May 31.

The program, created in 2002 by then-LSBA President Larry Feldman, Jr., provides exposure on how the LSBA functions as well as on the pressing issues facing the association and the legal profession. Participants also receive information on the responsibilities of volunteer leaders. Beginning in 2008, classes have been required to organize an individual class project to address needs in the profession and the community at large. The goal of the class project is to further develop young attorneys' leadership skills and to provide them with opportunities for

statewide networking.

Prior to applying, the candidate should consider the commitment required. The candidate should have the time and ability to participate and fulfill the class requirements. By conclusion of the LSBA FY 24/25, class members will be required to:

- ▶ attend one meeting of the Board of Governors;
- ▶ attend one meeting of the House of Delegates;
- ▶ attend one meeting of the Young Lawyers Division Council;
- ▶ attend one Budget Committee meeting;
- ▶ attend one meeting of the Access to Justice Committee;
- ▶ attend one meeting of an LSBA committee of their choice;


▶ work with the class to develop and implement a class project with the help of staff; and

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

The class term begins in late August (orientation) and ends in June (Annual Meeting).

Expenses for attendance at meetings and activities will be reimbursed in accordance with LSBA policies.

Interested candidates should submit applications online by the May 31 deadline. Go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/leadershiplsbaapplication.

To learn more about the program, go to: www.lsba.org/members/LSBALeadershipclass.aspx. 

Interested in an Appointed LSBA HOD Leadership Position?

Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates seats received no qualifiers by the Oct. 16, 2023, qualifying deadline. These positions will be filled by presidential appointment. Members interested in being considered for appointment to these positions should email LSBA Executive Assistant Jen France at jen.france@lsba.org. Available positions are listed below.


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

- ▶ First Judicial District: 4 appointments pending.
- ▶ Second Judicial District: 3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Third Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fourth Judicial District: 4 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fifth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Sixth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Eighth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twelfth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.


- ▶ Thirteenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fourteenth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Seventeenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.

The following vacancies in the LSBA House of Delegates are also open for appointments.

LSBA House of Delegates (June 2023-June 2025 term)

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

5th Circuit Amends Internal Operating Procedure Following Rule 41

Effective Feb. 5, 2024, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals amended its Internal Operating Procedures following 5th Circuit Rule 41. Review the amendment online at: www.ca5.uscourts.gov. 

LSBA Encourages Notification about Deceased Members

As a means to keep the membership database accurate and up-to-date, the Louisiana State Bar Association is encouraging members to notify staff about deceased members (either from colleagues or the families of the deceased members). Members who become aware of a deceased colleague who may still be listed in the membership rolls as eligible are encouraged to email the LSBA Membership Department at processing@lsba.org.



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This rate is valid for Thursday, April 18, 2024 - Sunday, April 21, 2024 and the deadline to reserve is March 29, 2024.

The LBF Silent Auction will open Monday, April 8, 2024 and close at 10 PM Friday, April 19, 2024.

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YLD to Host Hybrid Three-Part Level Up Learning Series Beginning on March 20

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Young Lawyers Division, in partnership with the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. and the LSBA's Civil Law and Litigation Section, is hosting a three-part Level Up Learning series.

The first session in the series is "Taking and Defending Depositions" from noon-1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, at the Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, or via Zoom access. This seminar will be presented by Atoyia Scott Harris (special counsel, Proskauer Rose, LLP, and former executive board member of the New Orleans Martinet Society) and Michael S. Harrison, Jr. (senior counsel, Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC, and New Orleans Martinet Society treasurer).

The free CLE seminar is open to young lawyers only and in-person attendance is limited. Pre-registration is required. Program organizers have applied for 1.0

hour of CLE credit.

This three-part practical CLE series will provide young lawyers with the fundamental tools to depose a party, an expert witness, a representative of a corporate entity or an expert confidently. Common obstacles presented during depositions will be addressed and useful tactics will be discussed for experienced attorneys seeking additional grounding in deposition strategies. The panels will discuss the dos and don'ts of deposing witnesses while offering useful tips and pointers on how to avoid common deposition pitfalls. Introducing exhibits and preserving privileges will be discussed throughout the series.

Part 2 of the series, "Expert Depositions," is set for July 10. Part 3 of the series, "Corporate Depositions," is set for Sept. 11.

Learn more and register at: www.lsba.org/yld/.



Registration Open for April 12 La. Young Lawyers Conference; Sponsors Sought

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division is presenting its 2024 Louisiana Young Lawyers Conference on Friday, April 12, at the New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel. The event, with the theme "Saved by the Bar," will feature presentations from judges and lawyers, a judicial networking component and the YLD Awards Luncheon. The conference is open to young lawyers only.

Conference registration is open online at: www.lsba.org/yld/.

Sponsorship opportunities are being offered in several categories, with a response deadline of March 29. Read more about sponsorships at: www.lsba.org.

Attorney Volunteers Needed: State High School Mock Trial Competition Set for March 23 in Baton Rouge

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Young Lawyers Division is seeking attorney volunteers to serve as scoring and presiding judges for the 2024 Richard N. Ware IV Memorial State High School Mock Trial Competition, set for Saturday, March 23, at the U.S. District Court/Middle District of Louisiana Courthouse, Ste. 139, 777 Florida St., Baton Rouge.

Volunteers are needed to serve as scoring and presiding judges for three rounds of the competition. Volunteers can participate in any round(s) they wish and will receive all information necessary prior to the competition date. No previous mock trial experience is necessary and all volunteers are welcome.

Volunteer shifts begin at 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The state competition is the culmination of four regional championships.

Attorneys interested in serving as judges for the competition should email Brad Cranmer, brad@mcmdlaw.com; or Margaret L. Manning, margaret_manning@phelps.com.

The competition is named in memory of Hon. Richard N. Ware IV who enthusiastically volunteered for nearly a decade as the presiding judge of the final round of the Louisiana High School Mock Trial Competition.

This year's state case, *State of Louisiana v. Wood*, was written by the members of the University of Louisiana-Monroe Mock Trial Team.

To review the 2024 Mock Trial Handbook, the 2024 Mock Trial Case Problem or the Mock Trial Rules of Evidence, go to: www.lsba.org/yld/.

The 2024 Judge Richard N. Ware IV Memorial High School Mock Trial Competition is funded through a Louisiana Bar Foundation IOLTA grant.

Find out more at
www.lsba.org/mentoring/spotmentoring.aspx

IT'S TIME TO BOOK A LISTING IN 'WHO'S WHO IN ADR 2024'

The print version of the directory for arbitrators and mediators will be mailed with the October/November 2024 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!***

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Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2024-25 Bar year. Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Patrick A. Talley, Jr. will make all committee appointments. Widespread participation is encouraged in all Bar programs and activities. Appointments to committees are not guaranteed, but every effort will be made to accommodate members' interests. When making selections, members should consider the time commitment associated with committee assignments and their availability to participate. Also, members are asked to list experience relevant to service on the chosen committees. The deadline for committee assignment requests is Wednesday, April 10. The current committees are listed below.

Access to Justice Committee

The committee works to ensure that every Louisiana citizen has access to competent civil legal representation by promoting and supporting a broad-based and effective justice community through collaboration between the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana law schools, private practitioners, local bar associations, pro bono programs and legal aid providers.

Bar Governance Committee

The committee ensures effective and equitable governance of the association by conducting an ongoing evaluation of relevant procedures and making recommendations to the House of Delegates regarding warranted amendments to the association's Articles of Incorporation and/or Bylaws.

Children's Law Committee

The committee provides a forum for attorneys and judges working with children to promote improvements and changes in the legal system to benefit children, parents and the professionals who serve these families.

Client Assistance Fund Committee

The committee protects the public and maintains the integrity of the legal profession by reimbursing, to the extent deemed appropriate, losses caused by the dishonest conduct of any licensed Louisiana lawyer practicing in the state.

Continuing Legal Education Program Committee

The committee fulfills the Louisiana Supreme Court mandate of making quality and diverse continuing legal education opportunities available at an affordable price to LSBA members.

Criminal Justice Committee

The committee recognizes and addresses issues affecting the Louisiana criminal justice system, provides a forum for discussion, and works with stakeholders to develop programs and solutions for fair and effective administration of justice.

Diversity Committee

The committee assesses the level of racial, ethnic, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana, identifies barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds, and proposes programs and methods to effectively remove barriers and achieve greater diversity.

Ethics Advisory Service Committee

The committee encourages ethical lawyer conduct by supporting the LSBA's Ethics Counsel in his/her provision of informal, non-binding ethics opinions to members of the Bar.

Insurance Committee

The committee ensures the long-term stability of all Bar-endorsed insurance plans, balancing the most favorable rates, coverage and service for Louisiana lawyers by overseeing the relationship between the Louisiana State Bar Association, its carrier and its third-party administrator. The committee is charged with management of the professional liability, life, disability and other group plans offered to members of the Louisiana State Bar Association. The committee is comprised of a chair and up to 18 additional members.

Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee

The committee provides members of the bench, Bar and general public with a greater understanding of the legal needs and rights of persons with disabilities, and helps persons with disabilities meet their legal needs and understand their rights and resources.

Medical/Legal Interprofessional Committee

The committee works with the joint committee of the Louisiana State Medical Society to promote collegiality between members of the legal and medical professions by receiving and making recommendations on complaints relative to physician/lawyer relationships and/or problems.

Outreach Committee

The committee develops and implements sustained outreach to local and specialty bars throughout the state and increases awareness of the member services and benefits provided by the LSBA. The committee encourages member participation in all aspects of the LSBA and facilitates participation through the use of technology and other feasible alternatives.

Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee

The committee serves the Bar and the public in furtherance of the association's goals of prevention and correction of lawyer misconduct and assistance to victims of lawyer misconduct by evaluating, developing and providing effective alternatives to discipline programs for minor offenses, educational and practice assistance programs, and programs to resolve minor complaints and lawyer/client disputes.

Committee on the Profession

The committee encourages lawyers to exercise the highest standards of integrity, ethics and professionalism in their conduct; examines systemic issues in the legal system arising out of the lawyer's relationship and duties to his/her clients, other lawyers, the courts, the judicial system and the public good; provides the impetus and means to positively impact those relationships and duties; improves access to the legal system; and improves the quality of life and work/life balance for lawyers.

Rules of Professional Conduct Committee

The committee monitors and evaluates developments in legal ethics and, when appropriate, recommends changes to the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct; acts as liaison to the Louisiana Supreme Court on matters concerning the Rules of Professional Conduct; reviews issues of legal ethics and makes recommendations to the LSBA House of Delegates regarding modifications to the existing ethical rules; oversees the work of the Ethics Advisory Service and its Advertising Committee, Publications Subcommittee and other subcommittees; and promotes the highest professional standards of ethics in the practice of law.

Transitioning Lawyers Committee

The committee safeguards the public by educating members of the legal profession about age-related disabilities. The committee also helps attorneys suffering from impairments that prevent them from practicing law competently to transition out of the practice of law with dignity.

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

The committee protects the public from incompetent or fraudulent activities by those who are unauthorized to practice law or who are otherwise misleading those in need of legal services.

Louisiana State Bar Association 2024-25 Committee Preference Form

Indicate below your committee preference(s). If you are interested in more than one committee, list in 1-2-3 preference order. On this form or on a separate sheet, list experience relevant to service on your chosen committee(s).

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- _____ Medical/Legal Interprofessional
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LSBA Modest Means Directory and Resources for Attorneys Offering Affordable Legal Options

Since the launch of the online Modest Means Directory in 2018, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) has received more than 14,000 inquiries to find affordable legal service solutions. While legal aid and pro bono organizations offer free legal services to families living at or below the 200% federal poverty line, many individuals who earn above that cannot afford legal services at the going rate and, therefore, need affordable legal service options.

The United Way's new ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report emphasizes that much of the


population in Louisiana above the federal poverty level still do not earn enough income to meet a basic survival budget.


Many ALICE and modest means families are turning to the Directory to find affordable legal options from the 70 attorneys listed who provide services throughout the state. But due to the high demand, more attorneys are necessary to meet the needs of the approximately 250 individuals per month seeking legal services via the Directory.

Many attorneys already offer cost-effective legal services. For attorneys interested in joining the Directory, the LSBA offers a host of tools and resources

for support, including free CLE programs on LSR/unbundling legal services and substantive law training; Practice Aid Guides; and Online Member Profile Cards.

In addition to the resources, the Directory presents an opportunity for new attorneys, specifically new solos, to grow their client base by increasing access to cost effective services for the many people and families in Louisiana in need of affordable legal options.

To join or learn more about the Directory, go to: www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx. Or email LSBA Access to Justice Training & Projects Counsel Amy Duncan at amy.duncan@lsba.org. 





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FIND OUT MORE! CONTACT Amy Duncan, LSBA Access to Justice Training & Projects Counsel, at amy.duncan@lsba.org with any questions. Or for more information online, visit www.lsba.org/ATJCommission/ModestMeans.aspx



LSBA Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee Offers Disability Law Training CLE Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee, as part of its annual training series, hosted a three-hour CLE training event in December 2023. The event included presentations on highly engaging topics, such as service animals' law, recent changes in interdiction law, including supported decision making, and recent updates in special education laws and practices. 📖



Presenting a program at the December 2023 Louisiana State Bar Association Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee's CLE training event was Christopher F. Edmunds, committee co-chair, with Chris Edmunds Law Office, LLC, New Orleans.



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DAN Helps People Seeking Representation in Disability Law Matters

The Disabilities Assistance Network (DAN), established by the Louisiana State Bar Association's Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities (LSPD) Committee, is a free online referral network connecting the public with Louisiana attorneys practicing disability law.

DAN provides the public and the private bar with a database of attorneys who are capable of and willing to provide specific representation in disability-related matters. In addition, DAN offers training and networking opportunities to attorneys who populate the database. DAN facilitates direct communication between the public and attorneys and serves as a referral mechanism for attorneys when a particular matter falls

outside their scope of practice.

DAN can help individuals with disabilities reach you as a participating attorney! You can view DAN at the LSPD Committee's home page (www.lsba.org/Members/DANsearch.aspx). Search results are filtered by parish and practice area, as self-reported by each DAN member. There is no cost for an attorney to join DAN. Attorneys enrolled in the network do not hold themselves out as experts but simply offer legal services in defined disability-related legal matters.

To participate, first create a profile at: www.lsba.org/Members/danjoin.aspx.

For more information, email Evian Muqrabi or Bridget Berins with the Access to Justice Department at evian.muqrabi@lsba.org or bridget.berins@lsba.org. 📖



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Focus on Diversity

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

Shadowing Opportunities Available for 2024 Suit Up for the Future Program

The Louisiana State Bar Association, in partnership with the Louisiana Supreme Court, Just the Beginning and Louisiana law schools, will again host the Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Intern Program this summer — a free, three-week legal institute for high school students and recent graduates interested in pursuing careers in the legal profession.

The 2024 program is set for June 10-28. During the program, students attend an abridged law school session and participate in an internship consisting of shadowing at area law offices and courts.

Legal professionals are asked to participate in shadowing opportunities. During the program's second week (June 17-21), students will be assigned to "shadow" attorneys at firms, courts and organizations. This is an opportunity for the students to see what attorneys do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys in the workforce. Attorneys and firms in the greater New Orleans area interested in providing a shadowing opportunity for one or more students should email diversity@lsba.org. 📧

Online Application Portal Open for 2024 Suit Up Program

Do you know a 2024 high school junior, senior or recent graduate who is interested in the legal profession? Then consider registering them for participation in the 2024 Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Intern Program, scheduled for June 10-28.

During the three-week program, students will participate in a one-week legal institute with abridged law school

sessions, then will participate in other activities, including shadowing at area law offices, courts or agencies.

The program application deadline is May 13 for high school juniors and seniors and students entering their first year of college in fall 2024. Access the online application portal at: www.lsba.org/Diversity/SuitUpfortheFutureHome.aspx. 📧

Sponsorship Opportunities Open for 2024 Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession

The 16th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, with the theme "Every Voice Counts: Bridging Divides, Celebrating Differences," is set for Aug. 9 at the Four Seasons New Orleans Hotel, 2

Canal St. The deadline for sponsorships is April 22.

Learn more about the event, register or access sponsor information at: www.lsba.org/Diversity/ConclaveLegalProfessionEvent.aspx. 📧

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► Plenary Session One: "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion," presented by Sonia Jhas, Mindset, Wellness and Self-Fulfillment Expert, Toronto, Canada

Learn more about the event and register at: www.lsba.org/Diversity/ConclaveLegalProfessionEvent.aspx.

Registration Open: Entertainment Law CLE Conference: Music and the Law

April 12, 2024 • 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Learn more about the event and register at: www.lsba.org/cle

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