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Registration Open for 2025 Annual Meeting & Joint Summer School

Registration is open (online and by mail) for the 84th Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and the Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School. With the theme “Good Vibrations,” the events are set for Sunday through Friday, June 1-6, 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.

The Sandestin resort offers several housing options. Housing requests must be made directly with Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort by May 2. An online booking option is available on the Annual Meeting website. The LSBA does not accept housing forms.

To review all programming, register

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2025-26 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

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is objecting. Details on the objection, refund and arbitration procedures are set forth in Article XII of the LSBA 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 2025 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 2025-26 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 2025-26 membership year is June 30, 2025. 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](http://www.lsba.org/Members/memberaccts.aspx). This webpage also allows members to edit their existing accounts 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 <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, 2025, 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

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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, 2025. 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. 

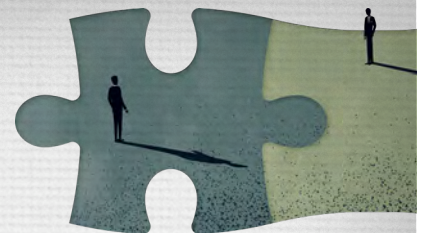
LSBA Section Membership: Renew or Sign Up by April 30

The 2025-26 application for membership in the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) sections were mailed in mid-February. Members are encouraged to sign up for the sections by returning the application and payment by April 30, to: Section Membership, Louisiana State Bar Association, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130-3404.

The Section application and brochure is 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.

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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 84th Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School.

The sponsorship and vendor deadline is April 18. Contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard, email crichard@lsba.org or call (504)619-0105.

The program advertising deadline is also April 18. 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. 

House of Delegates Jan. 18 Meeting: Resolution Approved; Delegates Elected

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates approved one resolution and elected a new member and chair to serve on its Liaison Committee during its Midyear Meeting on Jan. 18 in Baton Rouge.


The House approved a resolution from the Consumer Protection Section proposing to dissolve the section.

The House also elected delegates to the Liaison Committee.

► Shannon Seiler Dartez, 15th Judicial District, was elected to serve as chair of the

House of Delegates Liaison Committee for 2025-26, whose term will commence at the conclusion of the 2025 Annual Meeting. The chair of the Liaison Committee is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

► Larry E. Pichon, 14th Judicial District, was elected to serve a three-year term on the House of Delegates Liaison Committee, to commence at the conclusion of the 2025 Annual Meeting.


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

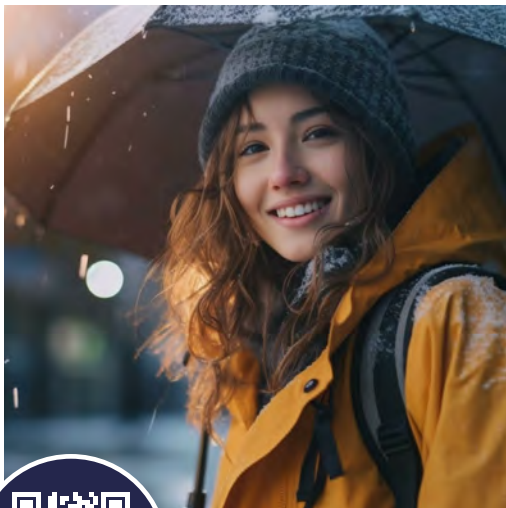
House Resolution Deadline is May 12

The deadline for submitting resolutions for the next Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) House of Delegates meeting is Monday, May 12.

The House will meet on Thursday, June 5, 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 12. 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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Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates seats and the Young Lawyers Division's Sixth District Council seat received no qualifiers by the Oct. 14, 2024, 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 2025-June 2027 term)

- ▶ Twenty-First Judicial District: 3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Second Judicial District: 4 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Third Judicial District: 3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Fourth Judicial District: 5 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Fifth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.

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

Young Lawyers Division Council

- ▶ Sixth District: 1 appointment pending.

Also open for appointments are the following House seats:

LSBA House of Delegates

(June 2024-June 2026 term)

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



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ABA House of Delegates Meeting

At its 2025 Midyear Meeting, the American Bar Association's House of Delegates (HOD) approved more than two dozen policy resolutions focused on judicial security, ethics, and lawyer well-being.

Key measures included a resolution supporting a binding ethics code for the U.S. Supreme Court and policies aimed at protecting judges' personal information and enhancing court security. The HOD also recommended changes to federal case assignment procedures to promote fairness.

Other resolutions addressed legal education, bar admission standards, and workplace policies supporting lawyer well-being. The HOD also discussed the impact of recent executive actions on legal fellowships and diversity initiatives.

Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs and ABA President Bill Bay delivered remarks during the meeting. The next HOD session is scheduled for August in Toronto. 📍

LBLS Deadline Extended to March 19, 2025

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) has extended the deadline to accept applications for board certification in seven (7) specializations – appellate practice, employment law, estate planning and administration, family law, health law, labor law and tax law – from Feb. 28, 2025 until Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

The LBLS is accepting applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law board certification from Jan. 1, 2025 through Sept. 30, 2025.

For more information, contact LBLS Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann, (504) 619-0128, email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org or visit the LBLS website at <https://www.lsba.org/Specialization/>. 📱

2025 LBLS Annual Dues must be received no later than March 11, 2025 to avoid penalties

The 2025 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 located at 601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130, no later than March 11, 2025 to avoid a penalty assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Wegmann, Specialization Director, Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization, at (504) 619-0128, or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. 📱

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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 25,000 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 500 to 700 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.

Nomination Deadline is April 4 for Kimball Award

The nomination deadline is Friday, April 4, for the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2025 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: <https://www.lsba.org/documents/Members/KimballAwardNomination.pdf>.



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Committee Preferences: Get Involved in Your Bar!

Committee assignment requests are now being accepted for the 2025-26 Bar year. Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Edward J. Walters, 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 9. 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 2025-26 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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- ☐ Access to Justice
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- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities
- ☐ Medical/Legal Interprofessional
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Practice Assistance and Improvement
- ☐ Committee on the Profession
- ☐ Rules of Professional Conduct
- ☐ Transitioning Lawyers
- ☐ Unauthorized Practice of Law

Response Deadline: April 9, 2025

Mail, email or fax your completed form to:

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Email Address _____

List (on separate sheet) experience relevant to service on the chosen committee(s).


LBF to Host 39th Annual Gala at the Four Seasons Hotel

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) will host its 39th Annual Gala on Friday, April 11, 2025, at the Four Seasons Hotel in New Orleans. This prestigious event will celebrate the accomplishments of the 2024 Distinguished Honorees and the recipient of the prestigious Calogero Justice Award.

The 2024 Distinguished Honorees include Hon. Cynthia T. Woodard (Ret.), former judge of the Third Judicial District Court, recognized as Distinguished Jurist; Glenn J. Armentor of The Glenn Armentor Law Corporation, named Distinguished Attorney; and Dean Madeleine Landrieu, Dean of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, who will receive the Distinguished Professor honor. Additionally, the Calogero Justice Award will be presented to Frank X. Neuner, Jr. of NeunerPate.

The annual gala provides an opportunity for the legal community to come together, celebrate achievements in the profession, and support the mission of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.


Tickets for the event and sponsorship opportunities are available through Louisiana Bar Foundation at <https://us.givergy.com/LouisianaBarFoundation/?controller=tickets>. For more information on the Gala, visit <https://us.givergy.com/LouisianaBarFoundation/?controller=home>. Those interested in attending can also inquire about a room block by emailing gala@raisingthebar.org.

For further inquiries, contact the Louisiana Bar Foundation at (504)561-1046 or via email at gala@raisingthebar.org. 

Registration Open for A Seat At The Table CLE

In celebration of Women's History Month, registration is now open for "A Seat at the Table," a CLE program exploring implicit bias and legal culture. Co-sponsored by multiple legal organizations, the event features interactive scenarios and panel discussions on topics such as affinity bias, performance bias, the maternal wall, and intersectionality. Attendees can earn up to 2 hours of professionalism CLE credit.


Presenters include Judge Susie Morgan, Judge Darrel Papillion, Kelly Becker, Magdalen Blessey Bickford, Brandon Davis, Harold Flanagan, Valerie Fontenot, Amy McIntire, Kerry Miller, Rachel Naquin, Cayce Peterson, Brittany Reed, Bradley Schwab, Gerald "Jess" Waltman, Graham Williams, Rick Yelton, and J. Christopher Zainey, Jr., and Haley Zhu-Butler. The presentation will be moderated by Judge Janis van Meerveld, Chloé Chetta, and Atoyia Harris.

This event is co-sponsored by The Eastern District of Louisiana, The New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, The Association for Women Attorneys, The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, The Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and The New Orleans Bar Association. Registration closes on March 7, visit www.lsba.org/yld for more information or a link to register with the EDLA. 

Registration Open for April 11 La. Young Lawyers Conference; Sponsors Sought

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division is presenting its 2025 Louisiana Young Lawyers Conference on Friday, April 11, at the New Orleans Marriott Warehouse Arts District Hotel. The event, with the theme "BARchella: Finding Your Rhythm," 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 29 in Lafayette

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Young Lawyers Division is seeking attorney volunteers to serve as scoring and presiding judges for the 2025 Richard N. Ware IV Memorial State High School Mock Trial Competition, set for Saturday, March 29, at the U.S. Western District of Louisiana Courthouse located at 800 Lafayette St., Lafayette.

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 Jared E. Nelson, jnelson@gallowaylawfirm.com; or Brad Cranmer, brad@mmedclaw.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, *Faber v. Beaumont*, was written by the members of the University of Louisiana-Monroe Mock Trial Team.

To review the 2025 Mock Trial Handbook, the 2025 Mock Trial Case Problem or the Mock Trial Rules of Evidence, go to: www.lsba.org/yld/.


The 2025 Judge Richard N. Ware IV Memorial High School Mock Trial Competition is funded through a Louisiana Bar Foundation IOLTA grant. 

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The Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division invites you to attend its annual Louisiana Young Lawyers Conference, presented by young lawyers for young lawyers. Attend this innovative conference, which includes CLE topics of interest to young lawyers, an awards ceremony recognizing the efforts of young lawyers, and a keynote speech sure to renew your excitement about the legal profession.

Visit www.LSBA.org/YLD for updates!

Focus on *Access to Justice*

For more information, visit www.lsba.org/atj.

2025 LSBA Criminal Justice Summit Examines Current Issues and Collaborative Solutions

On Friday, Feb. 7, the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Criminal Justice Committee hosted its 10th Criminal Justice Summit, titled “Justice in Focus: Current Issues, Collaborative Solutions.” The inaugural summit was held in 2010 to address challenges within Louisiana’s criminal justice system, and since then, the committee has consistently organized summits that serve as a forum for discussion and learning.

The LSBA Criminal Justice Summit was a gathering of minds, with attendees representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders within the criminal legal system. The diverse group included district attorneys, public defenders, judges, and law enforcement, as well as representatives from city, district, and appellate courts, nonprofit organizations, law schools, state agencies, private firms, the Louisiana Supreme Court, and community organizations. This event was a melting pot of perspectives, bringing people together to learn, discuss, and work toward change.

This year, the Summit examined current issues across various criminal justice topics, featuring five presentations and panels on critical legal issues impacting the criminal justice system. The topics included legislative updates from the 2024 sessions, forensic toxicology, medical marijuana, the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (ICJIS), current challenges in juvenile justice, mental health diversion programs, and specialty courts. Each presentation highlighted experts in their fields, providing a range of perspectives from practitioners to judges.

The event also emphasized collaborative solutions, featuring a Q&A



Criminal Justice Summit welcome remarks were given by Hon. Loren M. Lampert, 9th Judicial District Court.



Speaking at the “ICJIS: Integrating Systems for Uniformity and Data Collection” session was Hon. Scott Schlegel, Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.



Participating in the “Updates from the 2024 Legislative Sessions” panel were, from left: Sarah Whittington, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Meghan Garvey, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Zach Daniels, Louisiana Association of District Attorneys; Hon. Fred Crifasi, 19th Judicial District Court.



Criminal Justice Summit attendees listen to a panel presentation.

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session after each presentation and an entire hour dedicated to facilitated discussions, enabling attendees to learn from one another and engage in conversations about tackling the issues presented. These conversations were highly informative and productive, providing attendees with practical information on serving their

clients and suggestions for the Criminal Justice Committee about future resources or training that could benefit its members.

The 2025 LSBA Criminal Justice Summit was a success as well as a testament to the commitment and dedication of a diverse legal community willing to come together to educate one another and discuss their perspectives on various challenges in the criminal justice system.



The “Current Issues in Juvenile Justice” Session. From left: Hon. Kathleen Richey (ret.), State of Louisiana Child Ombudsman; Hon. Gail Grover, East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Court; Courtney E. Myers, Office of Juvenile Justice; Robin Capps, Office of Public Defender, 19th JDC.



Facilitated Discussion of Summit Topics.

Take the First Steps: LSBA’s “25 in 2025” Initiative

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) has launched the “25 Hours in 2025” initiative, aimed at expanding access to justice across Louisiana. The program encourages LSBA members to volunteer 25 hours of pro bono service throughout the year to assist those who cannot afford legal representation.

Rather than making a large commitment all at once, attorneys are encouraged to start small by dedicating a few hours at a time. Attorneys can visit www.probono.net/la to review organizations in Louisiana actively seeking legal assistance. The LSBA’s Access to Justice department encourages



members to identify a cause that aligns with their skills or interests and directly contact organizations to offer their services.

The initiative provides a tangible way for attorneys to contribute to expanding justice in underserved communities. Whether your expertise lies in family law, civil rights, or another area, every hour helps ensure justice remains accessible to all.

Participating in the “25 Hours in 2025” program offers attorneys the opportunity to make a meaningful impact in their communities while furthering the LSBA’s mission to promote the fair administration of justice in Louisiana.



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Focus on Diversity

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

Sponsorship Opportunities Open for 2025 Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession

The 17th annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, with the theme “Empowering Voices, Driving Impact: Leading in a New Era,” is scheduled for August 8, 2025 at the Four Seasons New Orleans Hotel, 2 Canal St. The deadline for sponsorships is April 25, 2025.

Learn more about the event, register, or access sponsor information at: www.lsba.org/goto/conclave. 


Save the Date: LSBA Leadership Class Well-being in the Legal Profession CLE Seminars

In partnership with the Judges and Lawyers’ Assistance Program (JLAP), the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Leadership LSBA Class is pleased to announce the upcoming CLE seminars focused on well-being in the legal profession. These seminars are free and 1.50 hours of continuing legal education credit.

Dates and locations:

► March 25, 2025 from 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Hilton Shreveport, 104 Market Street, Shreveport, LA

► May 12, 2025 from noon – 1:30 p.m., Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA

► May 2025 (date to be determined) from noon – 1:30 p.m., Lafayette Bar Center, 2607 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA. 

Application Deadline is May 30 for Leadership LSBA 2025-26 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Edward J. Walters, Jr. is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2025-26 Class. Deadline for return of applications is May 30.

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 Fiscal Year 25/26, 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 30 deadline. Go to: www.lsba.org/goto/leadershiplsba.

To learn more about the program, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/leadershiplsba. 



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Job Shadowing Opportunities Available for 2025 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, hosts 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 program is scheduled for June 9- 27, 2025.

Students participate in an abridged law school session, and tours and job shadowing

at area law offices, courts, and agencies.

Attorneys and judges are needed to provide job shadowing opportunities during week two on June 17-18. This is an opportunity for the students to see what attorneys and judges do on a daily basis and to spend one-on-one time with attorneys and judges.

Attorneys and judges in the greater New Orleans area, who are interested in providing a job shadowing opportunity for one or more students, should contact the LSBA Member Outreach and Diversity Department at diversity@lsba.org.



2024 Suit Up students job shadowing at Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn. Want to provide a job shadowing opportunity for 2025 Suit Up students? Email diversity@lsba.org

Online Application Portal Open for 2025 Suit Up for the Future Program

Do you know a high school student who is interested in the legal profession? Please consider encouraging the student to apply for the Suit Up for the Future High School Legal Institute and Intern Program. The program is scheduled for June 9 - 27, 2025 at the Louisiana Bar Center in New Orleans.

Over the three-week program, students will take part in a one-week legal institute featuring condensed law school sessions, along with various activities such as tours and job shadowing at local law offices, courts, or agencies.

The application deadline is May 5, 2025 for high school juniors and seniors, and students entering their first year of college in fall 2025. Access the online application portal at: www.lsba.org/goto/suitup.

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The print version of the directory for arbitrators and mediators will be mailed with the October/November 2025 Louisiana Bar Journal.

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