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2026-27 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); *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

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Don't Miss the Horizon: Registration Deadline Approaching

Registration is open (online and by mail) for the 85th Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Annual Meeting and the Louisiana Judicial College/LSBA Joint Summer School. With the theme "Beyond the Horizon," the events are set for Sunday, May 31 through Friday, June 5, 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. An online booking option is available on the Annual Meeting website. The LSBA does not accept housing forms.

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

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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 starting on page 18 of the May “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 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 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

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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. 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 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
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Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates seats received no qualifiers by the October 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 listed below.

LSBA House of Delegates

(June 2026–June 2028 term)

- ▶ First Judicial District: 6 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: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Thirteenth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Fourteenth Judicial District: 7 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fifteenth Judicial District: 6 appointments pending.
- ▶ Sixteenth Judicial District: 5 appointments pending.
- ▶ Seventeenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Eighteenth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Nineteenth Judicial District: 7 appointments pending.

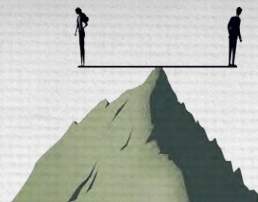
Also open for appointments are the following House seats:

LSBA House of Delegates

(June 2025–June 2027 term)

- ▶ Twenty-First Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Third Judicial District: 2 appointments 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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Interested in Creating a New Legal Specialty Area?

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

LBLS oversees these legal specialty areas. Read more about Louisiana's board certified legal specialization on the website www.lsba.org/Specialization. For more information on creating a new legal specialty area in Louisiana, please contact Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann at (504) 619-0128, 1-800-421-5722, or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org.

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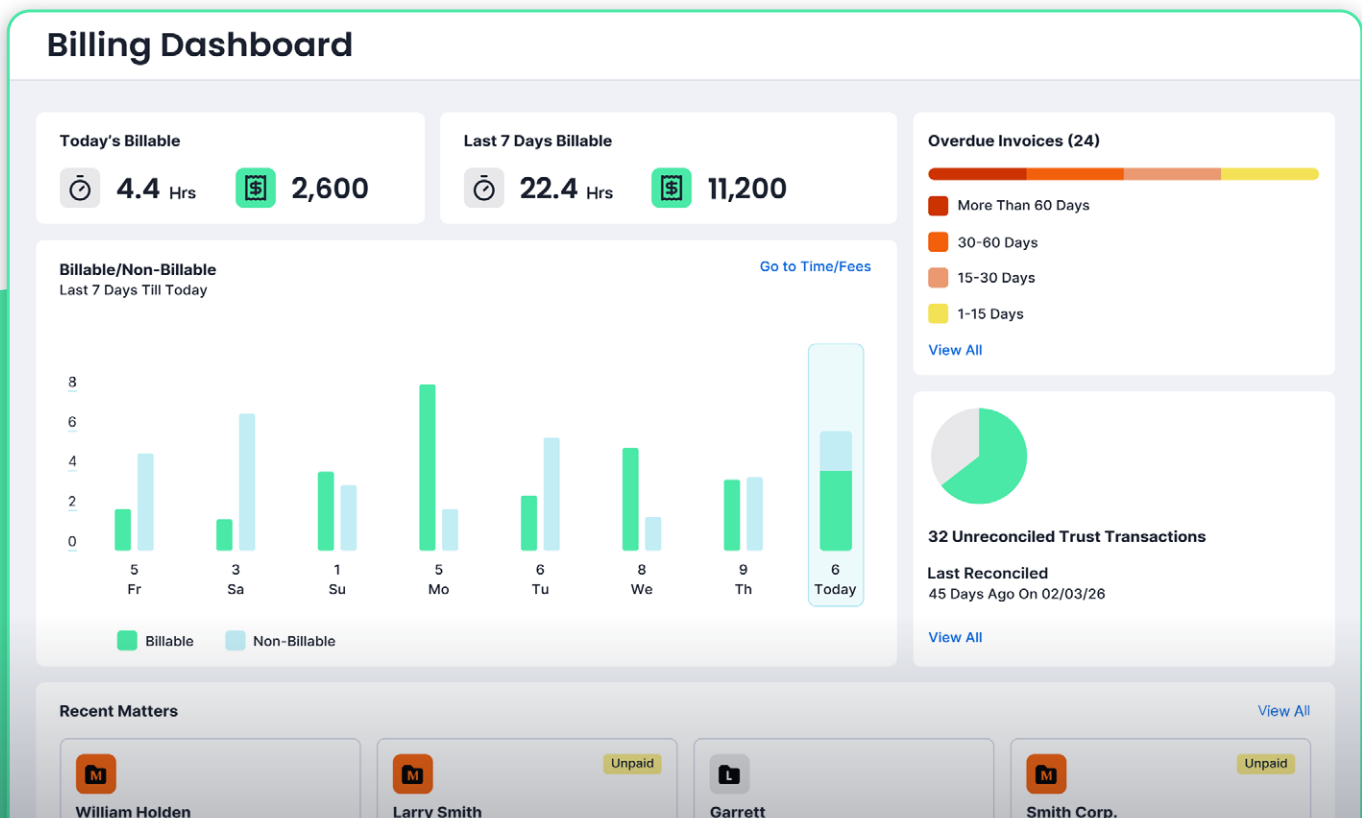
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Board Certified Specialists and Applicants Under The Age of 65 May Earn 4 Hours of Approved Specialization “Computer-Based CLE” in 2026

The Louisiana Supreme Court amended Rule XXX of the Rules for Continuing Legal Education, modifying the long-standing age-based exemption for attorneys, by Order dated Nov. 10, 2025. Review the order online on the MCLE website under updates: www.lsba.org/MCLE/.

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 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. Rule XXX - Supreme Court Rules - Louisiana Supreme Court (lasc.org). 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

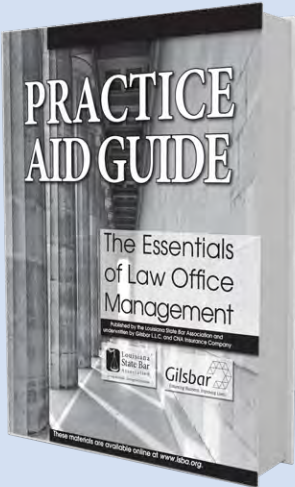
of approved specialization CLE either in person or by “computer-based CLE” credits on or before Dec. 31, 2026. For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, LBLS Business Bankruptcy Law specialists and Consumer Bankruptcy Law specialists must satisfy the continuing legal education requirements of the American Board of Certification (ABC).

For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, applicants for 2026 LBLS Estate Planning and Administration and Tax Law specializations, 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. For the 2026 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2026, LBLS applicants for 2026 Appellate Practice, Employment Law, Family Law, Health Law and Labor Law specializations, 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, 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. Rule XXX - Supreme Court Rules - Louisiana Supreme Court (lasc.org)). The remaining required specialization CLE hours are to be “in person attendance.”

Refer to the LBLS Approved Course Calendar: 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 email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. 



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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.

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 the weblink below. 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/.

Louisiana Supreme Court Warns of Text Message Scam Targeting Residents

The LSBA is alerting its members to a scam identified by the Louisiana Supreme Court in which individuals receive fraudulent text messages from a nonexistent “Louisiana Superior Court.” The Louisiana Supreme Court emphasized that no court by that name exists.

Recipients have reported receiving text messages from an entity identifying itself as the “Louisiana Superior Court.” The messages claim the recipient has an “outstanding traffic ticket” and must pay a fee to avoid repercussions.

The Louisiana Supreme Court emphasized that no court by the name “Louisiana Superior Court” exists. Additionally, the court does not send text messages or emails threatening prosecution or demanding payment for traffic violations or related fees.

LSBA members are encouraged to

remain vigilant and to advise clients, colleagues and staff of this scam. Lawyers may encounter clients who are confused or concerned after receiving such messages, making awareness critical to preventing potential financial harm.

Individuals who receive suspicious communications purporting to be from a court should avoid responding or providing any personal or financial information. Instead, they should contact the appropriate court directly using verified contact information.

For questions or to report concerns related to this scam, individuals may contact the Louisiana Supreme Court Clerk of Court’s Office or review the latest news alerts from the Louisiana Supreme Court on their website at www.lasc.org.

House of Delegates to Meet on June 4 at Annual Meeting

The next Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates meeting is set for Thursday, June 4, at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Fla. The House meeting, being held in conjunction with the LSBA’s Annual Meeting/Joint Summer School, will immediately follow the General Assembly, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Baytowne Conference Center.

To review more about the meeting, go to: www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/HouseofDelegates.aspx.

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LIFT Program Expands Rural Access to Legal Services

The LSBA Access to Justice Department administers the Legal Innovators for Tomorrow (LIFT) program, a legal incubator designed to help new attorneys build viable, public interest-focused law practices while expanding access to justice for low- and moderate-income residents.

The LIFT program has partnered with Acadiana Legal Service Corporation (ALSC) to launch the second phase of the Rural Justice Legal Incubator Project, which focuses on increasing access to affordable legal services in Louisiana's rural parishes.

The initiative represents a strategic investment in Louisiana's legal infrastructure. ALSC and the LSBA will work collaboratively to help new solo practitioners establish sustainable law firms focused on providing low-cost legal services to rural communities.


By supporting new practitioners, the program aims to address persistent attorney recruitment challenges in Louisiana's "legal deserts," increase service capacity in rural parishes and expand access to civil justice for underserved communities.

Four attorneys are participating in the



Participants in the LIFT Program orientation included, from left, Emily Belanger, Amber Mason, Miguel Robles-Coles, Alexis Tukes-Jones, Sharita Spears, Desiree Cotton-Turner, Gregory Hopkins and Sachida R. Raman.

project this year: Desiree Cotton-Turner, Miguel Robles-Coles, Sharita Spears and Alexis Tukes-Jones. The fellows recently attended orientation at ALSC's offices and


are preparing to expand their practices by offering affordable legal services in several areas including family law, expungements and estate planning. 



Rachael Mills and Sara Pixon at the 2026 Louisiana Library Association Conference.

ATJ Attends Louisiana Library Association Conference

Each year, as part of the Legal Education and Assistance Program (LEAP), the LSBA and the Law Library of Louisiana attend the annual Louisiana Library Association Conference. This year, Rachael Mills and Sara Pixon attended the conference on Friday, March 6, to share information about legal resources available through the Law Library and various LEAP initiatives.

The initiatives include the annual Lawyers in Libraries Program, Law Talks and legal reference training. For more information about LEAP and this year's Law Talks schedule, visit Louisiana Lawyers in Libraries at www.lsba.org/LouisianaLawyersinLibraries/LouisianaLawyersLibraries.aspx. 

Civil Legal Aid Highlighted at Lt. Gov.'s Disaster Response Summit

For the second year, Billy Nungesser hosted a Disaster Response Summit in Baton Rouge. The theme of this year's summit was "Collaboration as a Force Multiplier: Advancing Louisiana's Disaster Capacity."

The daylong summit featured numerous presentations on disaster-related topics. One panel, titled "Louisiana's Resources for Civil Legal Aid After Disaster," focused on the importance of civil legal aid following disasters.

Panelists included Hailey Barnett of the Acadiana Legal Service Corporation, Rachael Mills of the LSBA and Laura Tuggle of the Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. The presentation highlighted Louisiana's civil legal aid network and the legal resources available to assist residents with disaster recovery. 📺

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 36,000 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 600 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 Projects Counsel Emily Belanger at emily.belanger@lsba.org. 📺

Thanks to the 2026 ATJ Intern Sponsors!

The LSBA Access to Justice (ATJ) Department acknowledges the 2026 ATJ Developing Leadership intern sponsors. ATJ intern sponsors provide mentorship and a stipend to the ATJ interns while they learn about Louisiana's civil legal aid network during the six-week summer program. This year's sponsors include Entergy Services, LLC; Butler Snow, LLP; the LSBA's Civil Law & Litigation Section; and the New Orleans Center for Economic Opportunity. 📺



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Focus on Diversity

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

Application Deadline is May 29 for the Leadership LSBA 2026-27 Class

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President-Elect Curtis R. Joseph, Jr. is currently seeking applications from young lawyers for the Leadership LSBA 2026–27 Class. The deadline for submission of applications is May 29.

The program, created in 2002 by then-LSBA President Larry Feldman, Jr., provides exposure to how the LSBA functions and to 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 the conclusion of the LSBA Fiscal Year 2026–27, 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;



Submit your application and join the next Leadership class!

Pictured is the Leadership LSBA 2025–26 Class with LSBA leadership. First Row (Pictured L to R): Edward J. Walters Jr., 2025–26 LSBA President, Founder, Walters, Thomas, Cullens LLC, Baton Rouge; Zachary D. Berryman, Liskow & Lewis, APLC, New Orleans; Shana M. Robertson, Tina L. Suggs & Association, Metairie; Corrie R. Gallien, Attorney at Law, Lafayette; Christine E. Wells, Tanner and Justice, Baton Rouge; Lauren S. Bennett, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, New Orleans; Shiena Marie N. Burke, Kean Miller LLP, Baton Rouge; Erin N. Alpandinar, Jones Walker, LLP, Baton Rouge; Taquincia M. Jairles, Chehardy, Sherman, Williams, Recile & Hayes L.L.P., Metairie; Meghan E. Notariano, Parker Layrisson Law Firm, Ponchatoula; Garret W. Wick, Leadership LSBA 2025–26 Class Co-Chair, Clary Suba Neale, Baton Rouge. Second Row (Pictured L to R): Hannah K. Cobb, Long Law Firm, Baton Rouge; Sharita L. Spears, Attorney at Law, Zachary; Anna C. Tucker, Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts APLC, Shreveport; Curtis R. Joseph Jr., 2025–26 LSBA President–Elect, Partner, Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts APLC, Shreveport.

▶ 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 May 29. Go to: www.lsba.org/goto/LeadershipLSBA.

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

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Hosted by Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Committee and Outreach Committee

Save the Date!

Date: October 23, 2026

Time: 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA



NATCHITOCHE LIGHTS CLE SEMINAR

Friday, December 10, 2026

Riverside Reserve • 104 Mill St., Natchitoches, LA

Save the Date:

Natchitoches Light CLE Seminar

Date: December 11, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Riverside Reserve, 14 Mill Street, Natchitoches, LA

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Loyola University, Monroe Hall.

Joint LJC/LSBA Summer School

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Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort

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This add-on option to the Bridging the Gap program provides practical “need to know” info about starting a solo practice. Wednesday, June 17

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Budget and Expenditure Update

April 29, 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.¹ 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.

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

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	YEAR-END ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	BUDGET AS AMENDED	\$ 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 ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	BUDGET 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 ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	BUDGET 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%

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET	
	YEAR-END ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)	BUDGET AS AMENDED	\$ AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL *
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.