

Bar Briefs

Walters, Martin, Brown Certified Elected for LSBA, YLD Leadership Positions; 9 Contested Races on Ballot

Edward J. Walters, Jr. of Baton Rouge and C.A. (Hap) Martin III of Monroe have been certified elected for 2024-25 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president-elect and 2024-26 LSBA treasurer, respectively, following the close of election qualifying on Oct. 16. Walters will automatically ascend to the presidency in 2025-26.

Walters is a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Walters, Thomas, Cullens, LLC. Martin is a member in the Monroe firm of Shotwell, Brown & Sperry, APLC.

Quinn K. Brown of Baton Rouge has been certified elected for 2024-25 LSBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) secretary. Current Secretary Collin R. Melancon of New Orleans will automatically assume the post of 2024-25 YLD chair-elect.

Brown is an associate in the Baton Rouge office of LeFleur & Laborde, LLC. Melancon is partner/owner of Mansfield

Melancon Injury Lawyers in New Orleans. Several other members have been **Certified Elected** for their positions.

Online Voting Open from Nov. 6 Through Nov. 20

First-round voting will begin on Nov. 6 for nine contested leadership positions for the Board of Governors, Nominating Committee and Young Lawyers Division Council. Balloting will be conducted electronically only, as approved by the LSBA Board of Governors and provided for in the Association's Articles of Incorporation. No paper ballots will be provided. Deadline for electronically casting votes is Monday, Nov. 20.

Listed below are candidates in **Contested Races** and members who have been **Certified Elected** for their races. Profiles on candidates in contested races will be



Edward J. Walters, Jr.



C.A. (Hap) Martin III



Quinn K. Brown



Collin R. Melancon

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CONTESTED RACES

Board of Governors (three-year term)

Sixth Board District (1 position)

Barry M. Barnett
Douglas L. (Doug) Bryan
Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.

Eighth Board District (1 position)

Senae D. Hall
Aaron R. Wilson

Nominating Committee (one-year term)

District 1A (4 positions)

Lawrence J. (Larry) Centola III
Lynn Luker
H. Minor Pipes III
Robert M. (Bob) White
Jay Christopher (Chris) Zainey, Jr.

District 2A (2 positions)

Kelly E. Balfour
Gideon T. Carter III
David Abboud Thomas

District 3A (1 position)

Shannon S. Dartez
Blake R. David
Jared E. Nelson

District 3C (1 position)

Douglas L. (Doug) Bryan
Charles D. Elliott

Young Lawyers Division Council (two-year term)

First District (1 position)

Margaret L. Manning
Christopher J. (Chris) Sellers, Jr.
Emma J. Short

Second District (1 position)

Rory V. Bellina
Christina K. (Cristy) Guzman

Fifth District (1 position)

Brad Cranmer
Jawhay Y. King
Katie B. Meek

CERTIFIED ELECTED

LSBA Officers

- President-Elect 2024-25 (*ascends to presidency in 2025-26*): Edward J. Walters, Jr.
- Treasurer 2024-26: C.A. (Hap) Martin III.

Board of Governors

- Seventh Board District: Amy Josephine Miller.

Nominating Committee

- District 1B: Kelly M. Rabalais.
- District 2B: Shayna Beevers Morvant and Raymond S. (Ray) Steib, Jr.
- District 2C: Paula Adams Ates.
- District 3B: John L. (Lee) Hoffoss, Jr.
- District 3D: Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr.
- District 3E: C.A. (Hap) Martin III.

LSBA House of Delegates

(Some districts have appointments pending.)

► First Judicial District: Valerie A. DeLatte, James L. Fortson, Jr., Stephen C. Fortson, William J. Hill III, Kevin R. Molloy, Amy M. Perkins, Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr., Scott R. Wolf and Paul L. Wood. (5 appointments pending.)

► Second Judicial District: (3 appointments pending.)

► Third Judicial District: Tyler G. Storms. (2 appointments pending.)

► Fourth Judicial District: Kaleb M. Livingston, Spencer K. Moore, Ramsey L. Ogg, Alicia Reitzell and Justin A. Wooley. (6 appointments pending.)

► Fifth Judicial District: (3 appointments pending.)

► Sixth Judicial District: (2 appointments pending.)

► Seventh Judicial District: Alexandra E. LeTard and Ann S. Siddall.

► Eighth Judicial District: (1 appointment pending.)

► Ninth Judicial District: Bernetta Y. Bryant, Charles D. Elliott, Derrick J. Johnson, Robert G. Levy, Monique Y. Metoyer and Alainna R. Mire. (1 appointment pending.)

► Tenth Judicial District: Keenan K. Kelly. (1 appointment pending.)

► Eleventh Judicial District: Joseph R. Stevens.

► Twelfth Judicial District: (2 appointments pending.)

► Thirteenth Judicial District: (2 appointments pending.)

► Fourteenth Judicial District: Andrew M. Casanave, Todd S. Clemons, Rebecca J. Hunter, Jonathan L. Johnson, Larry E. Pichon, Michael H. Schwartzberg and Robert J. Sheffield. (2 appointments pending.)

► Fifteenth Judicial District: Shannon S. Dartez, Katherine L. Hurst, Pamela A. Lemoins, Jared E. Nelson, Mandy A. Simon and Michael D. Skinner. (7 appointments pending.)

► Sixteenth Judicial District: Shentell W. Brown, Adolph B. Curet III, Eric P. Duplantis, Marsha McNulty and Maggie T. Simar. (3 appointments pending.)

► Seventeenth Judicial District: Eugene G. Gouaux III and Nicholas J. Zeringue. (3 appointments pending.)

► Eighteenth Judicial District: Andretta B. Atkins, John L. (Lane) Ewing, Jr., Stephen P. Jewell and Deidre D. Robert.

► Nineteenth Judicial District: B. Scott Andrews, Jesse H. Bankston, Jr., Valerie Briggs Bargas, Brandi A. Barze, Elizabeth B. Bloch, James E. (Jim) Boren, Dana B. Brown, Gideon T. Carter III, Donald J. Cazayoux, Jr.,

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Young Lawyers Division Officers

► Chair-Elect 2024-25 (*ascends to chair in 2025-26*): Collin R. Melancon.

► Secretary 2024-25 (*ascends to chair-elect in 2025-26*): Quinn K. Brown.

Young Lawyers Division Council

► Third District: Jared E. Nelson.

► Seventh District: Jana L. Robinson.

American Bar Association House of Delegates

► Membership at Large: Robert A. Kutcher and H. Minor Pipes III.

Young Lawyer Representative to the ABA House of Delegates: *(1 appointment pending.)*

For more information on the election procedures and the schedule, go to: www.lsba.org/goto/elections. 

Elections: What Members Need to Know About Online Voting

To make the online voting procedure as smooth as possible, here's what members need to know.

Members will receive an email with their E-ballot on Monday, Nov. 6. The sender address will be "LSBA Election Admin" and the Subject Line will reference "Vote now in the LSBA 2023-2024 Election."

The email will include a link to the voting website. On the voting website, members must type in their 5-digit member ID number

and birth date to access the ballot. Ballots will only include races for which the member may cast a vote.

Members who do not have an email address, or members preferring to vote from the LSBA website, may log-in from the LSBA website to a special page and will be asked to enter the same credentials (5-digit member ID and birth date). The "Vote Now" icon will be active from Nov. 6 through the end of the voting period on Nov. 20. 

House Resolution Deadline is Dec. 13 for 2024 Midyear Meeting

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 18-20, 2024, at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge. The deadline for submitting resolutions for the House of Delegates meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 13. (The House will meet on Jan. 20, 2024.)

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 Dec. 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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Several Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) House of Delegates seats and one young lawyer representative seat in the American Bar Association House of Delegates 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: 5 appointments pending.
- ▶ Second Judicial District: 3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Third Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fourth Judicial District: 6 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fifth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Sixth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Eighth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Tenth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twelfth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Thirteenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fourteenth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Fifteenth Judicial District: 3 appointments pending.
- ▶ Sixteenth Judicial District: 3 appointments 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-Second Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Third Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Fifth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Sixth Judicial District: 2 appointments pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Seventh Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Eighth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.
- ▶ Twenty-Ninth 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-Ninth Judicial District: 1 appointment pending.

Young Lawyer Representative to the ABA House of Delegates

(two-year term): 1 appointment pending.

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Online Registration is Open for 2024 Midyear Meeting in Baton Rouge

Online registration is open for the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Midyear Meeting, scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 18-20, 2024, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd.

Registration for the Midyear Meeting is free, with a minimal charge assessed for the virtual LSBA Young Lawyers Division's Professional Development CLE on Friday, Jan. 19. Pre-registration is required for the Young Lawyers CLE and for the free CLEs scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 18.

During the three-day event, the Board of Governors, the House of Delegates and several committees and sections will conduct meetings. The Friday night reception will recognize the 70-, 60- and 50-year LSBA members.

Online registration is open at: www.lsba.org/midyearmeeting.

Meeting Highlights

All events are at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., unless otherwise noted.

► **Free CLE seminars.** The LSBA is offering free CLE seminars on Thursday, Jan. 18. To register for these seminars,

participants must first complete the free Midyear Meeting registration. The CLE schedule will be available soon.

► **Young Lawyers Division Virtual Professional Development CLE.** The LSBA's Young Lawyers Division will present a virtual-only Professional Development CLE seminar on Friday, Jan. 19. This innovative event offers a half-day of learning and networking for young lawyers to invest in themselves to make positive, professional connections and help their businesses thrive. The registration cost is \$30 and includes virtual webinar attendance and electronic course materials. Topics to be discussed include ethics, law practice management issues and professionalism.

► **Reception.** The LSBA's 70-, 60- and 50-year members will be recognized at a reception on Friday, Jan. 19. *To review the list of 70-, 60- and 50-year honorees, see pages 9-13.*

► **Free Photo Bar IDs.** Throughout the Midyear Meeting, the LSBA is offering free photo Bar IDs to members who have not had one issued previously. Attorneys must be in good standing to receive a photo Bar ID. The photo schedule will be available soon. To view photo Bar ID rules, go to: <http://files.lsba.org/documents/CLE/>

Diversity/PhotoBarIDFlyer.pdf.

Hotel Reservations

The LSBA has negotiated a starting room rate of \$139/night plus tax. Members may make reservations by calling the hotel at (225)215-7000 or call toll-free (866)469-5448 and stating that you are attending the "LSBA 2024 Midyear Meeting" or access the hotel booking website via www.lsba.org/midyearmeeting/Hotel.aspx. The room block will expire on Dec. 27, 2023. After that date, rooms may not be available and the negotiated rate will not be honored.

Sponsors Sought for Reception

The LSBA is seeking sponsors for the 50-, 60- and 70-Year Members' Reception on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge. The reception is in conjunction with the LSBA's 2024 Midyear Meeting. For information on sponsorship levels, contact LSBA Program Coordinator/Marketing and Sections Christine A. Richard at (504)619-0105, email crichard@lsba.org. 



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LRAP applications for 2024-25 funding will be available online beginning Dec. 1 at: www.raisingthebar.org. The deadline for submitting the LRAP application is Feb. 23, 2024. LRAP provides forgivable loans of up to \$7,500 per year to attorneys working in a public interest position. Learn more about LRAP at: <https://raisingthebar.org/loan-repayment->

[assistance-program](https://raisingthebar.org/loan-repayment-). Or email Renee B. LeBoeuf at renee@raisingthebar.org.

LBF Kids' Chance Scholarships are for dependents of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. Applications for the 2024-25 academic year will be available online Dec. 1 at: www.raisingthebar.org. The deadline to apply is Feb. 23, 2024. For more information on Kids' Chance, go to: <https://raisingthebar.org/kids-chance-scholarship-program>. Or email Renee B. LeBoeuf at renee@raisingthebar.org. 

Save the Date! LBF's 38th Annual Gala is April 19, 2024

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's 38th Annual Gala is set for Friday, April 19, 2024, at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.

Discounted rooms are available at the Ace Hotel New Orleans for \$295 per night (additional tax and fees may apply) for Thursday, April 18, Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20, 2024. Guests can call the Ace Hotel at 1(888)870-2956 and use the group name "Louisiana Bar Foundation" to book a room. For more Gala information, contact Jacie Lemon at (504)561-1046 or email jacie@raisingthebar.org. 

LBLS Accepting Applications for Board Certification

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 — from Nov. 1, 2023, through Feb. 29, 2024. The LBLS will accept applications for business bankruptcy law and consumer bankruptcy law certification from Jan. 1, 2024, 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. Review the LSBA Plan of Legal Specialization at: www.lsba.org/Specialization/.

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 Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization 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 to the LBLS website, www.lsba.org/Specialization/. 

LBLS Recertification Applications Mailed

The Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) mailed recertification applications to board certified specialists whose certification expires on Dec. 31, 2023. The completed original

recertification application, together with a check payable to "Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization" for \$100, should be mailed or delivered to the LBLS office c/o Mary Ann Wegmann, Specialization Director, 601 St. Charles

Ave., New Orleans, LA 70130, no later than Nov. 6, 2023, to avoid penalties. For more information, contact Wegmann at (504)619-0128, (800)421-5722 or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. 

Board Certified Specialists and 2023 Applicants: 4.0 “Computer-Based CLE” Credits for 2023

The Louisiana Supreme Court amended the Rules for Continuing Legal Education, Supreme Court Rule XXX, Rule 3(d), effective June 26, 2023. For the 2023 compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2023, the Court has set the limitation for “computer-based credit” at four (4) hours annually. “Computer-based credit” includes interactive live webcasts, webinars and on-demand recordings.

Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS) Chair Richard K. Leefe discusses the 2023 specialization CLE requirements in a letter to board certified specialists. Review at: www.lsba.org/specialization.

LBLS estate planning and administration specialists and tax law specialists (and all 2023 applicants in these specialties) may earn up to four (4) hours of approved specialization

“computer-based credit” on or before Dec. 31, 2023. The remaining 14 hours of their required 18 hours should be “in person attendance.” LBLS appellate practice specialists, employment law specialists, family law specialists, health law specialists and labor law specialists (and all 2023 applicants in these specialties) may earn up to four (4) hours of approved specialization “computer-based credit” on or before Dec. 31, 2023. The remaining 11 hours of their required 15 hours should be “in person attendance.” LBLS business bankruptcy law specialists and consumer bankruptcy law specialists must satisfy the continuing legal education requirements of the American Board of Certification.

For more information, contact Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann at (504)619- 0128, (800)421-5722 or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. 

CLE Compliance Deadline is Dec. 31, 2023, for Board Certified Specialists

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (LBLS), as set forth in the individual Specialty Standards for each field of legal specialization, board certified attorneys in a specific field of law must meet a minimum CLE requirement for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2023. Preliminary transcripts will be emailed in late November to all board certified specialists who are still delinquent in their specialization CLE hours for 2023. Specialists must satisfy their specialization CLE requirement by Dec. 31, 2023, to avoid a penalty assessment.

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

To access specialization transcripts, go to: www.lsba.org/Specialization/.

For more information, contact Specialization Director Mary Ann Wegmann at (504)619- 0128, (800)421-5722 or email maryann.wegmann@lsba.org. 

Sign Up to Become a SOLACE Volunteer!

The SOLACE program (Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel, All Concern Encouraged) is seeking volunteers for its email distribution list. When requests are made to SOLACE for assistance, volunteers are emailed with the specifics and those who can help in a particular situation are encouraged to respond. To learn more about the program and to add your email address to the list, go to: www.lsba.org/members/solace.aspx. 

LSBA 2024 Danube River Cruise & CLE Program: Prepaid Gratuities Offered Until Dec. 28

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.

Until Dec. 28, 2023, Vacations at Sea is offering complimentary prepaid gratuities (valued at \$144/person) to guests who reserve balcony staterooms (French, Outside Balcony or Suite).

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. 



LSBA 70-, 60-, 50-Year Members to Be Recognized at 2024 Midyear Meeting

Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members who have reached half a century and beyond in their professional careers will be honored during the LSBA's Midyear Meeting in January 2024. The

reception is set for Friday, Jan. 19, at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel, 7000 Bluebonnet Blvd. Family and friends of the members are invited to attend the reception.

For more information on the event,

contact LSBA Executive Assistant Jen France at (504)619-0152, (800)421-5722, ext. 152, or email jen.france@lsba.org.

The following Bar members will be recognized.

70-Year Honorees Admitted in 1954

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Kenner, LA

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TIP Mentoring Program Updated: New Website, New Benefits for Mentees, More Resources Offered for Mentees and Mentors

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) statewide Transition Into Practice (TIP) Mentoring Program has been updated, featuring a new website, new benefits for mentees (including CLE hours and TIP Bucks) and more resources for mentors and mentees.

With the new TIP Program, mentees will now receive two years (25 hours) of CLE credit for completing the program, thanks to a Supreme Court Order (Supreme Court Rule XXX 3.22). Along with the two years of CLE hours, participants will have access to exclusive professional development workshops for trust accounting, stress management, law practice management and lawyer advertising.

Mentees also will receive \$200 in TIP Bucks upon completion of the program. This LSBA currency can be applied to any programming offered by the LSBA — *i.e.*, CLE seminars, Annual Meeting/Summer School — but not mandatory fees like dues, assessment, etc.



The new rule allows for participation by newly admitted attorneys during the year of their admission through the next calendar year. For example, a new attorney admitted in 2023 would have until Dec. 31, 2024, to complete the program and would not have to start taking more CLE until 2026.

New mentors from all parishes, all fields and all practice types are always needed to expand the Mentoring Pool. Mentors receive 6 free hours of CLE credit for

completing the program.

More information can be found on the main mentoring web page at: www.lsba.org/mentoring. Included on that web page are a new brochure, a TIP FAQ article, and videos presented by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice John L. Weimer and Associate Justice Scott J. Crichton.

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LSBA Young Lawyers Division AWARD NOMINATIONS

Deadline: November 15, 2023

Nominations are open for the Louisiana State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division (YLD) awards. To be eligible for consideration, individual nominees must be current members of the YLD (attorneys who have not yet reached the age of 40 or who have been admitted to

the practice of law for fewer than five years on July 1) who are in good standing. Prior winners of an individual award (Top 40, Outstanding Young Lawyer, Pro Bono, Professionalism) are not eligible to be considered for that award again. Prior finalists of individual awards are eligible

to be nominated again.

The YLD Council selects award winners from recommendations made by a committee of young lawyers appointed from throughout the state.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

► **Top 40 & Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.** The Top 40 Award is given to the state's top young lawyers. One lawyer will be awarded with the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The Outstanding Young Lawyer Award will be chosen from the applications for the Top 40 Award and Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. (Top 40 applicants will automatically be considered for Outstanding Young Lawyer and do not need to separately apply.) In making award determinations, the YLD will consider the nominee's professional accomplishments; the nominee's exceptional contributions to the community, bar associations and the legal profession; the nominee's leadership; and the nominee's display of character, professionalism and ethics.

► **Hon. Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer for commitment and dedication to upholding the quality and integrity of the legal profession and consideration towards peers and the general public. The YLD will consider the nominee's commitment to promoting respect for the legal system and profession by exhibiting the highest standards of competence, integrity, civility and ethics as well as a dedication to enhancing professionalism among lawyers.

► **YLD Pro Bono Award.** This award is given to a young lawyer for commitment and dedication to providing pro bono services in the community or the state beyond the nominee's primary job requirements. The YLD will consider the nominee's total number of pro bono hours per year; the impact of the nominee's pro bono work; and the nominee's ongoing contributions that have resulted in the increased access to legal services for Louisiana citizens.

► **Outstanding Local Affiliate.** This award is given to a local affiliate organization that has impacted the lives of young lawyers in an outstanding way. The YLD considers the organization's service to the public; the organization's service to the legal profession; the success of the organization's initiatives that serve the public and the profession; any challenges that the organization overcame; the organization's creative use of resources; the organization's efforts to involve young lawyers in programming and services; and the organization's commitment to inclusiveness and equity.

► **Program of the Year.** This award is given to an organization (bar association, firm or other entity) that has implemented an outstanding program or service that serves the public or the profession, enhances the lives of young lawyers, or was primarily planned by young lawyers. The YLD considers how the organization involves young lawyers; the organization's impact on the public and/or profession; and the organization's innovation, inclusiveness and success.

TO NOMINATE A YOUNG LAWYER

1. Fill out the LSBA Young Lawyers Division 2023 Awards Nomination Form by November 15, 2023. The form asks why the nominee should be considered for the award and specifically addresses the award criteria. Additional attachments for all nominations are encouraged, including résumés, newspaper clippings, letters of support, and other materials pertinent to the nomination. Nominations should be detailed and thorough, as award selections are based solely on the information provided in the nomination packets.

2. Any nomination packet that is incomplete or not received by November 15, 2023, will not be considered.

3. All finalists and winners will be recognized at the LSBA Young Lawyers Conference in Spring 2024.

For questions or more information, contact the Awards Committee Chair Rachal Cassagne at Rachal.Cassagne@usdoj.gov or (504)432-6109.

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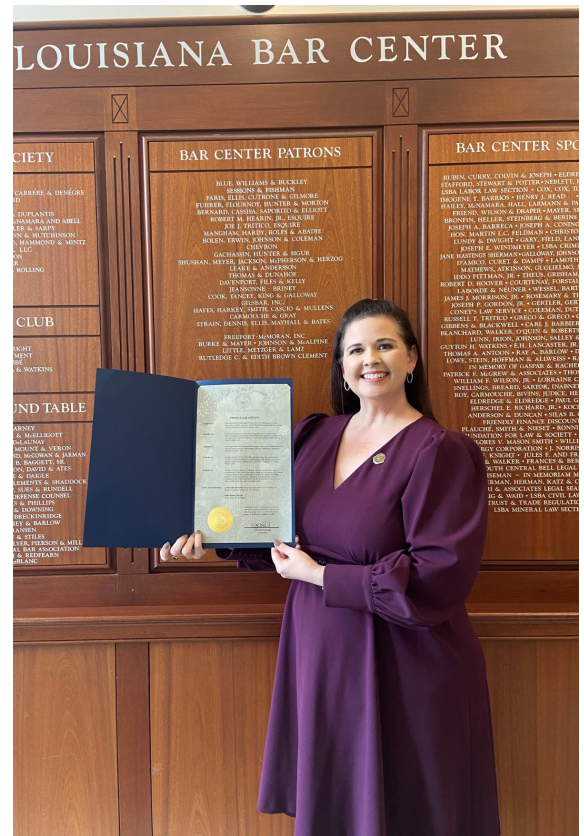
In recognition of National Celebrate Pro Bono Week (Oct. 23-28), the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) coordinated the annual Lawyers in Libraries Program where LSBA members and libraries across Louisiana come together to provide free, limited services to the public, in-person and virtually. Through this program, attorneys volunteered at in-person Ask-A-Lawyer events in various libraries throughout the state.

With the hopes of reaching those who were not able to make it to the library in person, the Lawyers in Libraries Program also featured two virtual events. The virtual Ask-a-Lawyer consultations, which match attorneys and patrons by phone, were a pandemic-era innovation that proved to be useful beyond the threat of the virus. The second online option was comprised of daily legal presentations livestreamed on Facebook by attorney volunteers, focusing on common legal issues such as tenants' rights, divorce and custody, estate planning, what to do post-motor vehicle accident, and Social Security disability law.

In addition to the Lawyers in Libraries events, the LSBA, along with Entergy and Phelps Dunbar, hosted a multi-state Free Legal Answers clinic. LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org is an online pro bono program developed and supported by the American Bar Association (ABA) and administered locally by the LSBA's Access to Justice Department. Users who qualify ask civil legal questions on the site and those questions are then answered by attorney volunteers. Entergy's attorneys in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas participated in the event.

As part of the Pro Bono Week initiative, the LSBA and the state's pro bono providers commemorated the week with CLE programs, volunteer recognition events, and clinics to help the public.

National Celebrate Pro Bono Week is an ABA initiative that connects pro bono providers and attorneys across the nation and showcases the incredible difference that pro bono lawyers make to the nation, to the system of justice, to communities, and to the clients they serve. 



Louisiana State Bar Association President Shayna L. Sonnier with the proclamation from Gov. John Bel Edwards declaring it "Pro Bono Week in Louisiana."



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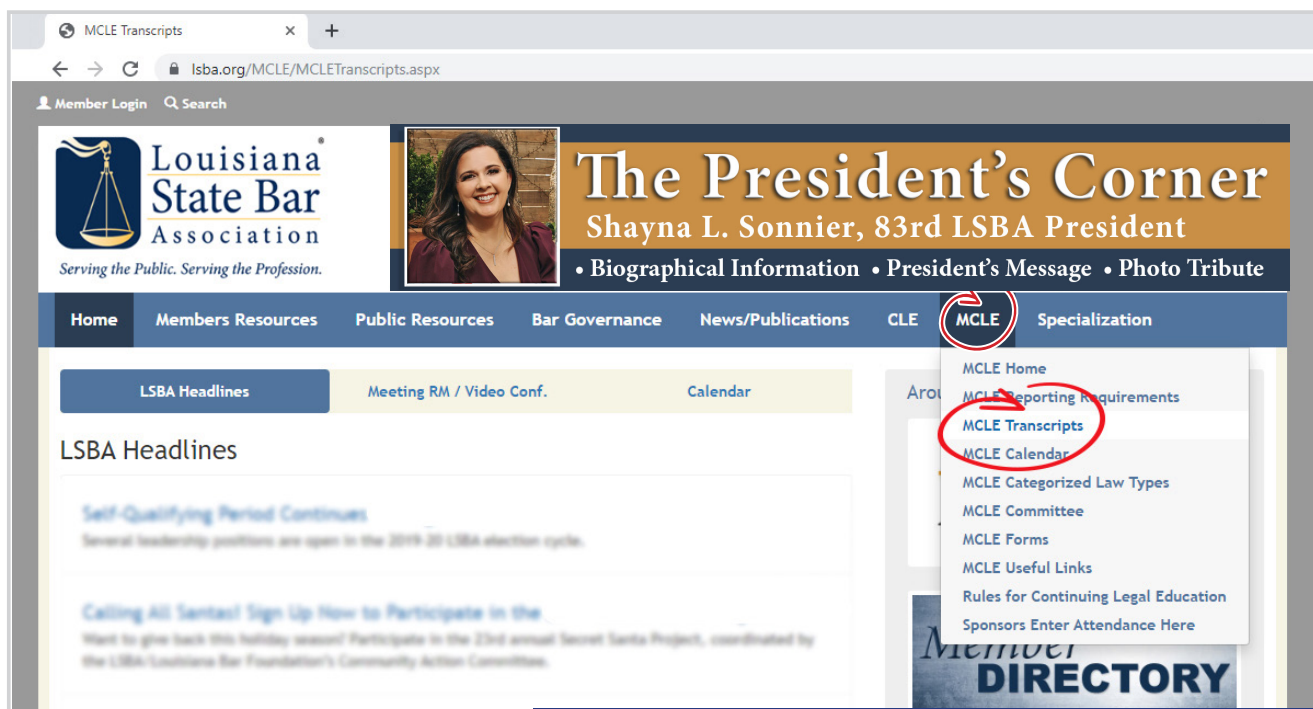
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- Members must earn 12.5 hours of CLE credit per calendar year (including 1 hour of ethics and 1 hour of professionalism).
- All credit hours must be completed by December 31, 2023.
- Attorneys newly admitted in 2022, see Rules for Continuing Legal Education 3(b).
- For the 2023 compliance period ending December 31, 2023, the limitation for computer-based CLE 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.
- All 2023 CLE hours and exemption forms must be reported by January 31, 2024.
- If you need CLE hours, visit the MCLE course calendar:
www.lsba.org/MCLE/MCLECalendar.aspx

Focus on Diversity

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

Thanks to 2022-2023 LSBA Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) recognizes the members of the Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession and its subcommittees for their service. The mission of the committee is:

► to assess the level of racial, ethnic,

national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana;

► to identify barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and

participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds; and

► to propose programs and methods by which the LSBA can most effectively work to remove the barriers and achieve greater diversity.

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Nomination procedures listed, forms online for Trailblazer Award, Guardian of Diversity Award

The Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Member Outreach and Diversity Department has announced the nomination periods and procedures for the Trailblazer Award and the Guardian of Diversity Award. Nomination deadlines are Feb. 28, 2024, for both awards.

For more information on awards and to access nomination forms, go online: www.lsba.org/Members/Awards.aspx. Click on "Diversity and Inclusion Awards." Or email the Member Outreach and Diversity Department at diversity@lsba.org.

LSBA Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award

The LSBA Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award was established in 2016. It combined two previous diversity awards — the Trailblazer Award (established in 2013) and the Human Rights Award (established in 2010). The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award is awarded by the Association annually in June at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

The nomination period runs from October through February.

This award recognizes individual attorneys and judges who champion the ideals set forth by Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, the first African-

American chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, who has always exhibited an unwavering commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Nominees must be admitted to practice in Louisiana. Judges must have been elected or appointed to a state or federal court in Louisiana; the lawyer or judge can be on active or inactive status and from any practice setting; and the lawyer or judge cannot be a current member of the LSBA's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession.

The Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award recipient should demonstrate a unique blend of experience, skills and accomplishments which translate into successful diversity and inclusion efforts which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ▶ supporting and encouraging attorneys who are members of an unrepresented group within the legal profession to reach their career and personal potential;
- ▶ ensuring opportunities for the advancement of diverse people through mentoring efforts and diversity outreach;
- ▶ commitment to addressing issues of equality, fairness and injustice in the legal profession; and
- ▶ participation in community service activities which promote and broaden the diversity pipeline to the legal profession.

LSBA Guardian of Diversity Award

The Guardian of Diversity Award, established in 2013, recognizes non-profit groups, local and specialty bar associations, and public interest organizations that implement and advance diversity programs to promote and support diversity in the legal community. It is presented at the LSBA's Annual Meeting.

The nomination period is October through February.

Nominees can be bar associations, courts, law firms/departments, or community organizations (including non-profits and public interest organizations).

Recipients should demonstrate the following diversity and inclusion efforts:

- ▶ creating and implementing innovative strategies to promote and advance the concept and spirit of diversity and inclusion in society;
- ▶ making a significant impact on diversity issues in the legal profession;
- ▶ enhancing access and equality in employment, economic and educational opportunities;
- ▶ advocating and promoting an understanding and awareness of diversity;
- ▶ dedication to improving and bridging the relationship between diverse groups; and
- ▶ proven commitment to creating a culture of diversity and inclusion. 📌

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For more information or to view the statement online, visit
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Secret Santa is coming to town!

- Volunteer forms accepted until all children matched
- Packets mailed first week of November
- 2023 Gift Dropoff to the LSBA:
 - * Friday, December 1, 2023
 - * Monday, December 4, 2023
 - * Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Secret Santa Volunteers needed!

Make a significant impact for appreciative children this holiday season! Through charitable projects that give back to our communities, such as the Secret Santa Project, attorneys can fulfill the Code of Professionalism's direction that we should "work to protect and improve the image of the legal profession in the eyes of the public." If you are in a position to help, the committee is inviting Bar members and other professionals to participate in the 27th annual Secret Santa Project to brighten the holidays for needy children.

Monetary donations are accepted (and tax deductible)! Visit www.lsba.org/goto/SecretSanta for more information and easy online donations. Contact Krystal Bellanger Rodriguez at (504)619-0131 or via email SecretSanta@lsba.org with any other questions.

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