

President's Message The Giving Season

By President H. Minor Pipes III

'Tis the season for spending time with family and friends, eating delicious food and, hopefully, reflecting on the spirit of the season. Thank you to all our Fellows for your continued support. Please consider giving to the legal profession's best exemplar by making a year-end gift to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF). Contributions to the LBF ensure justice is a reality, not just for those who can afford it, but for everyone in Louisiana.

A gift to the LBF demonstrates your belief in our mission and will help strengthen the programs we support, the services we provide, and the more than 70 grantees we help to fund. Support the work of the LBF and make your investment

in access to justice. Working together, we can meet the legal needs of our state's most vulnerable people.

With your support, the LBF is able to:

- ▶ Help victims in domestic violence shelters.
- ▶ Protect children who need a stable home.
- ▶ Aid the elderly through financial crises.
- ▶ Assist families in retaining their homes.



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- ▶ Give children a voice in court.
- ▶ Bring families back together.
- ▶ Provide education to youth about the legal process.
- ▶ Bring communities together to identify legal needs in their areas.

Please take the time during this busy holiday season to reflect on the blessings in your life and consider a gift to the LBF. Make your gift online at www.raisingthebar.org/gift or mail directly to the LBF, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112. For more information, contact Development Director Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

Sponsors Sought for LBF's 30th Anniversary Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) will celebrate the 30th Anniversary Gala on Friday, April 8, 2016. The gala and live auction will be held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave., New Orleans.

The LBF will honor the 2015 Distinguished Jurist Sarah S. Vance, Distinguished Attorneys Judy Y. Barrasso and Herschel E. Richard, Jr., Distinguished Professor Alain A. Levasseur and Calogero Justice Award recipient, The Family Justice Center of

Ouachita Parish.

Sponsorships are available at several levels: 30th Anniversary Circle; Benefactor; Cornerstone; Capital; Pillar; and Foundation. To learn more about each sponsorship level, and to purchase sponsorships or individual tickets, go to: www.raisingthebar.org/gala2016/.

Individual tickets to the gala are \$150. Young lawyer individual gala tickets are \$100.

Discounted rooms are available Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 8, 2016, at \$229 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference the "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or go to: www.raisingthebar.org. Reservations must be made before Monday, March 14.

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LBF Seeking Nominations for 2016 Award

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is seeking nominations for the 2016 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. Nominations must be received in the LBF office by Friday, Feb. 5, 2016.

Nominations should include nominee's name, contact information, a brief written statement on the background of the nominee, as well as reasons why the nominee is proposed as the award recipient. Nominations should be forwarded to Dennette Young, Communications Director, Louisiana Bar Foundation, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, or emailed to

dennette@raisingthebar.org by the deadline.

The award will be presented at the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla., in June. The recipient will receive a plaque and \$1,000 will be donated in his/her name to a non-profit, law-related program or association of his/her choice.

This trial advocacy award was established through an endowment to the Louisiana Bar Foundation in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

Louisiana Bar Foundation Announces New Fellows

The Louisiana Bar Foundation announces new Fellows:

- Jennifer E. Adams..... New Orleans
- James D. Caldwell, Jr. Baton Rouge
- Stephanie A. Cornay Dugan..... Lafayette
- Trenton A. Grand..... Baton Rouge
- Prof. Alain A. Levasseur Baton Rouge
- S. Christie Smith IV Leesville