

President's Message

Praising the Work of Inspiring and Hardworking Fellows and Grantees

By President H. Minor Pipes III

Over the past few months as Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) president, I have been on a whirlwind tour around the state, meeting many of our wonderful Fellows and grantees in person. I have had the pleasure of meeting some of the most inspiring, giving and hardworking individuals from across the state. Our Fellows demonstrate their commitment to legal representation for the poor and improving our system of justice on a regular basis. These dedicated volunteers truly exemplify the highest ideals of our profession. Our grantees are organizations that provide free representation or other legal assistance to low-income and vulnerable people who cannot otherwise afford legal help. These organizations make a difference in the lives of countless Louisiana citizens who have limited means.

The most important work we can do as lawyers is to help the less fortunate in

their time of need. The Foundation's first president, the late Dermot S. McGlinchey, said it best, "The tradition of service by lawyers is as old as the law itself. We need not be reminded that the practice of law was considered a privilege long before it became a paid profession so that the concept of service is innately part of our tradition."

I applaud the commitment of those lawyers and firms who are meeting the Access to Justice Pro Bono Policy which captures the intent included in our Rules of Professional Conduct regarding pro bono work. Rule 6.1 states that a lawyer should render public interest legal service and may discharge the services at no fee or a reduced



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fee to persons of limited means or to public service or charitable groups or organizations.

As the visible public service organization of Louisiana attorneys, the LBF reflects the social conscience and public responsibility of our profession and our commitment to effective action. The Foundation is the largest funder of free civil legal services in Louisiana and is working every day to increase this access to include all Louisiana citizens in the justice system.

Every member of the Bar should be a Foundation Fellow. It costs as little as \$200 a year. Your membership represents your commitment and beliefs to the basic principle of access to fair and equal justice for everyone. We invite you to visit the LBF website at www.raisingthebar.org to see about joining today. Should you have any questions, contact membership coordinator Danielle Marshall at danielle@raisingthebar.org or (504)561-1046.

LBF Awards \$52,500 in 2015-16 Kids' Chance Scholarships

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship program awarded \$52,500 in scholarships to 17 students. Scholarships are awarded to dependent children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law.

The 2015-16 scholarship recipients are Caleb Adams, Monroe; Kaitlyn Arceneaux, Lafayette; Brittany Bailey, Deridder; Allana Gross, Marrero; Jessica Harper, Eros; Heather Jones, New Orleans; Katelyn Kerner, Jefferson; Grant Klentzman, New Iberia; Anna LaGrange, Breaux Bridge; Tabitha Monceaux, Sulphur; Taylor Morris, Sulphur; Casey Shelton, Denham Springs; Alexander Stroh, Lake Charles;

Lauren Stroh, Lake Charles; Christina Thiels, Alexandria; Jacob Underwood, Leesville; and Alesha Widcamp, Lake Charles.

The LBF Kids' Chance Program was started in 2004 and is administered by the LBF and governed by a committee representing a cross-section of the state's legal and workers compensation communities. Since 2004, the LBF has awarded 235 scholarships totaling \$459,600.

For more information about Kids' Chance or to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Dennette Young at the LBF office, (504)561-1046, email dennette@raisingthebar.org; or go to: <http://raisingthebar.org/ProgramsAndProjects/KidsChanceProgram.asp>.



Hon. C. Wendell Manning, left, 2014-15 Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) president, presented the President's Award to Harry J. (Skip) Phillips, Jr., managing partner at Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, L.L.P., in Baton Rouge, at the LBF Annual Fellows Membership Meeting in May. The award recognizes outstanding support, volunteer service and dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the LBF. A longtime Fellow, Phillips is a member of the Campaign Committee and has been a Grants Committee member since 2008. He was instrumental in planning and facilitating the grantee board trainings. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.