

President's Message

Statewide Support of the Louisiana Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid

By President Hon. C. Wendell Manning

Civil legal aid helps people solve critical, life-changing problems. It provides free legal assistance to those who would otherwise go unrepresented. Because of challenging economic times and Louisiana's high poverty rates, our civil legal aid programs are struggling to provide essential services—barely meeting a third of the poverty populations' needs. The "Louisiana Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid" is a statewide effort to spread awareness and increase funding to address the critical need for civil legal aid.

On behalf of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF), I would like to extend a grateful thank you to the following individuals and organizations who have declared their support of the Campaign: Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates;

Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson; Alexandria Bar Association; American Inn of Court of Acadiana; Association for Women Attorneys, New Orleans; Baton Rouge Bar Association; Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter; Inn on the Teche; Lafayette Bar Association; Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation; Lincoln Parish Bar Association; Louisiana Appleseed; Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Louisiana District Judges Association; LSBA Young Lawyers Division Council; New Orleans Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association;



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Shreveport Bar Foundation; and Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Assistance from the legal community is critical to maintaining and developing resources that will provide low-income Louisiana citizens with meaningful access to the justice system. The Campaign needs your support to heighten awareness of the need for civil legal aid.

Contact LBF Development Director Laura Sewell for more information on how you can help at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

We look forward to working with you to spread awareness and increase funding for civil legal aid in Louisiana. To access information and useful tools for the Campaign, visit our website at www.raisingthebar.org/campaign. Thank you!

Louisiana Bar Foundation Announces New Fellows

The Louisiana Bar Foundation announces the following new Fellows:

- C. Thomas
Bienvenu, Jr. St. Martinville
- Teresa Culpepper Carroll Jonesboro
- Francisca M.M.
Comeaux Baton Rouge
- Suzanne M. deMahy New Iberia
- Genevieve M.
Dessommes ... Saskatoon, SK Canada
- Hon. Benjamin Jones Monroe
- Sylvia S. Lowe Lafayette
- Hon. Robert H. Morrison III Amite
- Hon. Brady D.
O'Callaghan Shreveport
- Edward T. Oglesby Little Rock, AR
- Elizabeth W. Randall Alexandria
- Pamela A. Stewart Ruston
- Michael Sean Walsh Baton Rouge

The Giving Season: Consider a Donation to LBF

In remembering the spirit of the season, consider a year-end donation to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF). Donations strengthen the LBF's programs and services and help to meet the legal needs of the state's most vulnerable people.

Donations can 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; give children a voice in court; bring

families back together; provide education to youth about the legal process; and bring communities together to identify legal needs in their areas.

Donations may be made online at www.raisingthebar.org/gift or mailed 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.

LBF Seeks Sponsors for 29th Annual Fellows Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation will celebrate the 29th Annual Fellows Gala on Friday, May 1, 2015. The gala and live auction will be held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave., New Orleans.

Sponsorships are available at several levels: Pinnacle, Benefactor, Cornerstone, Capital, Pillar and Foundation. Individual tickets to the gala are \$150. Young lawyer individual gala tickets are \$100.

To review the sponsorship levels, become a sponsor or purchase individual tickets, go to: www.raisingthebar.org.

Discounted rooms at the Hyatt Regency are available for \$289 a night for Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1. Reservations must be made with the Hyatt before Monday, April 6, 2015, to get the discounted rate. Call the hotel directly at 1(888)421-1442 and reference "Louisiana Bar Foundation" to make a reservation, or go to: <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/LABFannualgala2015>.

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