

President's Message The Giving Season

By Leo C. Hamilton

'Tis the season for spending time with family and friends, eating delicious food, and hopefully reflecting on the spirit of the season. 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 and the services we provide. Please 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; and
- ▶ 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 at Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112. If you have any questions, contact Development Director Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or laura@raisingthebar.org.

LBF Seeking Nominations for 2014 Boisfontaine Award

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is seeking nominations for the 2014 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. Nominations must be received in the LBF office by Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.

Nominations should include the 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 Communications Director Dennette Young at the Louisiana Bar Foundation, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, or emailed to dennette@raisingthebar.org by the Feb. 7 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 providing services in Louisiana.

This trial advocacy award was established through an endowment to the LBF in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the Louisiana

State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. Generous donations from Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, L.L.P., the Boisfontaine family and friends established the fund.

A consummate trial lawyer throughout his career, Boisfontaine adhered at all times to the highest standards of the profession not only in the way he demonstrated his extraordinary ability to prepare and try cases of all kinds, but in the exemplary way that he did so, consistent with the highest ideals of ethical and moral conduct. He served on the New Orleans Bar Association's Executive Committee and in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. A charter member of the LBF, Boisfontaine served as state chair of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. He was a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

The award is presented to a Louisiana attorney who exhibits longstanding devotion to and excellence in trial practice and upholds the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants and all counsel. Previous recipients are Wood

Brown III, William K. Christovich, Patrick A. Juneau, John B. Scofield, Gene W. Lafitte, Charles S. Weems III, Herschel E. Richard, Jr., Jack C. Benjamin, Sr., Robert B. Acomb, Jr., John J. Weigel, Allen Lewis Smith, Jr., H. Alston Johnson III, John R. Martzell, George A. Frilot III, Phillip A. Wittmann, J. Michael Small, John M. McCollam, William R. Forrester, Jr., Daniel Lund and Mary Olive Pierson.

Louisiana Bar Foundation Announces New Fellows

The Louisiana Bar Foundation announces new Fellows:

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- Catherine E. (Katie) Lasky.....New Orleans
- Ravi K. SangisettyNew Orleans
- Erin Monroe WesleyBaton Rouge
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