

*Annual Report
for the year ending
June 30, 2004*

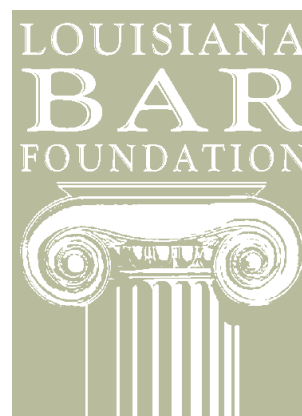


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The Foundation strives to present a complete and accurate list of donors. If a mistake has been made in your listing, we sincerely apologize and ask that you contact Wendy Cooper at 504.561.1046 or wendy@raisingthebar.org so that we may correct our records.



2005 Upcoming Events

19th Annual Fellows Dinner
Friday, April 15
Ritz-Carlton
New Orleans, Louisiana

Annual Fellows Breakfast
Monday, June 27
Caesars Palace, Las Vegas

2006 grant applications mailed in May

Grant application deadline is July 1

Grant committee meets November 4

Louisiana Bar Foundation

a non-profit charitable organization successfully improving the quality of life in communities throughout Louisiana.

Mission

The Louisiana Bar Foundation exists to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice by funding, developing or otherwise promoting efforts which enhance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system and advance the reality of equal justice under the law.

Objectives

- Assure every person in Louisiana reasonable access to the justice system regardless of mental or physical condition, economic status or type of legal problem.
- Identify, acquire, preserve, enhance and exhibit documents, items, photographs and other types of media items of significant historical interest to the Louisiana legal community and to the general public.
- Promote public awareness and understanding of the legal system and its goals, as well as the rights and obligations of all parties involved.
- Raise the ethical and professional standards of the lawyers who operate the legal system.
- Establish and administer endowment funds, Interest on Lawyers' Trust Account (IOLTA) funds and other funds which can provide significant impact in fulfilling the goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.
- Support and enhance legal education in Louisiana.
- Improve the efficiency of the justice system while protecting the right to a full and fair procedure.

To date, the LBF has distributed more than . . .

\$9 million
to Legal Service Corporations

\$4 million
to Pro Bono Projects

\$4 million
to Other Indigent Representation

\$3.5 million
to Domestic Abuse Centers

\$1.9 million
to CASA Programs

\$1 million
to Law Related Education

\$1 million
to Administration of Justice Programs

\$600,000
to Teen Court Programs



President's Message

John G. Swift

This has been another year of tremendous growth for the Foundation. We have implemented new programs; enhanced existing programs; trained staff in major gifts, grantwriting and planned giving resource development; and added new staff to focus on communications, marketing and PR. Our objectives are to provide you with more volunteer opportunities and services, while educating the public on the great work that you, as lawyers, do for communities throughout Louisiana.

Our new scholarship program Kids' Chance provides support for college expenses to dependents of workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident that is compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. The committee received applications from 20 Kids.

Our Education Committee's Oral History program captures legal history by video taping Louisiana lawyers, judges and professors. This year, the Foundation purchased filming/editing equipment and has two part time employees working on the projects. Interviews completed so far this year include: Chief Justice Pascal Calogero, Jr., Prof. William Crawford, Sam D'Amico, Hon. Eldon Fallon, Hon. Moon Landrieu, Justice Harry T. Lemmon, Jean Craighead Shaw, Hon. Tom Stagg, David Utter, Hon. Henry L. Yelverton, Prof. A. N. Yiannopoulos, and the Bar Foundation's Past Presidents and Founders. You can view some of these interviews at our web site www.raisingthebar.org.

Over this past year, the communications department has evolved. We have benefited from regular space in LSBA publications, re-designed the Foundation's web site which you can access at www.raisingthebar.org and implemented a quarterly e-mail newsletter. All of these things were developed to inform you and the public about our activities, events and progress.

We have enhanced our Resource Development efforts. The Raising the Bar campaign has raised more than \$500,000. In December 2003, the Foundation received its first cy pres award from distributions of settlement funds for the "Chippewa Street Chemical Spill" case. The Foundation is thankful to The Honorable Kay Bates of the 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge for awarding the Foundation these funds. A committee has identified additional cy pres opportunities and is currently working on securing the funds. Also, the Foundation submitted three grant applications this year to corporate foundations and received funding on two of them.

This year, the Grants Committee awarded more than \$1.5 million to 53 outstanding Louisiana nonprofit organizations. To date, the Supreme Court has trusted us with more than \$25 million of IOLTA funds which we have put to their best use by providing funding for Battered Women's Programs, Child Appointed Special Advocates, Legal Services Corporations, Pro Bono Programs, Teen Courts, Law-Related Education and other Direct Legal Service providers.

Although we have been experiencing declining IOLTA program revenues in light of record low interest rates, I am happy to report that 100 of 147 banks participating in IOLTA are now waiving all service charges and fees on IOLTA accounts.

The 18th Annual Fellows Dinner was a huge success with record attendance. More than 300 attorneys, judges and law professors from across the state gathered at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in New Orleans on Friday, April 16. A patron party kicked-off the event on the evening before at 625 St. Charles Avenue.

At the dinner, the Foundation welcomed 83 new members and honored Judge Tom Stagg of Shreveport as the 2003 Distinguished Jurist, David J. Utter of New Orleans as the 2003 Distinguished Attorney and William E. Crawford of Baton Rouge as the 2003 Distinguished Professor.

As you can see, your volunteer efforts have made this year a success. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your continued support.



"A lot of people don't know what the Louisiana Bar Foundation is, but when you tell them that lawyers have gotten together with the judiciary and professors and found a way to give approximately \$2 million a year to help fund legal services to the poor, people just look at you and say

'Wow! Lawyers do things like that!'"

John G. Swift
quoted from the
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\$1,507,558
in law-related grants.

\$199,570
to Domestic Abuse Programs

\$114,708
to CASA
(Court Appointed Special Advocates)

\$50,588
to Law-Related Education

\$763,409
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8,160
*battered women and
 children
 with protective orders
 and or shelter*

3,380
*public school children
 with law-related
 education;*

2,357
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Access to Justice

The Access to Justice Program is a cooperative venture of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation and the Louisiana legal services programs. The committee works to make others aware of the unmet needs of the poor for civil legal services, and can best assist by working toward solutions that can be realized in proper funding of legal services providers and increased participation by the legal community. The mission of the Access to Justice Committee is to support and help strengthen an integrated statewide network to increase the delivery of legal services to the poor of Louisiana.

Community Action Committee

The Community Action Committee is a co-sponsored committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. The mission of the Community Action Committee shall be to serve as a catalyst for lawyer community involvement through charitable and other public service projects statewide.

Cy Pres

The *Cy Pres* doctrine is a legal theory which allows courts to put residual class actions funds to their "next best use" to support the aggregate, indirect, prospective benefit of class members by awarding residual funds to third parties such as legal service providers. In recent years, courts and litigators throughout the country have agreed on donations to groups based on the public interest work they perform and provide to communities.

Grantsmaking

In January 2004, the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) awarded 53 outstanding Louisiana nonprofit organizations with more than \$1.5 million in grants to provide legal representation to those who may not otherwise have access and to serve Louisiana's under-served, including seniors and children, in need of justice related assistance.

These deserving organizations whose work is directly in line with the LBF's mission to advance the reality of equal justice under the law included: Teen Courts, Pro Bono programs, Legal Services Corporations, Law-Related Education programs, Court Appointed Special Advocate programs, and Domestic Violence programs.

IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts)

The IOLTA Program is the result of a unique partnership between the banking and legal communities. The interest earned on these trust accounts is disbursed by the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) to Louisiana's largest civil legal service programs, pro bono programs, domestic violence shelters and numerous other community organizations that provide civil legal assistance to Louisiana's low-income citizens.

We are pleased to announce that 100 banks qualify for the LBF honor roll list by waiving all fees and service charges. This generosity enables us to provide additional funding to help meet the growing need for civil legal services for poverty populations.

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Domestic Violence Programs:		
DeRidder	Beauregard Community Concerns, Inc. June Jenkins Women's Shelter	\$8,925
Lake Charles	Calcasieu Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$11,900
Baton Rouge	Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Legal Services Component	\$4,174
New Orleans	Catholic Charities/Project S.A.V.E.	\$30,196
Franklin	Chez Hope	\$9,520
Ruston	D.A.R.T. of Lincoln (Domestic Abuse Resistance Team)	\$10,000
Lafayette	Faith House, Inc.	\$12,427
Alexandria	Family Counseling Agency, Inc. Turning Point/Family Violence Program	\$8,845
Houma	Haven, Inc. (The)	\$7,140
Jefferson	Metropolitan Battered Women's Program, Inc.	\$23,265
St. Martinville	New Start Center	\$7,072
Slidell	Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$6,624
New Iberia	Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$13,800
Hammond	Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$13,317
Arabi	St. Bernard Battered Women's Center	\$2,975
Leesville	Vernon Community Action Council, Inc./ Domestic Violence Aid Program	\$7,140
Monroe	YWCA of Northeast Louisiana/Project SAFE	\$11,850
Shreveport	YWCA of Northwest Louisiana, Inc. /Family Violence Program	\$10,400
CASA :		
Baton Rouge	Capital Area CASA Association	\$18,797
Lafayette	CASA of Acadiana	\$11,904
Monroe	CASA of Northeast Louisiana	\$7,205
Houma	CASA of Terrebonne	\$3,194
Hammond	Child Advocacy Services	\$11,266
New Orleans	CASA, New Orleans	\$25,063
Lake Charles	Family & Youth Counseling Agency, Inc. CASA Program	\$7,205
Alexandria	Rapides Children's Advocacy Center CASA Program	\$7,205
Shreveport	Volunteers for Youth Justice/ CASA Program	\$7,205
Covington	Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany CASA Program	\$15,664
Law-Related Education:		
Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Law-Related Education Programs	\$5,059
New Orleans	Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education	\$40,011
New Orleans	LSBA Young Lawyers Section Law Related Education Projects	\$4,000
Covington	Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany Law-Related Education Program	\$1,518
Legal Services Corporations:		
Lafayette	Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$205,237
Baton Rouge	Capital Area Legal Services Corporation	\$121,339
Shreveport	Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$218,260
New Orleans	Southeast Louisiana Legal Service Corp.	\$218,573
Other Direct Legal Services:		
New Orleans	AIDSLAW of Louisiana, Inc.	\$51,685
New Orleans	Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services	\$30,000
New Orleans	Catholic Legal Immigration Network/Louisiana Detention Project	\$5,000
New Orleans	Child Advocacy Mediation Project	\$9,000
New Orleans	Innocence Project of New Orleans	\$19,900
New Orleans	Legal Aid Bureau	\$50,500
Baton Rouge	Mental Health Association in Louisiana	\$31,840
Pro Bono Programs:		
Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project	\$18,797
Alexandria	Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$13,502
Lafayette	Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$20,050
Monroe	Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$17,828
Shreveport	Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$25,061
New Orleans	The Pro Bono Project	\$48,558
Teen Courts:		
New Iberia	Iberia Teen Court, Inc.	\$4,025
Lafayette	Lafayette Teen Court, Inc.	\$7,512
Marksville	Teen Court of Avoyelles Parish	\$2,388
Lake Charles	Teen Court of Calcasieu Parish	\$5,392
New Orleans	Teen Court of Greater New Orleans	\$2,683
Bastrop	Teen Court of Morehouse	\$4,025
Monroe	Teen Court of Northeast Louisiana, Inc.	\$4,829
Winnsboro	Teen Court of Winnsboro-Franklin, Inc.	\$2,683
Shreveport	Volunteers for Youth Justice/Teen Court	\$4,025

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Kids' Chance

Kids' Chance is a scholarship program for the dependent children of workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident that is compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. It is administered by the Louisiana Bar Foundation and is governed by a committee representing a cross-section of the legal and workers compensation communities.

Kids' Chance scholarships are available to Louisiana residents between the ages of 16 and 25. The scholarships are good for one year, but recipients may apply each year of school as long as they maintain a "C" average or better. In addition, applicants must demonstrate substantial financial need.

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Established in 1996, the Book of Remembrance provides a special way to pay a final tribute to a respected member of the legal community. Philanthropic members of the legal profession, the public, business organizations, charitable trusts and other foundations may send a tax-deductible gift to build on this living memorial.

The book is displayed in the Louisiana Bar Foundation office of the Bar Center. Upon receipt of a gift, a formal notification card is sent to the surviving family and an acknowledgment letter is sent to the donor.

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Oral Histories

The Education Committee of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) produces a continuing series of oral histories. The series is a part of the committee's plans to systematically broaden the LBF's work to preserve the history, culture and flavor of Louisiana Law. The goal is to put into place a system for regularly recording oral histories of retiring judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities. These video presentations will then be available for use in classrooms, Continuing Legal Education seminars and other venues to preserve, honor, and improve our system of justice.

Scholar-in-Residence

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Education Committee Scholar-In-Residence program selects an individual to serve for a two year term. Over the term of the appointment, the scholar shall produce a scholarly quality written contribution on a subject and in a form agreed upon with the LBF, such as a law review article, book, booklet, essay, or other legal publication, including film, television projects, etc., suitable for the intended LBF purpose.

Publications

Conclave on Legal Education and Professional Development

Aimed at improving the professional development of lawyers from law schools through the first five years, the middle years and the mature years.

In Our Own Words: Reflections on Professionalism in the Law

Addresses the growing concerns of professionalism and civility in the practice of law and provides a variety of perspectives on professionalism in the legal profession. It has served as material in continuing education professionalism courses.

The Louisiana Civil Code: A European Legacy of the United States

A nontechnical book explaining the Civil Code to laymen, undergraduate students and judges and lawyers unschooled in the civil law.

The Louisiana Criminal Code: Ten Proposals for Reform

Published in 2002 and is a reference work and a call to action to our legal community to consider a revision of our Criminal Code, which was last revised in 1942.

Louisiana Lawyer and Other People's Money: A Guide to Managing Client Funds

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18th Annual Fellow Dinner

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) held the 18th Annual Fellows Dinner on Friday, April 16, 2004. Honored were Judge Tom Stagg as the 2003 Distinguished Jurist, David J. Utter as the 2003 Distinguished Attorney and William E. Crawford as the 2003 Distinguished Professor.

More than 300 judges and attorneys from across the state gathered at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in New Orleans to support the LBF's mission. A patron party kicked-off the event on Thursday, April 15 at 625 St. Charles Avenue Condominiums.



Honorees: Judge Tom Stagg, Professor William E. Crawford and David Utter.

Judge Tom Stagg of Shreveport, is a Senior Judge with the United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana. Before his legal career, Judge Stagg served in the U.S. Army during World War II. During his service in the European Theater he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star with V-Device and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. He received his B.A. and J. D. from Louisiana State University in 1943 and 1949 respectively. He has served as a member of the Judicial Resources Committee of Judicial Conferences of United States, chairman of Judicial Statistics Subcommittee and as a member of the Federal Judges Association Board of Directors.

Director and co-founder of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (JJPL), David Utter of New Orleans graduated from Emory University in 1986 and from the Univ. of Florida law school with honors in 1989. Last year JJPL's work culminated with the passage of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2003, reform legislation that is nationally recognized as the most progressive and comprehensive juvenile justice legislation to pass in any state in years.

Professor William E. Crawford is the James J. Bailey Professor of Law at the LSU Law School in Baton Rouge. After serving in the Army from 1946-47 and in the Air Force from 1951-52, he received both his undergraduate degree and his J.D. degree from Louisiana State University where he was Editor in Chief of the *Louisiana Law Review*. He served two terms as Secretary-Treasurer of the Louisiana State Bar Association, 1960-1962. Since 1978 he has been Director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

Awards

Grantee Excellence in Service and Programming

The Grantee Award for Excellence in Service and Programming recognizes a grantee for an innovative, imaginative program and/or public service in the legal arena. The award emphasizes creativity of the idea, efficiency of execution, outcomes of the project or program and its ability to be duplicated by other service programs and to be proven flexible enough to change course as emerging needs arise.

The 2004 recipient of the award was Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans/Project SAVE (Stopping Abuse through Victim Empowerment). Project SAVE, is a program within that exclusively offers emergency civil legal representation to victims of domestic violence in Orleans Parish. Project SAVE has grown from one non-lawyer advocate assisting victims at Civil District Court to a small pro-bono law firm with three full-time lawyers and one law clerk serving annually nearly 400 primary victims of abuse and about 500 secondary victims (children who witness abuse).

Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award

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. Mr. Boisfontaine was a consummate trial lawyer who, throughout his career, adhered at all times to the highest standard of the profession. He earned the enduring respect of the courts before which he practiced and the admiration of opposing counsel and litigants. This award was established in 1994 to honor Mr. Boisfontaine's contributions and to encourage others to emulate the standard to which he adhered.

Allen Lewis Smith, Jr. was chosen as the recipient of the 2004 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. Mr. Smith was selected for his long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the courts, litigants and all counsel in his practice of the law.

Presidents Award

The President selects the recipient based on dedication and commitment to the Louisiana Bar Foundation, volunteer service above and beyond, leadership in major LBF accomplishments, willingness to volunteer for new projects and assistance to the President in addressing concerns facing the LBF.

The John G. Swift presented the 2004 President's Award to Marilyn C. Maloney. Marilyn has been a Fellow of the LBF since 1999 and her LBF activities include: Board of Directors since 2002, IOLTA Grants Committee since 1999, Chair of the Bar Center Lease Committee for the past two years and she is currently serving as the Planned Giving Sub-committee Chair of the Resource Development Committee.

Hornblower Award

Garner J. "Gary" Knoepfler, Jr., CFCU, was awarded this years Hornblower Award. Gary received this award because he has been tooting the horn of the LBF and bringing their civic minded actions full circle by encouraging their partnership with Kids' Chance. In addition to serving as the Co-Chair of the Kids' Chance Committee, Gary is also a member of the Louisiana Association of Self Insured Employers Advisory Board.

Grantee Excellence in Service and Programming

2003
New Orleans Legal Assistance Corp.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Louisiana Bar Foundation

June 30, 2004 and 2003

ASSETS

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 50,324	\$ 42,789
Investments	1,032,869	228,344
Assets restricted for specific use	2,617,449	2,715,674
Unconditional Promises to Give	193,564	-
Other receivables	<u>1,431</u>	<u>1,329</u>
Total current assets	<u>3,895,637</u>	<u>2,988,136</u>
Property and Equipment		
Cost	87,650	2,588,830
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(61,794)</u>	<u>(1,218,039)</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>25,856</u>	<u>1,370,791</u>
Other		
Assets restricted for specific use, noncurrent	497,402	443,059
Other Assets	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total other assets	<u>498,402</u>	<u>444,059</u>
Total assets	\$ 4,419,895	\$ 4,802,986

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Current Liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ -	\$ 175,094
Grants payable	838,228	802,653
Accounts and others payable	2,451	21,370
Accrued interest payable	-	<u>945</u>
Total current liabilities	840,679	1,000,062
Long-Term Debt		
Note payable, net of current maturities	-	-
Rental Income Received in Advance (Notes 9 and 12)	-	<u>788,204</u>
Total liabilities	<u>840,679</u>	<u>1,788,266</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,290,980	656,984
Temporarily restricted	1,790,834	1,914,677
Permanently restricted	<u>497,402</u>	<u>443,059</u>
Total net assets	<u>3,579,216</u>	<u>3,014,720</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 4,419,895	\$ 4,802,986

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