

President's Message

The Spirit of the Season: Giving

By 2020-21 President Harry J. (Skip) Philips, Jr.

As we reach the end of the year, and this has been a heck of a year, let us not overlook the spirit of the season — Giving. During this busy holiday season, our personal and professional to-do lists grow increasingly long. Please remember to put the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) on your list this year and consider a tax-deductible gift.

The LBF is the state's largest funder of civil legal aid. We partner with a trusted network of more than 70 organizations that lead community-driven efforts to help families facing non-criminal, civil legal challenges. Our goal is to make sure that all Louisianans, regardless of their background or income level, have

access to civil legal services that they need. Working together, we can meet the legal needs of our state's most vulnerable people.

Because of your support, the LBF is able to:

- ▶ help communities by helping their citizens devastated by natural disasters and the pandemic;
- ▶ empower women who are victims of domestic violence;
- ▶ protect children who need a stable home or special education;
- ▶ aid the elderly whose economic se-



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curity or health care is in jeopardy;

- ▶ assist consumers impacted by improper lending practices;
- ▶ keep people in their homes;
- ▶ advise workers denied lawful wages and benefits;
- ▶ support disabled people denied opportunities; and
- ▶ guide immigrants who work the lowest-wage jobs without benefits or contracts.

Make your gift online at www.raisingthebar.org/YearEnd or mail directly to the LBF, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112. If you have any questions, contact Development Director Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

Gov. Edwards Proclaims Kids' Chance Awareness Week; Applications Online

Gov. John Bel Edwards proclaimed Nov. 9-13, 2020, as Kids' Chance Awareness Week in Louisiana. The Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program is for dependents of Louisiana workers' killed or permanently and totally disabled in a work accident. Every year, the entire Kids' Chance community (now in 48 states) dedicates one special week to raise awareness of Kids' Chance Scholarship Programs nationwide.

Applications for the 2021-22 academic year are now available online. The deadline to apply is Feb. 26, 2021.

Do you have clients whose dependents are eligible for a Kids' Chance scholarship but are too young for college? Advise them to sign up for "Planning for the Future." When the time is right, Kids' Chance will make contact: www.kidschance.org/planning-for-the-future/.

For more information about LBF Kids' Chance: <https://raisingthebar.org/programs-and-projects/kids-chance-scholarship-program>. For program guidelines: <https://raisingthebar.org/kids-chance-scholarship-program/kids-chance-scholarship-guidelines>.

For more information, contact Dee Jones, (504)561-1046 or email dee@raisingthebar.org.

LBF Seeking Nominations for 2021 Boisfontaine Award

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is seeking nominations for the 2021 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. Nominations must be received in the LBF office by Monday, Feb. 8, 2021.

Nominations should include the nominee's name and 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 LBF Communications Director Dennette Young, Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112, or email dennette@raisingthebar.org by the deadline.

The recipient will receive a plaque and \$1,000 will be donated in the recipient's name to a non-profit, law-related Louisiana program or association of the recipient's 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. Generous donations from Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, LLP, the Boisfontaine Family and friends established the fund.

The award is given to a Louisiana attorney who exhibits long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and upholds the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants and all counsel.