

President's Message

The Giving Season

By President Valerie Briggs Bargas

Soon, we'll be busy shopping for holiday gifts, spending time with family and friends, eating delicious food and, hopefully, reflecting on the spirit of the season — Giving. As the end of the year approaches, our personal and professional to-do lists grow increasingly long. Please remember to put the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) on your list this year.

With your support, Louisiana's civil legal aid organizations provided assistance in 26,437 legal matters consisting of more than 100 types of civil legal

problems, including family law, housing, healthcare, public benefits, consumer protection, community support issues, government and legal system issues in 2016.

The LBF provides an opportunity for all lawyers to play a part in ensuring that every Louisiana citizen has equal access to the justice system. By work-



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ing together, we can continue to provide free civil legal aid to Louisiana's most vulnerable citizens.

Please take the time during this busy holiday season to reflect on the blessings in your life and consider a tax-deductible gift to the LBF. 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 our Development Director Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.



The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) received a check for \$30,000 from the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. (LWCC), the proceeds from the 14th annual Kids' Chance Golf Tournament. From left, LBF Kids' Chance Committee Co-Chair Michelle M. Sorrells; LWCC President and CEO Kristin W. Wall; and LBF President Valerie Briggs Bargas. Photo courtesy of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

LWCC Raises Funds for Scholarships

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) received a check for \$30,000 from the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. (LWCC). LWCC hosted the 14th annual Kids' Chance Golf Tournament on Sept. 25, 2017, in Baton Rouge. All proceeds from the tournament were donated to the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

Scholarship applications for the 2018-19 school year are now available on the LBF's website. Application deadline is Monday, Feb. 19, 2018.

The Kids' Chance Program provides

scholarships to dependents of workers who are permanently and totally disabled or killed in a work-related accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or Law.

This year, the LBF awarded \$59,000 to 20 students to help with their education. Since 2004, the program has awarded 275 scholarships totaling \$604,600.

For more information about the LBF Kids' Chance Program, contact Dee Jones at (504)561-1046 or email dee@raisingthebar.org. Or visit the website, www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance.

Sponsors Sought for LBF Fellows Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) will celebrate its 32nd Annual Fellows Gala on Friday, April 20, 2018. The gala will be held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave., New Orleans.

At the gala, the LBF will recognize its 2017 honorees — Distinguished Jurist James J. Brady, Distinguished Jurist W. Eugene Davis, Distinguished Attorney Kim M. Boyle, Distinguished Professor Oliver A. Houck, and Calogero Justice Award recipient Robert S. Noel II.

Gala sponsorships are offered at several levels — Pinnacle, Benefactor, Cornerstone, Capital, Pillar and Foundation. Individual tickets to the gala are \$200. Young lawyer individual gala tickets are \$150. To read more about the sponsorship levels and to purchase individual tickets, go online: www.raisingthebar.org/gala.

Discounted rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans on Thursday, April 19, and Friday, April 20, 2018, at \$239 a night. For more information, visit: www.raisingthebar.org/gala.

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