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We exist to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice by funding, developing and 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.

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President's Message

2017-18 President

Valerie Briggs Bargas

It is my pleasure to report to you on the activities of the LBF and an amazing year.

As many of you know, the responsibility for meeting the legal needs of Louisiana's poor falls on a network of nonprofit, civil legal aid organizations who serve our poorest citizens. The LBF is dedicated to funding civil legal aid through these organizations. In 2017, we awarded more than \$6.7 million in grants for social justice initiatives to address the civil legal needs of indigent citizens, provide a basic understanding of the law and assist with improvements to the justice system. The Board approved **\$3.8 million** in annual, sustaining grants for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

As part of the LBF's commitment to strengthen grantee board leadership and the Louisiana civil legal aid network, the LBF began hosting **board training for grantees** several years ago. The 2017 training focused on **two important initiatives**:

1. The importance of the ongoing collection of economic impact outcomes;

Last year we unveiled the findings of the **Economic Impact and Social Return on Investment Analysis**. Nearly 40 civil legal aid organizations providing services in 2016 participated in the Analysis. We found that for every \$1 invested in Louisiana's legal aid services, these programs deliver \$8.73 in immediate and long-term consequential financial benefits. The programs provided assistance in **26,437** legal matters consisting of **over 100 types of civil legal problems**.

The Analysis shows that dollars spent on Louisiana's civil legal aid providers are well spent and deliver unmistakable economic results to the state. In partnership with the Access to Justice Commission, we are working to obtain a constant and sustainable income stream for our civil legal aid network. This is a priority for the LBF. It is our hope that the Analysis will help us better educate the public on the value of civil legal aid and will lead to restored funding of civil legal services to Louisiana's most vulnerable citizens.

2. An upgrade to the new, statewide case management system, fully funded by the LBF.

The upgrade will offer many improvements and efficiencies that include: online intake, online volunteer attorney participation, online client case status check, blast email capability to volunteer attorneys, attorney fee and costs package, online client satisfaction survey, and text reminders to clients. We started this project in May 2017, and I'm delighted to share that we launched the upgraded case management system this month, converting the key providers of civil legal aid on the new system.

We also implemented a new, user-friendly **online grants management system** in 2017 that makes it easier for grantees to submit applications, populate and summarize data, and submit electronic reports. I have been fortunate to audit several of our grantees, and through this process, have learned that some organizations provide more effective services at a better cost. Providing our grantees with direction and support is important. It validates the LBF mission and gives our supporters confidence in the work we do.

If you haven't viewed our **new website**, I encourage you to go to raisingthebar.org and check out our new look. We have done a full redesign of the website, logo and tagline. The design is based on current, leading technologies incorporating the fundamentals of civil legal aid and funding. The website has a clean, modern look and includes photos, stories and videos highlighting women, children, families, the disabled and the elderly showing the tremendous, life-changing impact of civil legal aid. The website features a **Fellows Resources section** where members can stay up to date with their contact information, make a donation and RSVP for meetings and events.

We have incorporated **social media** as a means to keeping grantees, Fellows and the public updated on the civil legal aid work being done across the state. You can like us on Facebook, visit our Twitter page and view our YouTube channel – all links are at the bottom of the homepage.

We received **national grants** in 2015 and 2017 **funded by the Public Welfare Foundation** to engage and educate the broader philanthropic community about the value of supporting civil legal aid and integrating civil legal aid services throughout their work. Through partnerships with the Louisiana community foundations and the LBF Community Partnership Panels, we are introducing community foundations to our grantees and working with these foundations to support civil legal aid.

A successful outcome of this initiative includes the collaboration of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and Louisiana Appleseed on **Flood Proof**, a project that provides free legal services to eligible homeowners living in East

Baton Rouge, Ascension and Livingston parishes whose homes were flooded in the devastating August 2016 flood.

In 2017, we added a seat on the LBF board for a representative of the Louisiana philanthropic community to deepen our relationship with the community foundations and enhance our ability to work together on key civil legal aid initiatives. I would like to thank Edmund Giering with the Baton Rouge Area Foundation for serving as the first **Philanthropic Community At Large designee** on the LBF Board.

In October, we held the first meeting of the newly formed **Past Presidents Advisory Council**. This group was formed to engage LBF past presidents and utilize their institutional knowledge and leadership abilities. Also in October, the LBF engaged Brent Henley of The Pyramid Group to conduct a **strategic planning** with the **board and staff**. The leadership outlined a detailed plan to evaluate and maximize resources and outcomes for future years, find more sustainable forms of income to support civil legal aid initiatives and current grantees, and to better fund the legal services corporations. Goals for 2018 include:

1. Create a membership drive plan that would collaborate with LSBA for their endorsement and joint event attendance; and remove the nomination requirement to become a new Fellow;
2. Create a capital campaign for operations support;
3. Create a marketing and branding campaign;
4. With the ATJ Commission funding committee, obtain new legislative appropriation and transfer the Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid to the funding committee;
5. Enhance the grantee outreach program to include online audits, onsite visits and operation policy review.

To keep up with the growing need for civil legal aid services and diversify beyond IOLTA income, the LBF identified new funding sources over the past 10 years, as follows:

The Child in Need of Care Program (CINC) – The LBF began serving as administrator for the Louisiana Supreme Court’s Child in Need of Care Program in 2009. Through this program, we are able to sub grant more than \$2 million annually to the legal services corporations. Last fiscal year, the program provided representation to 2,729 children, made 12,812 court appearances on their behalf, and participated in 863 family team conferences.

Cy Pres - The Louisiana Supreme Court adopted Rule 43 naming the LBF a permissible recipient of Cy Pres funds and the only organization specifically identified in the rule in 2012. Since that time, the LBF has received nearly \$90,000 in Cy Pres funds.

Pro Hac Vice Fees - The LBF and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board entered into an agreement regarding the increase of pro hac vice fees in 2015. The increased funds are directed to the LBF and then awarded to the legal services corporations. The funds generated \$126,400 in 2017.

Unidentified Funds – In 2016, the Louisiana Supreme Court adopted an amendment to the Rules of Professional Conduct to help lawyers properly dispose of unidentified funds in their IOLTA accounts for at least one year and after diligent effort to document them as belonging to a client. The unidentified funds are remitted to the LBF for funding of civil legal services. The funds generated more than \$81,000 last fiscal year.

Bank of America – The LBF received funds from the U.S. Department of Justice Bank of America Settlement in 2016 and is using the funds for increased grant awards, prioritizing direct legal services over a three year period.

Finally, at the end of 2017, we began to see positive movement in the **Federal Fund Target Rate (FFTR)**, which directly impacts Louisiana IOLTA revenue. In March, the FFTR reached a new range of 1.50 – 1.75%. At this time, LBF staff is conducting annual, rate compliance review with all eligible financial institutions participating in the Louisiana IOLTA Program. Our efforts so far will result in a confirmed net increase of approximately a half million dollars in IOLTA revenue, possibly up to \$1.5 million annually, in total. This revenue outcome means that as we phase out Bank of America funding, available the last 3 years for grants, we should be able to maintain funding levels for the providers, barring any unforeseen economic events.

In closing, I would like to give a special thanks to the amazing LBF staff and the LBF Board, who remain passionate and committed to making equal access to justice a reality in the State of Louisiana. It has been a humbling experience to interact with and engage the civil legal aid community in Louisiana. I could not be more proud of the phenomenal work being done. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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The Louisiana Bar Foundation membership, referred to as Fellows, consists of judges, lawyers and academia whose professional, public and private lives demonstrate their commitment to ensuring access to the justice system for all.

Fellows make an annual dues payment or unrestricted donation, minimum requirement or more, as outlined in the By-Laws Article III to support the ongoing services and programs of the Foundation. Examples of this type of donation may include one or more of the following: Fellows payment, Year End donation, memorial/tribute donation and LSBA check-off donation. In accordance with the LBF Articles of Incorporation, Fellows meeting this criteria are entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation.

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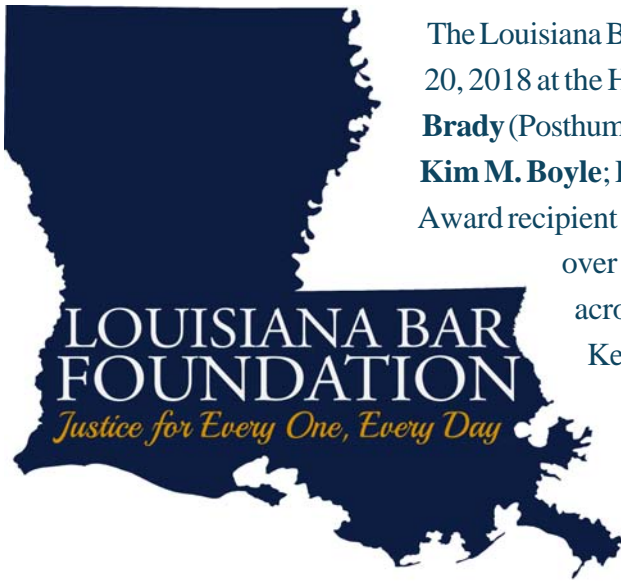
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32nd Annual Fellows Gala and Awards



The Louisiana Bar Foundation celebrated the 32nd Annual Fellows Gala Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. The 2017 Distinguished Jurist **James J. Brady** (Posthumously); Distinguished Jurist **W. Eugene Davis**; Distinguished Attorney **Kim M. Boyle**; Distinguished Professor **Oliver A. Houck**; and Calogero Justice Award recipient **Robert S. Noel II** were honored that evening. An outstanding mix of over 400 attendees, including judges, attorneys, and law professors from across the state, enjoyed DJ Charles Belonge, a silent auction, and a Kendra Scott mystery jewelry pull.

Houck, Mrs. Karen Brady, LBF President W. Michael Street, Noel, Davis, and Boyle



President's Award

Dona K. Renegar, a partner in the law firm of Veazy Felder & Renegar LLC in Lafayette, received the prestigious LBF President's Award from 2017-18 LBF President Valerie Briggs Bargas. The President's Award was given to Renegar in recognition of her outstanding support, dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.



Bargas and Renegar

Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award

Patrick S. Ottinger, a partner in the law firm Ottinger Hebert, L.L.C. in Lafayette received the the 2018 LBF Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. The award was presented at the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Meeting in June. Ottinger received this award in recognition of his long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants, and all counsel. Ottinger received a plaque and \$1,000 has been donated in his name to The Lafayette Bar Foundation.



Ottinger

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\$6.7 Million for Social Justice Initiatives 2018-19

Annual/Sustaining Funding **\$3,716,456**

Building Capital Development **\$100,000**

Awards grants up to \$25,000, on a matching basis, to current grantees with the purpose of assisting in the acquisition of an office building and/or property.

Innocence Project New Orleans	\$25,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$25,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$25,000

Children's Legal Services **\$125,000**

Helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development.

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$8,000
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$21,000
First Grace Community Alliance	\$11,000
Louisiana CASA Association	\$7,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$25,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$36,000
The Advocacy Center	\$17,000

Domestic Violence Programs **\$500,000**

Essential services provided by these agencies are shelter, 24-hour crisis line, legal services, education of domestic/dating violence, and establishing collaborative relationships with law enforcement, judges, clerks of court, and prosecutors.

Beauregard Community Concerns	\$37,097
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$76,400
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$33,734
Faith House, Inc.	\$36,081
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$14,613
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$22,703
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$38,520
Oasis	\$21,379
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$38,520
Project SAVE	\$39,491
Safe Harbor	\$15,408
Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment (SAFE)	\$15,408
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program, Inc.	\$24,075
The Haven, Inc	\$36,495
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$50,076

Law-Related Education **\$100,000**

The LBF awards grants to entities for law-related educational programs benefitting children and/or the public.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$13,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$1,000
Court Watch NOLA	\$3,000
Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School	\$1,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$5,500
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$35,000
LSBA Diversity Committee	\$1,000
LSBA Young Lawyers Division	\$5,500
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$10,000

Legal Services Corporations **\$2,100,000**

Eligible programs are funded by the LSC federal agency and provide civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$1,061,563
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,038,437

Loan Repayment Assistance Program **\$56,456**

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF. Recipients identities are kept confidential.

Other Legal Service Providers **\$350,000**

Through staff attorneys and paralegals, these programs provide legal services of a special nature such as mental health and child advocacy mediation.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$28,958
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$39,458
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$40,000
Frontline Legal Services, Inc.	\$46,458
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$90,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$11,458
NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$13,333
Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$18,335
St. Frances Cabrini Immigration Law Center	\$50,000
The Ella Project	\$12,000

Pro Bono Projects **\$350,000**

Often operated by the local bar association, these projects utilize the local private bar to handle cases for the poor pro bono in many legal areas.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$70,000
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$68,900
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$46,700
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$24,900
The Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$29,500
The Pro Bono Project	\$110,000

Self-Represented Litigants Programs **\$24,000**
Help increase access through self-help centers and kiosks.

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$9,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$15,000

Child in Need of Care **\$2,240,000**

The Children’s Legal Services grant program helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development. Annual grants are available to: organizations providing direct legal representation of children, in matters ranging from delinquency to access to special education, mental health, and foster care services; organizations engaging in impact litigation and/or systemic legal reform efforts on behalf of children; organizations that provide lay advocacy for children in legal proceedings; and organizations that assist with the administration of justice with respect to children.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$1,590,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$650,000

Special Program and Project Funding **\$445,150**

Collaboration with justice community stakeholders providing umbrella support services to several or all civil legal aid providers.

Access to Justice Commission	\$30,000
Access to Justice Fund Grants	\$40,000
ATJ Community Conference Training	\$5,000
Civil Legal Aid Network Portal	\$75,000
LouisianaLawHelp.org and Probono.net	\$12,650
Louisiana Appleseed	\$95,000
Oral Histories	\$2,000
Pelican Center for Children and Families	
Pro Hac Vice	\$123,500
Statewide Case Management System	\$62,000

Scholarships, Fellowships, and other funding projects **\$233,500**

Kids’ Chance Scholarships	\$50,500
Scholar-in-Residence	\$3,000
Fellowships	\$180,000

Discretionary Funding **\$135,000**

Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants

Nine Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation. These panels identify needs in their community and fund efforts to address those needs. Grants are awarded throughout the year. Grants listed are as of April 2019.

Acadiana

Louis A. Martinet Society	\$3,500
The Extra Mile	\$10,825
LBF Oral History Project	\$675

Capital Area

Louisiana HealthEquity	\$10,730
LBF Oral History Project	\$4,270

Bayou Region

CASA of Lafourche	\$5,000
CASA of Terrebonne	\$5,000
The Haven	\$5,000

Central

Teen Court of Avoyelles	\$6,500
Children’s Advocacy Network	\$6,755
LBF Oral History Project	\$1,745

Greater Orleans

CrescentCare	\$3,500
Justice and Accountability Center	\$3,500
Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association	\$7,000
Pink House	\$1,000

Northeast

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$4,500
Pine Hills Advocacy Center	\$10,000
LBF Oral History Project	\$500

Northshore

Children’s Advocacy Center-Hope House	\$9,000
Family Promise of St. Tammany	\$2,500
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$3,000
LBF Oral History Project	\$500

Northwest

Project Reclaim of Minden	\$3,000
Volunteers for Youth Justice	\$10,000
LBF Oral History Project	\$1,575

Southwest

BeauCARE	\$14,225
LBF Oral History Project	\$730

Foundation Programs and Projects



Access to Justice Commission

A statewide coordinated approach to assure continuity of policy and purpose in the collaboration between the private bar, the courts, and the civil justice community to further the goal of assuring that Louisianans regardless of the economic circumstance have access to the justice system.

Children in Need of Care (CINC)

The CINC program provides free legal representation to Louisiana children in foster care in partnership with the Louisiana legal service corporations, the Louisiana Department of Child and Family Services and the Louisiana Supreme Court. As administrator, the LBF provides governance and oversight of the funds and ensures program and financial compliance.

Fellowships (Child Welfare, General, Rural)

LBF will administer funds for civil legal aid fellowships at LBF supported legal service corporations providing services in the state. Fellowships are recognized by the LBF as one of the solutions to the civil legal aid crisis in the state necessary to fully serve all Louisiana households in poverty by retention of young attorneys doing public interest work.

Fellows Class Project

In partnership with Louisiana Appleseed, the Fellows Class Project Series is a way for new Fellows to become involved and be a part of the LBF mission.

The 2017 Fellows Class Project focus on the Legal Service Corporations (LSC) Liaison Project. The LSC Liaison Project will educate communities throughout Louisiana about the importance of LSCs and how the recent decline in state and federal funding, in addition to Louisiana's high poverty, place our already challenged civil legal aid system in crisis.

Fellows Program

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IOLTA - interest on lawyer's 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, battered women shelters, and numerous other community organizations that provide civil legal assistance to Louisiana's low-income citizens.

Kids' Chance Scholarship Program

Provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. Since 2004, the program has awarded 290 scholarships totaling \$664,100.

Louisiana Appleseed

Louisiana Appleseed is part of a network of public interest law centers in the U.S. and Mexico dedicated to building a just society through legal, legislative and institutional structural reform. Louisiana Appleseed asks top private practice lawyers, corporate counsel, law schools, civic leaders and other professionals to commit pro bono time to address problems at their root causes, producing practical, systemic solutions to effect change.

Oral History

The Education Committee 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. We have over 100 Oral Histories online.

Pelican Center

Nonprofit organization that serves as a comprehensive education and training resource to support effective practice among legal and other professionals serving Louisiana's most vulnerable children and families.

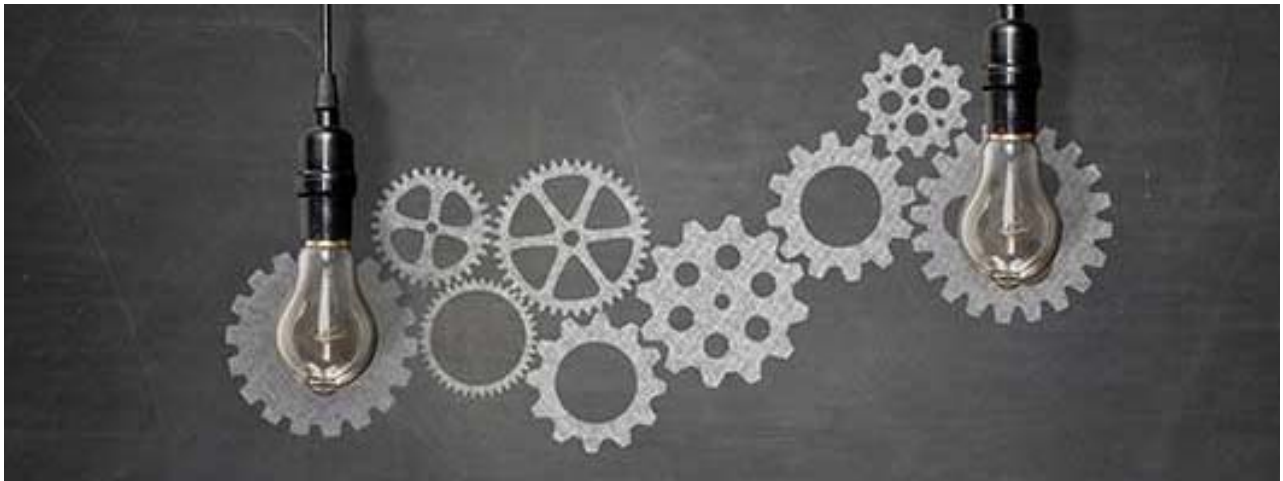
Scholar-in Residence

Intended to enhance the LBF's overall educational program, and to support legal education in Louisiana by bringing the practicing bar and Louisiana's law schools closer together. The Education Committee reviews applicants and makes a recommendation to the board. The S-I-R term is for two years and includes a \$7,500 stipend. During these two years the scholar shall produce an academic work suitable for the intended LBF purpose. The S-I-R can be a professor, lawyer, law school dean, from the general public including teaches writers and other scholars.

Christopher K. Odinet from Southern University Law Center, and Melissa Lonegrass from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center are the current SIR. They will produce a comprehensive work on the public records doctrine in Louisiana.

Secret Santa

Project of the LSBA/LBF Community Action Committee, this project pairs needy children with local attorneys who buy presents from the kid's holiday wish list. Some of the wishes are as simple as clothes, a toy truck or a doll.





The Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program

Prime Partners

Prime Partners are financial institutions that are committed to ensuring the success of the IOLTA program and increased funding for legal aid.

Statewide Prime Partner Banks:

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Prime Partner Banks in your area:

Bank of Sunset & Trust Co. (Lafayette)

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The Union Bank (Marksville)

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Eligible Institutions

Eligible institutions are financial institutions that meet the standards of the eligibility requirement as defined by IOLTA Rule 1.15. They are committed to the success of the IOLTA program and support legal aid.

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Bank of Winnfield & Trust Co. (Winnfield)
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Beauregard Federal Savings Bank (DeRidder)
Business First Bank (Baton Rouge)
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Catahoula Bank (Jonesville, Jena)
Citizens Bank & Trust (Mandeville)
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Vivian)
Citizens National Bank, N.A. (Bossier City)
City Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)
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Community Bank of Louisiana (Mansfield)
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First Federal Bank of Louisiana (Lake Charles)
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First National Bank Arcadia (Ruston)
First National Bank of Louisiana (Crowley)
Florida Parishes Bank (Hammond)
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The Bank (Jennings)
The Evangeline Bank & Trust Co. (Crowley, Ville Platte)
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United Community Bank (Gonzales)
Washington State Bank (Washington)
Winnsboro State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)
Xplore Federal Credit Union (Formerly Shell Credit Union, New Orleans)

(as of June 30, 2018)



Kids' Chance awards scholarships to children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal workers' compensation act or law. In the 2017-18 academic year, \$59,000 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 18 deserving students.

2017-18 Kids' Chance Scholarship Recipients

Brittany Bailey, Deridder
Allie Dantin, Thibodaux
Mason Graham, Luling
Allana Gross, Marrero
Andre' Hebert, Lafayette
Heather Jones, New Orleans
Katelyn Kerner, Jefferson
Grant Klentzman, New Iberia
Anna LaGrange, Breaux Bridge

Quentin LeBlanc, Paincourtville
Breanna Leleaux, Lafayette
Amanda Marler, Dry Creek
Colby Price, Belle Chasse
William Price, Bossier City
Darein Rixner, Laplace
Hallie Rogers, Patterson
Derek Trouard, Baton Rouge
Alesha Widcamp, Lake Charles

Golf Tournament Benefits LBF Kids' Chance Program

The Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) held its annual golf tournament September 2017 donating all proceeds to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program. At a ceremony prior to the golf tournament, LBF Kids' Chance presented mock checks to scholarship recipients and a certificate of appreciation was presented to LWCC.



The LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program received \$30,000 from the LWCC, proceeds from its 14th annual golf tournament. From left LBF Kids' Chance Committee Co-Chair Michelle Sorrells; LWCC President and CEO Kristin Wall; and LBF President Valerie Briggs Bargas.



LBF President Valerie Briggs Bargas and LBF Kids' Chance committee Co-Chair Michelle Sorrells, from left, presented a Kids' Chance scholarship to recipient Daren Rixner and his mother San Rixner

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3rd Annual Kids' Chance Awareness Week November 13-17, 2017



Gov. John Bel Edwards proclaimed the week of November 13-17, 2017 as Louisiana Bar Foundation Kids' Chance Awareness Week.

The Kids' Chance Committee prepared Kids' Chance care packages for the 2017-18 scholarship recipients. Care packages were composed of gift cards, snacks, and company swag from our donors. Several law firms supported Kids' Chance Awareness week, by hosting dress down days and pizza parties.

Kids' Chance Committee Members packing goodies and writing notes for Kids' Chance Awareness Week 2017-(L-R) Laura Mauffray Borchert, Kids' Chance Co-Chair Sherry Watters and Taylor Stone.

Baton Rouge Bar Association Workers' Compensation Section Hosts Kids' Chance Fundraiser

The Baton Rouge Bar Association's (BRBA) Workers' Compensation Section raised more than \$8,000 at their 8th annual fund raiser for LBF Kids' Chance. The theme was "Roaring 20's Jazz Brunch". They served shrimp 'n grits, chicken waffles, praline bacon, quiche, beverages and had a chocolate fountain dessert station. Special drink cups featured a Champagne fountain, bottomless Mimosas and Bloody Mary's. The evening included music, games with prizes including "Best 1920's costume". The BRBA Workers' Comp Section has donated more than \$46,000 to the LBF Scholarship Fund since 2011.

Thank You 2017-18 Kids' Chance Fund Donors

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National Council on Compensation Insurance
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For more information on Kids' Chance or to find out how you can make a donation to the Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund, contact Dennette Young at (504) 561-1046 or dennette@raisingthebar.org or visit www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance.

**Louisiana Bar Foundation
Statements of Financial Position**

As of June 30,	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,980,614	\$ 4,357,275
Investments	5,731,849	5,615,974
Contributions receivable	2,320,551	2,072,709
Prepaid expenses and deposits	15,153	11,210
Total current assets	10,048,167	12,057,168
Property and equipment		
Property and equipment, net	-	-
Non-current assets		
Promises to give, long term - less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,750 and \$3,750	29,500	33,750
Total non-current assets	29,500	33,750
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,077,667	\$ 12,090,918
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 15,524	\$ 16,862
Grants payable	6,048,995	6,056,735
Total current liabilities	6,064,519	6,073,597
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred lease payable	22,386	37,768
Total non-current liabilities	22,386	37,768
Total liabilities	6,086,905	6,111,365
Net assets		
Unrestricted	2,688,910	4,706,291
Temporarily restricted	739,061	717,221
Permanently restricted	562,791	556,041
Total net assets	3,990,762	5,979,553
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 10,077,667	\$ 12,090,918