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*for the year ending June 30, 2011*

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# President's Message

It is my pleasure to report to you on the activities of the LBF as we continue our work towards increasing access to justice and equal justice for all. In 2010, the LBF awarded more than \$5 million in grants, distributed over an 18 month period, to more than 80 deserving non-profit organizations and public interest legal aid attorneys.

Although resources remain limited, we continue our work in the Child in Need of Care (CINC) Program providing legal representation to children in foster care in partnership with the 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. While the state budget endured numerous cuts across the board, we were able to maintain funding levels for the upcoming fiscal year.

At its meeting in January, the Board made the decision to maintain funding levels in all grant categories for this year and will rely on its reserve to meet those obligations. We believe this action was necessary given the pending cuts at the federal level, little to no funding provided by the State of Louisiana and the continued increase in those needing and eligible for legal aid in this state. Legal aid personnel continue to serve the poor in their communities and reflect the best image of our profession. They help families facing foreclosure, bankruptcy, women and children in need, and many other matters. It is because of their hard work that serving as the president of the LBF was so rewarding. I truly admire the work done by so many throughout this state and enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of these heroes and others dedicated to service through non-profit work. They are the true heroes of our legal profession—working long hours for far too little pay.

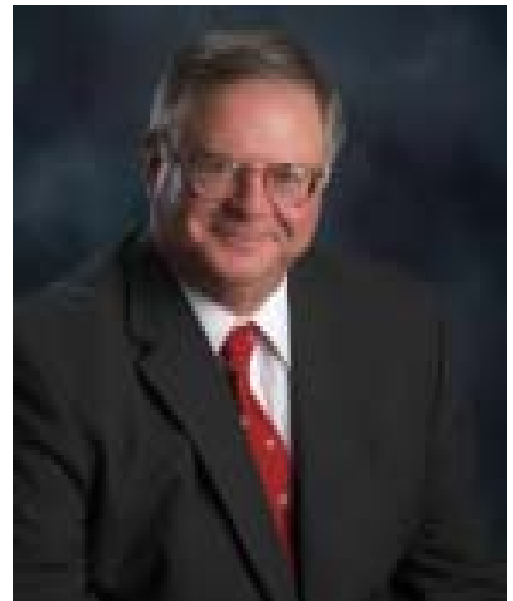
Again this year, we were able to make great strides in law-related education initiatives. In September, we celebrated the completion and opening of the Foundation's second Courtroom at Lake Charles Boston Academy. This Courtroom and LRE curriculum serves five surrounding parishes of the Lake Charles area. It is fully functioning and is fitted with judge, jury and advocate seating. This program fosters interest and participation in the legal profession by high school students in that area and provides a better understanding of the justice system. In January, the Board of Directors approved the Northeast panel's recommendation to award funds to West Monroe High School for a similar project serving a multi-parish area in the northeast region of the state.

The Building Capital Development grants program has continued to grow as well. We are providing an average of eight grants per year to grantees for renovations and the acquisition of office space. A few noteworthy projects from this year include the support to Acadiana Legal Services Corporation for the purchase of a building in Alexandria and support of the new Shreveport Bar Foundation building project based on the Lafayette model. These building projects establish a home for legal services within their communities and become a hub of synergy amongst bar members, judiciary, legal aid clients as well as other providers in the area.

In Partnership with Louisiana Appleseed, the LBF Class of 2010 project launched in January will focus on educating the public on heirship property and title clearing. The Class project is now in its third year and provides an opportunity for our newest Fellows to carry out the LBF mission through volunteer service. Past projects focused on Equitable Funding for Special Need Children and Teen Domestic Violence.

This year, the LBF now has nine Community Partnership Panels. Our newest addition is the Bayou Region operating in the southeast coastal parishes of Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. Mary. A vision of the late, former LBF President Jock Scott, these panels have become the lifeblood of this organization. They provide a local presence led by local Fellows and work to identify new members, provide nominations for the LBF Board, future nominations for the distinguished awards and direct discretionary funds through a flexible grants process to meet local needs. In May, each panel hosts an annual fellows event. This is the fourth year of local CPP events throughout the state.

In closing, the accomplishments of this past year could not be possible without the work of so many. I received counsel from every officer and the support of the Board throughout the year on every challenge, decision and opportunity facing the LBF. I am thankful to all of you and hope to continue to work with you on our important mission. I was honored to serve as your President.



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Fellows make an annual, unrestricted financial contribution each year. Examples include annual support, year end donation, pledge payment, and/or miscellaneous donations.

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*Fellows enjoying the gala.*

# Annual Assembly

## Louisiana Bar Foundation Launched the Annual Assembly *Bringing together those dedicated to advancing justice*

The LBF launched the inaugural Annual Assembly at the Ritz Carlton New Orleans in April. The two day event featured the Grants Committee meeting, Annual Fellows Membership meeting, Board of Directors meeting, Distinguished Honoree Luncheon, Patron Party and culminated with the 25th Anniversary Fellows Gala. The Gala was held in honor of the Distinguished Jurist, Fredericka H. Wicker; Distinguished Attorney, Phillip A. Wittmann; Distinguished Professor, Russell L. Jones and the Calogero Justice Award Recipient, Louisiana Appleseed. The black tie celebration included dinner, music, and a live auction. The LBF 2011-12 officers were also installed.

### President's Award

During the Friday morning Annual Fellows Membership meeting, Leo C. Hamilton, a partner of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson LLP in Baton Rouge, received the prestigious LBF President's Award. Hamilton was selected by Herschel E. Richard, 2010-11 LBF President in recognition of his outstanding support, volunteer service and dedication to the mission and goals of the LBF. This past year, Hamilton served as Secretary and as the board liaison and chair of the Editorial committee. Hamilton practices in the areas of labor and employment law, administrative law, constitutional law, and governmental relations. He received his BA from LSU and his JD from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

### Calogero Justice Award

At the Distinguished Honoree Luncheon, the Calogero Justice Award was given to Louisiana Appleseed. The Calogero Justice Award honors an organization for a significant contribution to the Louisiana justice system. Louisiana Appleseed uncovers and corrects injustices and barriers to opportunity through legal, legislative and market-based structural reform. Working with a pro bono network, they identify, research, and analyze social injustices; make specific recommendations; and advocate for effective solutions to deep-seated structural problems.

### Horn Blower Award

Prior to the gala, the Office of the Judicial Administrator was presented the LBF Horn Blower Award. The award was given in recognition of outstanding support and leadership in implementing the Child Advocacy Program for the State of Louisiana. This award is given to a partner organization in recognition of outstanding support and leadership in assisting the LBF in advancing an initiative, project, or program. Judicial Administrator Timothy E. Averill accepted the award on behalf of his office.



*Richard and Hamilton*



*Retired LA Supreme Court Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. presenting award to LA Appleseed President Donna D. Fraiche.*



*Averill and Richard*

# Fellows Enjoying the Annual Assembly



# Louisiana Bar Foundation

## 25th Anniversary Fellows Gala

Advancing Justice and Law-Related Education through Fellowship

The Louisiana Bar Foundation's Annual Fellows Gala is held every spring. Lawyers, judges and professors gather from across the state to support the LBF's mission 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.



*Wittmann, Wicker, Richard, and Jones*



The 25th Anniversary Fellows Gala was held Friday, April 8, 2011 at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans, 921 Canal Street. The black tie event was celebration of the LBF's 25 years of advancing justice and law-related education in Louisiana. The dinner was in honor of Distinguished Jurist, Fredericka H. Wicker, Distinguished Attorney, Phillip A. Wittmann and Distinguished Professor, Russell L. Jones. The gala began at 7 p.m. and featured a live auction, dinner, music and dancing. A patron party was held prior to the gala.

### **2010 Distinguished Jurist, Fredericka H. Wicker**

Judge Fredericka H. Wicker is a 1977 alum of Tulane Law School. After practicing law for 20 years as a state and federal prosecutor and a civil litigator, she joined the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court in 1997. There Wicker was a member of the court's management team and the Drug Court administrator. She was also the president of the Louisiana District Judges Association.

### **2010 Distinguished Attorney, Phillip A. Wittmann**

Phillip A. Wittmann is a partner at the law firm of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, class actions, toxic tort and products liability matters. He has extensive trial experience and maintains an active litigation practice.

### **2010 Distinguished Professor, Russell L. Jones**

Russell L. Jones, the Jesse N. Stone Endowed Professor, was named SULC vice chancellor of academic affairs in January 2007. The 1982 cum laude graduate of the Southern University Law Center and former articles editor of the Southern University Law Review joined the SULC faculty in 1984.

## *Special Thanks to our Gala Sponsors*

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### **25th Anniversary Circle**

*Hon. Fredericka H. Wicker*

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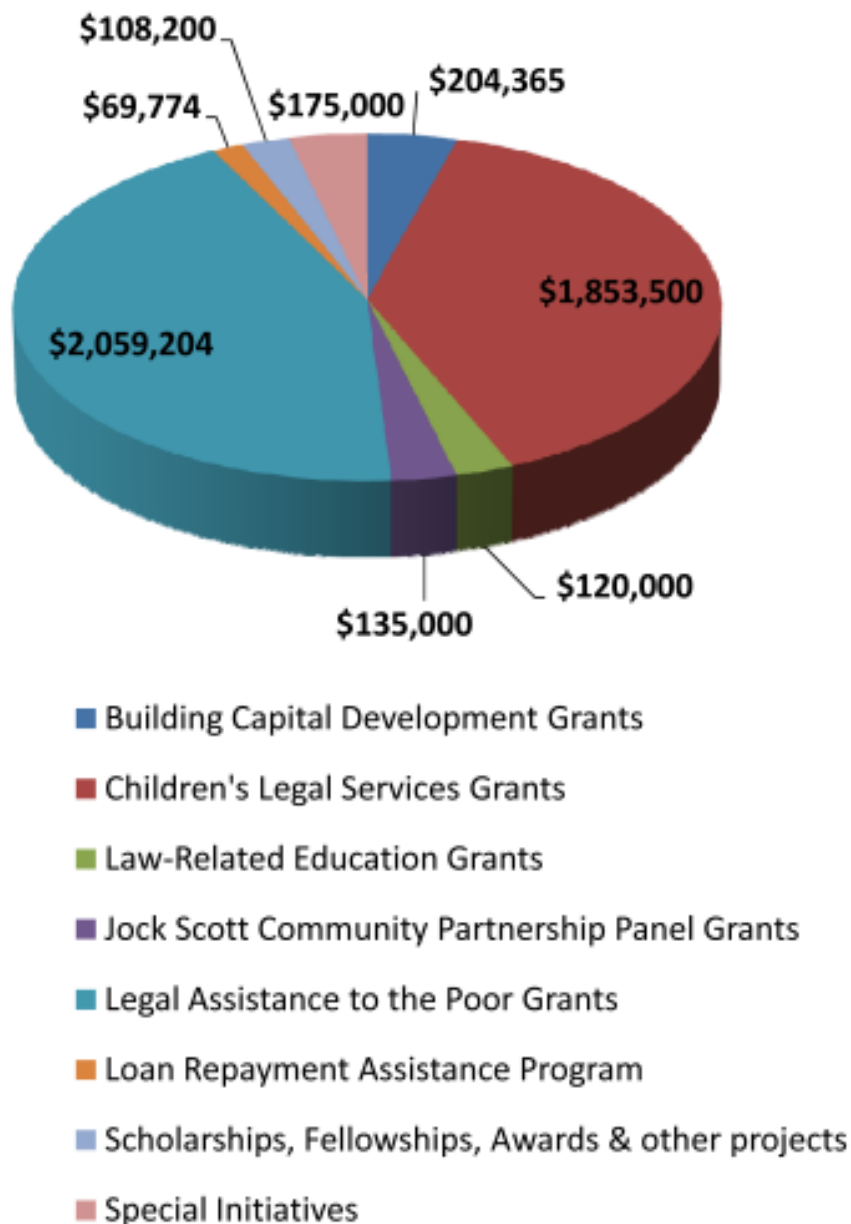
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## Funding Overview

As the largest funder of legal aid in the state, the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) makes grants to organizations that provide free legal aid to women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed, those facing loss of their homes and those in need of guidance to secure food stamps. We offer four types of funding: annual/sustaining funds; discretionary funds; special initiatives; and scholarships, fellowships and awards.



## Annual/Sustaining Funding

- 12 month grants in 5 categories
- fixed application period
- Grant Committee of 30+ volunteers work in subcommittees by category
- 3-4 months review period includes several meetings and onsite visit of applicant
- grant awards vary from \$2,500 upward
- Grant Committee recommendations are approved by the LBF Board
- grant application is on-line

### *Categories:*

**Building Capital Development Grants**

**Children's Legal Services Grants**

**Law-Related Education Grants**

**Legal Assistance to the Poor Grants**

**Loan Repayment Assistance Program**

## Special Initiatives

- multi-year (usually 3 year) commitment
- funds are \$50,000 per year or higher
- funding is in collaboration with justice community stakeholders
- initiative provides umbrella support services to several or all legal aid providers
- LBF Board approves funding through a Memorandum of Understanding executed with the stakeholders and customized for specific initiative objectives and goals

### *Current Special Initiatives:*

**Access to Justice**

**Louisiana Appleseed**

**Louisiana Civil Justice Center**

## Discretionary Funding

- 12 month grants or funding for seed or expansion of a program
- flexible proposal period; may apply throughout the fiscal year
- 9 regional panels of fellows and other stakeholders accept proposals
- grant awards are up to \$15,000
- panels submit funding recommendation to a subcommittee of Grants Committee then to the LBF Board for approval

### *Category:*

**Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants**

## Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

Support is tied to a specific program.

**Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Program**

**Kids' Chance Scholarships**

**Law Student Pro Bono Awards**

**Summer Fellowships**

## Louisiana Bar Foundation Grants \$4.7 Million to Non-profit Organizations

Grants were awarded in April 2011. Funding period is July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

### Annual/Sustaining Funding

#### Building Capital Development **\$204,365**

*The Building Capital Development Grant Program awards grants up to \$25,000, on a matching basis, to current grantees with the purpose of assisting in the acquisition or renovation of an office building and/or property.*

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$25,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$12,270
Faith House, Inc.	\$17,095
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Legal Services of North La.	\$25,000
Metropolitan Center For Women and Children	\$25,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$25,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$25,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$25,000

#### Children's Legal Services **\$1,853,500**

*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.*

##### CASA Programs

CASA of SoLA	\$6,000
CASA of St. Landry	\$3,000

##### Children's Legal Services Programs

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$680,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$10,000
Children's Advocacy Center of Louisiana	\$25,000
Juvenile Justice Project of La.	\$25,000
Juvenile Regional Services	\$26,500
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$452,000
Louisiana CASA Association	\$25,000
Rapides Children's Advocacy Center	\$10,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$530,000
St. Landry-Evangeline Sexual Assault Center	\$2,500
The Extra Mile, Region IV, Inc.	\$5,000
The People's Advocate	\$8,600
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$5,000
The Whistle Stop	\$8,400
T.E.A.M.S. (Training, Education, Mediation for Students)	\$12,500

Volunteers for Youth Justice	\$9,500
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$9,500

#### Law-Related Education **\$120,000**

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

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$9,500
Juvenile Justice Project of La.	\$7,500
Juvenile Regional Services	\$7,500
Louis A. Martinet Foundation	\$21,500
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$53,000
LSBA Young Lawyers Section	\$11,000
Resurrection After Exoneration	\$5,000
Youth Services Bureau of St. Tammany	\$5,000

#### Legal Assistance to the Poor **\$2,059,204**

*The LBF awards grants to non-profit entities to provide free direct legal services to indigent clients.*

##### Domestic Violence Programs

Beauregard Community Concerns. Inc.	\$21,970
Calcasieu Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$7,970
Capital Area Family Violence Intervention	\$26,248
Catholic Charities of New Orleans - Project S.A.V.E.	\$22,710
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$16,138
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$12,970
Faith House, Inc.	\$9,970
Family Counseling Agency/Turning Point Shelter	\$7,720
The Haven	\$13,804
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse, Inc.	\$12,970
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$36,970
New Start Center	\$27,970
Project Celebration	\$15,970
Providence House	\$9,970
Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$13,804
Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$22,970
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$13,470
St. Bernard Parish Battered Women's Center	\$12,970
Tulane Law School Domestic Violence Clinic	\$5,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$12,970
Women Outreaching Women	\$7,970



### **Legal Service Corporations**

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$312,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$300,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SELSC)	\$396,000
SELSC/LA-1 Service Area	\$179,200

### **Other Legal Service Providers**

AIDSLaw of Louisiana	\$40,000
Arts Council of New Orleans - E.L.L.A. Project	\$10,000
Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge - Immigration Legal Services	\$27,500
Catholic Charities of New Orleans - Immigration Legal Services	\$40,000
Common Ground Relief, Inc.	\$15,000
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$80,000
Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana	\$42,500
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	\$25,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$20,000

### **Pro Bono Project**

Baton Rouge Bar Association	\$31,000
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$22,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$31,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$19,500
Shreveport Bar Foundation (formerly Northwest La. Pro Bono Project)	\$30,800
The Pro Bono Project	\$63,200
Southeast La. Legal Services	\$20,000
Southwest La. Bar Foundation	\$22,000

### **Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$69,774**

*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. Applicants' identities are anonymous.*

**Thank You  
Kendall Vick  
Public Law  
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**Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation has generously supported the LBF Loan Repayment Assistance Program annually, since inception in 2007. The LBF Thanks Kendall Vick for their continued support.**

## **Discretionary Funding**

*Funding period is July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011*

### **Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants**

**\$135,000**

*Nine Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation which identify unmet needs in their community and fund efforts to address those unmet needs. Each panel has an annual budget of \$15,000. Grants are awarded through the fiscal year.*

#### **Acadiana Community Partnership Panel**

Faith House	\$4,500
Nurturing Families of Louisiana	\$6,000
United Way	\$4,500

#### **Bayou Region Community Partnership Panel**

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

#### **Capital Area Community Partnership Panel**

The Arc Baton Rouge	\$1,619
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$8,380
Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society	\$5,000

#### **Central Community Partnership Panel**

Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc.	\$3,000
GrandPower	\$9,000
Rapides Habitat for Humanity	\$3,000

#### **Greater Orleans Community Partnership Panel**

Audrey Hepburn CARE Center of Children's Hospital New Orleans	\$6,000
Community Mediation Services	\$4,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Pro Se Video	\$5,000

#### **North Shore Community Partnership Panel**

St. Tammany Seniors and Law Enforcement Together	\$15,000
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#### **Northeast Community Partnership Panel**

West Monroe High School Courtroom	\$15,000
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#### **Northwest Community Partnership Panel**

Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$15,000
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#### **Southwest Community Partnership Panel**

Lake Charles-Boston Academy of Learning	\$15,000
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## **Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards, and other projects**

Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Program	\$23,000
Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$47,600
Law Student Pro Bono Awards	\$2,100
Legal Education Projects	\$6,500
ProBono/LawHelps Website	\$11,500
Summer Fellowships	\$17,500

## **Special Initiatives**

Access to Justice	\$75,000
Louisiana Appleaseed	\$50,000
Louisiana Civil Justice Center	\$50,000

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## Alphabetical listing of grantees including service area.

**Acadiana Legal Services Corporation (ALSC)** is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income individuals in the southwest and central regions of Louisiana. ALSC provides services in a variety of areas of law, including consumer, education, family, juvenile, health, housing and public benefits. (Alexandria, Lafayette and Lake Charles)

**AIDSLaw of Louisiana** provides free legal assistance to low-income persons living with HIV and AIDS. AIDSLaw provides services in the areas of personal and estate planning, successions, family law, notarial services, consumer law, privacy law and public benefits. (Baton Rouge and New Orleans)

**Arts Council of New Orleans' Entertainment Law Legal Assistance Project (ELLA)** offers pro-bono legal assistance to low-income artists musicians and grass roots non-profits in Louisiana. ELLA provides assistance with copyright and intellectual property, business incorporation, non-profit incorporation, contract review, contract disputes and other civil law matters. ELLA is partnership between the Arts Council, Tipitina's and Tulane Law School. (New Orleans)

**Baton Rouge Bar Foundation** offers a variety of programming for the public, including coordination of free legal services for the poor, law-related education events for children and the public and a teen court for first-time misdemeanor offenders. (Baton Rouge)

**Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center (BRCAC)** will use the funding to develop and improve the BRCAC's Multi-Disciplinary Team. (Baton Rouge)

**Beauregard Community Concerns - June Jenkins Women's Shelter** provides housing, counseling and brief legal services to victims of domestic violence in Beauregard and Vernon Parishes. (DeRidder and Leesville)

**Calcasieu Women's Shelter, Inc.** provides a variety of services to victims of domestic violence in Allen, Calcasieu, and Cameron Parishes. These services include shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, job training, adult education and childcare. (Lake Charles, Allen and Cameron)

**Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center (CAFVIC)** provides a variety of services to victims of domestic violence in a seven parish area surrounding Baton Rouge. CAFVIC offers shelter, legal services, education and children's services at both its main office and outreach offices. (Baton Rouge)

**CASA of SoLA** supports volunteers in Acadia, Lafayette and Vermillion Parishes who advocate in court for the best interests of children who have been abused and neglected. (Lafayette)

**CASA of St. Landry** supports volunteers in the 27th judicial district parish of St. Landry who advocate in court for the best interests of children who have been abused and neglected. (Opelousas)

**Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge - Immigration Legal Services** provides free legal services to immigrants and refugees across Louisiana. A staff attorney and small staff represent clients before U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Their services focus primarily on removal and detention issues. (Baton Rouge)

**Catholic Charities of New Orleans - Project SAVE** provides free, emergency legal representation to survivors of domestic violence in Orleans Parish. Staff attorneys help with legal orders to keep survivors safe and to protect their legal rights. Project SAVE's legal services may include temporary restraining and protection orders, temporary child support, custody and use of property. Immigration Legal Services provides services targeted to immigrants and refugees. (New Orleans)

**Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project** coordinates the provision of free legal services to low-income people in Avoyelles, Rapides and Vernon Parishes. The Project recruits volunteer attorneys to handle cases referred by Central Louisiana Legal Services. The Project also organizes free legal advice clinics in the community where volunteer attorneys answer questions and provide general information concerning various legal matters. (Alexandria)

**Chez Hope, Inc.** provides a variety of services to victims of domestic violence in St. Mary, Lafourche and Assumption Parishes. Chez Hope offers shelter, legal services, education and children's services at both its offices. (Franklin and Thibodaux)

**Children's Advocacy Centers of Louisiana** supports the development, growth, communication between, and continuation of quality children's advocacy in the state of Louisiana. The fifteen state-wide centers provide specialized child friendly forensic interviews and coordination of services for victims of severe physical and child sexual abuse. (Statewide)

**Common Ground Relief, Inc.** is a grassroots, volunteer based, outcome-orientated organization. CGR aims to provide short term relief for victims of hurricane disasters in the gulf coast region and long term support in rebuilding the communities affected in the New Orleans area. (New Orleans)

**D.A.R.T. of Lincoln** provides shelter, legal services, education and children's services to victims of domestic violence. (Lincoln, Jackson, Union, Bienville and Claiborne Parishes)

**The Extra Mile, Region IV, Inc.** exists to enhance and enrich the quality of life for all persons served by the State of Louisiana by mobilizing people and resources in the community. (Lafayette)

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**Faith House, Inc.** provides a multitude of services to victims of domestic violence in Acadia, Evangeline, Lafayette, St. Landry and Vermillion Parishes. These services include shelter, counseling and legal services. The program's legal advocate assists with protective orders, sets up victim notification systems and advocates on behalf of survivors with the justice system. They also provides domestic violence education to law enforcement, judges, attorneys, hearing officers and clerk of court employees. (Lafayette)

**Family Counseling Agency - Turning Point Battered Women's Program** provides services to victims of domestic violence in Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides and Winn Parishes. The program has a 38-bed shelter and offers counseling, life-skill education, children's services and legal advocacy. (Alexandria)

**The Haven** works to establish a community-based response to interpersonal and family violence through advocacy, education, prevention, resource development and treatment. The Haven operates an 18-bed shelter in Houma and runs a legal advocacy program that assists victims of domestic violence in navigating the restraining order process. (Houma)

**Innocence Project New Orleans (IPNO)** represents indigent, innocent prisoners serving life sentences across Louisiana and assists them with their transition into life outside prison after their exoneration. By identifying and remedying cases and causes of wrongful conviction, IPNO holds the criminal justice system accountable for its mistakes, raises awareness of systemic problems and promotes best practices throughout the criminal process to prevent future miscarriages of justice. (New Orleans)

**Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse, Inc.** is a domestic violence program serving the rural Jefferson Davis Parish. The program's services include a legal advocacy component, which assists survivors of domestic violence with filling out temporary restraining orders, supports them during court appearances and helps with referrals to attorneys for more advanced legal matters. (Jennings)

**Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana** works to transform the juvenile justice system into one that builds on the strengths of young people, families and communities to ensure children are given the opportunities to grow and thrive. (New Orleans)

**Juvenile Regional Services (JRS)** is a nonprofit law office dedicated to holistic representation of at-risk and targeted youth in the juvenile justice system. As part of its holistic and child-centered approach to juvenile representation, JRS also provides collateral representation in areas of education, health and housing law. (New Orleans)

**Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation** utilizes its Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers pro bono program to ensure that access to justice is available to low-income residents in Lafayette Parish. The Foundation also maintains a law library where pro se litigants can access information relevant to their legal matters. (Lafayette)

**Legal Services of North Louisiana (LSNL)** is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income individuals in the central and northern regions of Louisiana. LSNL provides services in a variety of areas of law, including consumer, education, family, juvenile, health, housing and public benefits. (Monroe, Natchitoches and Shreveport)

**Louis A. Martinet Foundation** offers two engaging curricula for high school students to promote civic literacy by treating the public school as a crucial democratic institution distributing rights and responsibilities to students, parents and teachers; and exposes them to the criminal and juvenile justice systems, challenging them to think critically about how society deals with the problems of crime and punishes young people. (Baton Rouge)

**Louisiana CASA Association** promotes the network of Louisiana's local CASA programs, the Association serves its members through well-planned, relevant activities that carry forward the united mission of finding safe, permanent families for the children they serve. (Baton Rouge)

**Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education** is a statewide organization that coordinates, implements and develops legal and civic education programs, trains educators in the delivery of these programs and assists with their implementation. (New Orleans)

**Louisiana State Bar Association - Young Lawyers Section** coordinates two of Louisiana's most popular law-related education programs: the Mock Trial Competition and the High School Essay Contest. (New Orleans)

**Loyola University New Orleans College of Law** will use their funding for their Workplace Justice Project. The WJP's mission is to educate, litigate and advocate for non-English speaking workers to ensure they are not taken advantage of. (New Orleans) DENNETTE-not sure what to write for this one Metropolitan Center for Women and Children serves survivors of domestic violence in Jefferson, Orleans, St. Charles, St. James and St. John Parishes. Metro provides direct legal services to survivors, works closely with the Clerks of Courts and assists battered women with filing protective orders in all five parishes. (Jefferson)

**New Start Center** provides safety measures and support to the victims of abuse through a variety of services, including assistance in filing temporary restraining orders, protective orders, counseling, temporary safe housing and transportation. New Start Center also educates the community about domestic violence awareness and about the impact of domestic violence on the family. (St. Martinville)

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**The People's Advocate** is a collaborative foundation created to promote civil rights and social justice as well as to advocate for the rehabilitation and healing of children caught in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. The People's advocate also works to end violence against women, children and animals, fight for environmental justice and reduce exposure to toxic pollutants, and also to keep families together by helping to find legal and social solutions to immigration issues impeding family unity. (Lake Charles)

**The Pro Bono Project** utilizes volunteer attorneys from across southeast Louisiana to provide free civil legal services to the poor in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Washington parishes. The Pro Bono Project provides services in areas of law ranging from employment, housing, public benefits, family and consumer law. (New Orleans)

**Project Celebration - Taylor House Domestic Violence Shelter** serves survivors of domestic violence in DeSoto and Sabine Parishes. The program provides shelter, legal advocacy and other services in these two rural parishes. (Many)

**Providence House** works to end homelessness by helping families with children gain the resources necessary to move permanently into independent living. The organization offers victims services including a 24 hour crisis hotline, emergency safe shelter, housing for up to 2 years for families that qualify, safety planning, protective orders, support groups, and training for jobs and life skills. (Shreveport)

**Rapides Children's Advocacy Center** works to lessen the trauma experienced by child abuse victims as allegations are investigated and to provide support for the child victim in any resulting proceedings within the criminal justice system. (Alexandria)

**Resurrection After Exoneration** is a new organization addressing the challenges of life after exoneration with a comprehensive plan for reentry and renewal. (New Orleans)

**Safe Harbor, Inc.** provides shelter and a variety of other services to victims of domestic violence in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes. Safe Harbor's legal outreach program assists women with the preparation of petitions for temporary restraining orders and protective orders and provides court escort for hearings. (Covington and Slidell)

**Safety Net for Abused Persons (SNAP)** serves battered women and their children in Iberia Parish. SNAP provides safe shelter and extensive supportive services in its confidentially located 22-bed facility. SNAP provides legal advocacy for victims and educational workshops and seminars in the community. (New Iberia)

**Shreveport Bar Foundation** will use their funding for their Pro Bono Project, which provides free legal assistance through volunteer attorneys to low-income and indigent residents of Caddo and Bossier Parishes in both civil and juvenile matters. In addition, the Shreveport Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project offers educational presentations on law-related issues to the general public. (Shreveport)

**Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS)** is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income individuals in southeast Louisiana. SLLS provides services in a variety of areas of law, including consumer, education, family, juvenile, health, housing, wills and public benefits. (Covington, Hammond, Marrero and New Orleans)

**Southeast Spouse Abuse Program** is a family violence prevention and intervention agency assisting survivors of domestic violence and their dependent children, serving Livingston, Tangipahoa, St. Helena and Washington Parishes. (Hammond)

**Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation** serves to foster confidence in the law, lawyers and the judiciary and encourages altruism among the legal profession and the general public. The Foundation supports worthy causes of a charitable nature related to the legal profession and helps to remove barriers and will provide access to the justice system to all individuals. (Lake Charles)

**St. Bernard Parish Battered Women's Program** serves victims of domestic violence in St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes. The program offers a wide variety of services, including a 50-bed shelter and a legal advocacy program, which assists victims with completing the petitions for protective orders, educates them on the cycle of abuse, informs them of their rights under the Crime Victim's Reparation Act and accompanies them to court for their hearing. (St. Bernard) St. Landry-Evangeline Sexual Assault Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide help, healing, and hope to survivors (and/or their family members) of sexual trauma and violent crimes by offering them localized short-term intervention services. The organization also promotes sharing resources among fellow organizations and agencies to effectively meet the needs of its communities. (Opelousas)

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**Training, Education and Mediation for Students (TEAMS)** serves juveniles in need of education advocacy services in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. TEAMS has court appointed education advocates on staff to serve students who are at risk of becoming involved with the court system or who are already involved with the courts. These advocates ensure that the special education and mental health rights of these young people are honored both by schools and the justice system. (Shreveport)

**Tulane Law School Domestic Violence Clinic** provides holistic services to survivors of domestic violence and fills important gaps in the existing legal services in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. The Clinic provides comprehensive civil legal services to the underserved population of Orleans Jefferson Parishes for an array of legal issues. These issues include contested child custody disputes, child support enforcement, public benefits, and housing issues. The Clinic also trains law students for careers in domestic violence law. (New Orleans)

**Volunteers for Youth Justice** provides intervention services to children involved in the juvenile court system. VYJ's Jumpstart program provides educational workshops in a support group setting utilizing volunteer facilitators to address the needs of at-risk youth. Jumpstart offers youths an opportunity to be held accountable for their offense, while also learning how to make positive life choices. (Shreveport)

**The Wellspring Alliance for Families** works to strengthen the family and individuals through direct service, education, advocacy and women's leadership. The Wellspring's domestic violence program provides safe shelter, a crisis hotline and legal advocacy for victims in the northeast corner of Louisiana. The Wellspring is an active partner of the Family Justice Center in Monroe, which is a multi-agency collaboration between legal services, social services and law enforcement that provides a coordinated response to the needs of victims of domestic violence. (Monroe)

**The Whistle Stop** was founded in 2003 by a group of attorneys and concerned citizens under the guidance of the 14th JDC Family Court judges in response to the need for a supervised visitation center in Lake Charles. The Whistle Stop provides a safe, home-like environment for children to interact with their non-custodial parents. (Lake Charles)

**Women Outreaching Women** helps domestic violence victims in Livingston Parish acquire holistic legal services. The organization assists battered women in obtaining temporary restraining orders, provides court accompaniment and legal aid referrals, and provides safety planning for victims of domestic violence. (Chalmette)

**Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany** provides advocacy, counseling, education and intervention for at-risk youth and their families, helping them reach their full potential. The program includes courses for young people already involved in the criminal justice system and outreach to more general audiences, like schools. (Bogalusa, Covington, Franklinton and Slidell)

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# Stories of Justice

<http://www.raisingthebar.org/GrantPrograms/StoriesofJustice.asp>

## Sara's Story

In a perfect world, children live in safe, nurturing environments. But our world is not perfect. It is a harsh reality that child abuse occurs all too frequently. According to national statistics, one out of four girls and one out of six boys will be sexually abused as a child. Too often these young victims are further traumatized by the very system designed to help them. The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) supports programs that work to help child victims and their families begin to heal, while preventing further victimization. The LBF grantee, the Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center's (BRCAC) mission is to lessen the trauma experienced by child victims when abuse allegations are investigated, and to provide support during any subsequent proceedings within the criminal justice system.

Sara, a BRCAC client, was just five when she was sexually abused by a male family member. She felt guilt and shame and she believed that what had happened to her was her fault. At 15 her mother said she was exhibiting behavior that was taking her down a destructive path and she feared for Sara's safety. Sara was regularly running away from home, was sexually active, and had a terrible relationship with her mother. "When Sara and her mother came through the doors at the BRCAC for the first time, I thought, this was not going to be easy. I could just see the anger on both of their faces," said LaTonia Dunbar, BRCAC Family Advocate.

After several counseling sessions with LaTonia, Sara began to realize that her life was headed down a dangerous road and that her destructive actions were directly related to the sexual abuse she endured as a child. The healing process began and although Sara had a long road ahead of her, she was willing to work through her issues and realized that it wasn't her fault. She had some obstacles along the way including older members of her family who discouraged her. They called her a drama queen and diminished her abuse. After meeting with BRCAC, these same family members realized the seriousness of the situation and then gave Sara the support she needed to move forward.

Today Sara is a much happier 16-year-old with plans for a bright future possibly in the medical field. "The last time Sara and her mother were in my office they were laughing and talking together like a family should," said LaTonia.

"Now that Sara has the confidence and family support she was lacking, we will be taking her abuser to court to get the justice she deserves. We will be by her side throughout the entire process to lessen the trauma Sara may experience when the abuse allegations are investigated. We will provide support during any subsequent proceedings within the criminal justice system," said LaTonia.

In 2009, more than 37,000 child abuse cases were reported and 40 Louisiana children died as a result of abuse or neglect in Louisiana. This year the LBF granted more than \$1.8 million to children's legal services programs to help provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development. For a complete list of programs go to [www.raisingthebar.org](http://www.raisingthebar.org).

Statistics in this story were found in the following report. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. (2010). Child Maltreatment 2009. Available from [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats\\_research/index.htm#can](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/index.htm#can).

# Foundation Programs and Projects

The **Access to Justice Program** is a cooperative venture of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana legal services programs to support and strengthen an integrated statewide network to increase the delivery of legal services to the poor.

The **Child in Need of Care (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.

**Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellows** assist underserved clients in coordination with law student and attorney volunteers. They collaborate with community legal aid providers, colleagues and law schools to ensure quality pro bono opportunities.

The **Fellows Class Project** is an opportunity to perform pro bono service in an alternative way while working with colleagues who joined LBF during the calendar year.

**Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA)** is a unique partnership between the banking and legal communities that enhances the LBF's ability to meet the growing need for free civil legal services to the poor.

**Kids' Chance** provides higher education scholarships to children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently disabled.

**Law Signature Schools Courtroom Project** is a bricks and mortar building program with LCE designated Law Signature Schools.

**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.

The Louisiana Bar Foundation and the **Louisiana Civil Justice Center** formed a partnership to create a statewide telephone intake system with dedicated staff and systems to provide advice, brief services and referrals for callers seeking legal advice.

**Oral History Project** is a collection of video recorded interviews featuring retired judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities.

**Scholar-in-Residence Program** is an LBF selected scholar who produces an academic work during a two year term.

**Secret Santa** pairs needy children with local attorneys who buy presents from a child's holiday wish list.

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The Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program is a unique partnership with the banking community that enhances the LBF's ability to meet Louisiana's growing need for free civil legal services to the poor.

### Prime Partners

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

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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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## Kids' Chance Scholarship Program

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 2010-11 academic year \$41,500 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 24 deserving students.

*The past four years have been a blessing, largely because of the generous financial support of the Kids' Chance Scholarship. I can never express how grateful I am for the financial assistance that has made it possible for me to obtain an undergraduate degree in nursing. Without your help and the help of other scholarships, my experience in college would have been a much more stressful endeavor. With my degree in nursing, I plan helping those who cannot help themselves; just like sometimes in life, we cannot control our situations.*

*This scholarship opportunity has had a positive and direct effect on my future, as well as my future patients due to your willingness to contribute to my quality education. No dollar amount could ever compare to the priceless gift you have given me and other scholarship recipients. Without you many would go without a quality college education.*

*Thank you very much for your willingness to support the future of Louisiana. From the committee members to the donors and to everyone who makes this scholarship possible. THANK YOU. Continue to provide others with opportunities and know that if you have the opportunity to touch one person's life, take advantage of the opportunity because you may never know how your life may be touched one day.*

*Sincerely,  
J. Powers-Trombatore  
Four-Year Scholarship Recipient  
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**Kids' Chance of Louisiana is a member of the national organization of Kids' Chance programs.**



## Special Thanks to the 2010-11 Kids' Chance Fund Donors



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## Golf Tournament Benefits LBF Kids' Chance Program

The Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) held its annual golf tournament in September 2010 donating all proceeds to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

At a ceremony prior to the golf tournament, LBF Kid's Chance Co-chairs presented mock checks to scholarship recipients and a certificate of appreciation to Tensey Pricer, Communications Specialist and tournament coordinator at LWCC.

The LBF Kids' Chance Program has been the recipient of the LWCC golf tournament proceeds for the last seven years. All money raised goes to the scholarship fund.



*Mock scholarship checks presented at golf tournament*

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## Law Signature School Courtroom Project

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The Law Signature School Project provides funds for building a courtroom within schools that have been designated as “Law Signature Schools” by the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. Law Signature Schools have a core, law-related education curriculum available to high school students. This project builds upon the law signature school program by collaborating with partners to create a courtroom environment for students. The LBF project goal is to foster interest and participation in the legal profession and to provide a better understanding of the justice system. Regardless of ultimate career choices, students will profit from having a greater understanding of the law and the political process.

The courtroom is fully functioning, fitted with judge, jury, and advocate seating. It is the ideal setting for mock trial competitions, speaker functions, and future court proceedings.

Lake Charles-Boston Academy of Learning and Northside High School in Lafayette are participants in the program.



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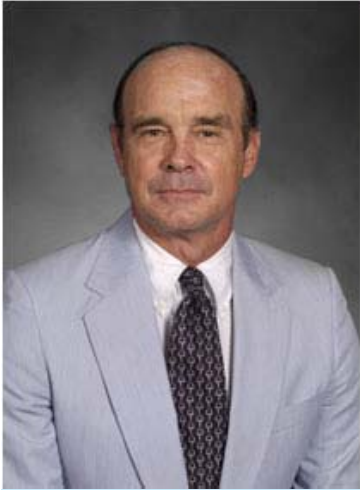
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## Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award



William R. Forrester, Jr., with the Lemle & Kelleher, law firm in New Orleans received the 2011 Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award.

Forrester was selected for his long-standing devotion to 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. He

received a plaque and \$1,000 will be donated in his name to the William Ray Forrester Professorship in Public and Constitutional Law Endowed Fund at Tulane Law School.

## 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 Fellows Class of 2010 focused on preserving homeownership through community outreach. The class attended community events and talked to homeowners about the importance of obtaining clear title to their property. Attendees were given a copy of Appleseed's *Protect Your Property: Heir Property in Louisiana, a homeowners guide to building wealth and protecting assets*.

"Becoming a LBF Fellow and a member of the Class Project Series was a great opportunity for me to volunteer in a unique and rewarding way."

*Hon. Marie A. Bookman (ret.)*

"I thoroughly enjoyed helping educate our community about the importance of clear title and the resources available to them in our legal community."

*Patricia A. Garcia*

## Law Student Pro Bono Awards

The Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Law Student Pro Bono Award recognizes law students from American Bar Association accredited law schools in Louisiana for demonstrating a dedication to providing legal services to the poor. One award may be given to each of the four Louisiana Law Schools. Students must be in good academic standing and have fulfilled their law school's requirements regarding public interest involvement. In acknowledgement of student efforts, the Louisiana Bar Foundation provides a monetary award to law student award recipients.

### 2010 Awards:

- Nancy Lynn Austin, The Paul M. Hebert Law Center
- Nikki Thanos, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
- Ebony Williams, Southern University Law Center
- Homero Lopez, Jr., Tulane University Law School

## Please Support the Louisiana Bar Foundation

We invite everyone to make a donation to the Louisiana Bar Foundation. A gift demonstrates belief in our mission to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice. Your generosity will also help strengthen the programs we support and the services we provide.

Annual support provides a dependable source of unrestricted gifts that may be applied to the areas of greatest need. There are a variety of ways for Fellows to make an annual donation:

- **Annual Support Statement** - Mailed to all Fellows on their anniversary date
- **Spring and Fall Annual Drive** - Mailed in the Spring and Fall to Fellows
- **Summer Newsletter** - The summer newsletter and donation envelope are mailed to Fellows in June
- **Year End Gift** - The winter newsletter includes an opportunity to make the LBF a priority among the organizations supported at year end

Other ways to make a donation to the Louisiana Bar Foundation:

- **Become a Fellow** - Louisiana Bar Foundation membership is a statement of commitment to fairness and equal access for all to the justice system.
- **Memorial and Tribute gifts** - Make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, friend or colleague
- **Corporations and Foundations** - Join the growing list of Louisiana corporations and foundations who support the LBF

**LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**June 30, 2011 and 2010**

ASSETS	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 133,658	\$ 205,458
Investments	6,192,549	5,833,633
Receivables:		
Pledges, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,750	38,000	39,050
Other	1,462	15,120
Prepaid lease payments	54,848	69,178
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,645	74,261
Total Current Assets	<u>6,422,162</u>	<u>6,236,700</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property and equipment, net	<u>13,724</u>	<u>23,911</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>13,724</u>	<u>23,911</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 6,435,886</u>	 <u>\$ 6,260,611</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 24,719	\$ 70,870
Grants payable	3,413,667	2,961,541
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,438,386</u>	<u>3,032,411</u>
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<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(43,254)	132,818
Temporarily restricted	2,497,945	2,550,571
Permanently restricted	542,816	544,811
Total Net Assets	<u>2,997,507</u>	<u>3,228,200</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 6,435,893</u>	<u>\$ 6,260,611</u>