

# Louisiana Bar Foundation

## Annual Report

for the year  
ending  
June 30, 2010



# Louisiana Bar Foundation

*Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2010*

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## President's Message

One of the most rewarding experiences as President of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) has been to meet so many of our generous and hard-working Fellows, judges and lawyers, and grantees across the state. Our Fellows truly understand the importance of access to justice and legal representation for everyone in Louisiana. If everyone is subject to the rule of law, then everyone must have access to the courts. Our dedicated volunteer Fellows exemplify the highest ideals of our profession. Our grantees provide legal aid to women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed, those facing loss of their homes, and those in need of government services provided by law. These organizations make a critical difference in the lives of countless Louisiana citizens who have limited means.



As the largest funder of legal aid in the state, we have awarded more than \$40 million to deserving non-profit organizations to help meet legal needs since 1989. In November 2009, the Board approved more than \$5 million in funding to be distributed over 18 months. These grants were made in the areas of legal assistance to the poor, law related education, loan repayment assistance, building capital development, community partnership panels and children's legal services.

Much of our work this year has been dedicated to children, the most vulnerable members of society. We established the Children's Legal Services Fund to provide special grants to give children access to special education and health-care services, mental health and foster care services. In addition, the fund provides support for advocacy in administrative and legal proceedings and impacts litigation and systemic legal reform on behalf of children. In a truly historic move forward, the Bar Foundation now serves as the administrator for the State and the Supreme Court for the Child in Need of Care (CINC) Program, which provides legal representation to all children in foster care.

We now have nine Community Partnership Panels operating across the state. In addition to providing a local presence in communities, these regional chapters help direct funding through a flexible grants process. Our newest panel, the Bayou Region CPP, chaired by Judge Jim McClelland, was established earlier this year and encompasses Lafourche, Terrebonne and St. Mary parishes. Our other eight panels are operating in Acadiana, Capital Area, Central, Greater Orleans, Northeast, Northwest, North Shore and Southwest. I encourage you to contact your local panel if you are aware of any new projects or services that would benefit from this flexible LBF funding.

And finally, the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association (SWLBA) and local volunteer leaders in partnership with the LBF's Southwest CPP founded the Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation. The SWLBA will help remove barriers and provide access to the justice system and will support worthy causes of a charitable nature related to the legal profession in the five parishes surrounding the Lake Charles area. The LBF Southwest Community Partnership Panel provided initial funding for the foundation.

In closing, I want to thank all of the individuals who have supported the Foundation during my year as President, especially, Herschel Richard, Mathile Abramson, Patricia Krebs and Leo Hamilton. It is an honor and a privilege to serve this collegial, effective and important organization. It makes me proud to be a Louisiana Bar Foundation Fellow and a lawyer.

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Hon. David Painter and Drew Ranier having fun at a Fellows luncheon.

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# Louisiana Bar Foundation

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Fellows Gala

**Advancing Justice and Law-Related Education through Fellowship**

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) honored the 2009 Distinguished Jurists Ralph E. Tyson and Frank J. Polozola, Distinguished Attorney Charles S. Weems III and Distinguished Professor Lucy S. McGough at the 24th annual Fellows Gala on April 9, 2010. The honorees were selected by the LBF's board of directors for their contributions to the legal profession and their communities. Also honored at the event was the Louisiana Public Defender Board as the Calogero Justice Award recipient selected for their significant contribution to Louisiana's justice system.

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Charles S. Weems III.**



### **Distinguished Jurist**

#### **Frank J. Polozola**

The Honorable Frank J. Polozola is a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana. As an undergraduate, Judge Polozola attended Louisiana State University on an athletic scholarship where he was a two year letterman and was a member of the 1961 Southeastern Conference Champion baseball team. He attended LSU Law School, where he received his J.D. in 1965. In 1987, he was inducted into the LSU Law School Hall of Fame. More recently, he was inducted into the Order of Coif.

### **Distinguished Jurist**

#### **Ralph E. Tyson**

The Honorable Ralph E. Tyson, Chief Judge of the Federal Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After graduating from Southern University Laboratory School in 1966, Judge Tyson received his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1970 at Louisiana State University, and his Juris Doctor Degree from the LSU Law School in 1973.

Judge Tyson was recognized as the 2009 Distinguished Alumnus of the LSU Law Center.

### **Distinguished Attorney**

#### **Charles S. Weems III**

Charles S. Weems III is the President and senior member of the Alexandria law firm Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell. He is a 1969 graduate of the LSU Law Center, where he was Editor in Chief of the Louisiana Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. He is a member of the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame, and was selected by the Board of Trustees of the Law Center as its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2002.

### **Distinguished Professor**

#### **Lucy S. McGough**

Professor Lucy S. McGough is the Vinson & Elkins Professor of Law at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center of Louisiana State University. Prior to teaching at LSU she was the Charles Howard Candler Professor at the Emory University Law School. Professor McGough graduated with distinction

from Emory Law School. She was a member of the Law Review and the Order of the Coif. She holds a master's of law degree from Harvard University.

### **Calogero Justice Award**

#### **Louisiana Public Defender Board**

The Louisiana Public Defender Board was created in 2007 to serve the public, support practitioners across the criminal justice field and advocate for clients to ensure that Louisiana provides equal justice for all as guaranteed by the Constitution.



**James E. Boren, LPDB member,  
Jean M. Faria, State Public Defender and  
LBF President Drew Ranier.**



# 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



Greater Orleans Grantees

## 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

## Special Initiatives

- multi-year (usually 3 year) commitment
- funds are \$50,000 per year or higher
- funding is 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 Appealed

#### Louisiana Civil Justice Center

## 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

## LBF Awarded More Than \$5 Million in 2010

### Annual/Sustaining Funding

#### Building Capital Development **\$270,346**

*Building Capital Development grants assist our grantees with the purchase of an office building or renovation to existing space. Grants are capped at \$25,000 a year for five years.*

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$25,000
Calcasieu Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$25,000
Capital Area Legal Services Corporation	\$16,200
Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center	\$10,000
Faith House, Inc.	\$11,146
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse, Inc.	\$25,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Legal Services of North La.	\$25,000
Metropolitan Center For Women and Children	\$25,000
Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$25,000
St. Tammany Children's Advocacy Center	\$8,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$25,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$25,000

#### Children's Legal Services **\$1,177,529**

*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 the 16th JDC	\$8,550
Louisiana CASA	\$5,750
CASA of SoLA	\$11,351
CASA of St. Landry	\$6,450

##### Children's Legal Services Programs

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation *	\$361,458
Capital Area Community Mediation Center	\$12,600
Capital Area Legal Services Corporation *	\$147,247
Juvenile Justice Project of La.	\$18,000
Juvenile Regional Services	\$31,512
Legal Aid Bureau	\$35,003
Legal Services of North La. *	\$213,932
Mental Health America of Louisiana	\$56,004
Southeast La. Legal Services *	\$151,089
Training, Education and Mediation for Students (TEAMS)	\$21,002.00
The Extra Mile, Region IV, Inc.	\$12,600.00
The Family Tree Information, Education and Counseling Center	\$10,500
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$12,600
The Whistle Stop	\$12,600
Volunteers for Youth Justice	\$14,001
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$14,001

\* indicates 7 month CINC grant

##### Teen Court Programs

Youth Empowerment Project/Orleans Juvenile Court	\$21,281
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#### Law-Related Education **\$183,750**

*Law-related education programs teach legal rights, responsibilities and the role of the citizen by bringing together teachers, community leaders and legal professionals.*

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$10,500
Child Advocacy Services	\$9,383
Juvenile Justice Project of La.	\$11,250
Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center	\$7,500
Louis A. Martinet Foundation	\$26,250
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$76,650
Louisiana Justice Coalition	\$7,500
LSBA Young Lawyers Section	\$16,500
Resurrection After Exoneration	\$7,500
Youth Services Bureau of St. Tammany	\$10,718

#### Legal Assistance to the Poor **\$3,226,362**

*Awarded to non-profit, 501c3 entities that provide free direct legal services to indigent clients. Legal Service corporations, Pro Bono Projects, Domestic Violence Programs and Other/Specialized Legal Services qualify for funding.*

##### Domestic Violence Programs

Beauregard Community Concerns, Inc.	\$28,028
Calcasieu Women's Shelter, Inc.	\$26,685
Capital Area Family Violence Intervention	\$33,278
Catholic Charities of New Orleans - Project S.A.V.E.	\$46,028
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$22,028
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$20,528
Faith House, Inc.	\$34,779
Family Counseling Agency/Turning Point Shelter	\$9,750
The Haven	\$38,528
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse, Inc.	\$17,528
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$37,778
New Start Center, A Domestic Violence Program	\$44,715
Project Celebration	\$22,028
Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$47,528
Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$44,528
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$15,000
St. Bernard Parish Battered Women's Center	\$12,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$25,028

##### Legal Service Corporations

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$468,000
Capital Area Legal Services Corporation	\$288,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$450,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$594,000

### Other Legal Service Providers

AIDSLaw of Louisiana	\$67,500
Arts Council of New Orleans - E.L.L.A. Project	\$11,250
Catholic Charities of Lake Charles - Immigration Legal Services	\$45,000
Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge - Immigration Legal Services	\$48,750
Catholic Charities of New Orleans - Immigration Legal Services	\$60,000
Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.	\$7,500
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$120,000
Legal Aid Bureau	\$112,500
Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$45,000

### Pro Bono Projects

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$42,750
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$34,353
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$46,500
Legal Services of North Louisiana (Monroe)	\$28,500
Northwest La. Pro Bono Project	\$44,700
The Pro Bono Project	\$118,800
Southeast La. Legal Services	\$37,500
Southwest La. Bar Foundation	\$30,000

### Loan Repayment Assistance Program **\$154,112**

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides one-year loans, up to \$5,000 to public interest attorneys with law school debt employed by LBF grantees. Applicants' identities are anonymous.



Acadiana Grantees

To date, the LBF has distributed more than \$40 million throughout Louisiana to help address the legal needs of indigent citizens, provide a basic understanding of the law, and assist with improvements to the justice system.

## Discretionary Funding

### Jock Scott Community Partnership

**Panel Grants **\$98,000****  
*Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the LBF which identify unmet needs in their community and fund efforts to address those needs.*

**Acadiana Community Partnership Panel**  
Extra Mile, Region IV, Inc., AVEC Les Enfants \$5,000

**Capital Area Community Partnership Panel**  
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center \$8,000  
Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana \$4,000  
Winning the Battle, Inc. \$3,000

**Central Community Partnership Panel**  
Friends of Rapides Parish Library \$2,000  
Scott M. Brame Middle School Parent-Teacher Club \$5,100  
Rapides Children's Advocacy Center \$2,700  
Defender Services Program within the  
Vernon Parish Public Defender's Office \$5,200

**Greater Orleans Community Partnership Panel**  
North Rampart Community Center Conflict  
Resolution Programming \$10,000  
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services  
Portable Device Request \$5,000

**North Shore Community Partnership Panel**  
Women Outreaching Women \$3,000  
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services'  
Pro Se Uncontested Divorce Program \$12,000

**Northeast Community Partnership Panel**  
CASA \$5,000  
The Wellspring Alliance for Families \$10,000

**Northwest Community Partnership Panel**  
Volunteers for Youth Justice \$15,000

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

## Special Initiatives

**Access to Justice** \$75,000  
*The Access to Justice Program's mission is to support and help strengthen an integrated statewide network to increase the delivery of legal services to the poor of Louisiana.*

**Louisiana Appleseed** \$50,000  
*Louisiana Appleseed is part of a national network of public interest justice centers that use pro bono attorneys to develop solutions to deep-seated, structural problems.*

**Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC)** \$50,000  
*The LCJC's goal is to provide and market a 1-800 number to increase access for legal aid assistance to the indigent client base throughout Louisiana.*



# Grantees

## 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 a 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 Community Mediation Center** provides a mechanism for developing conflict resolution skills for a diverse group of members of the community and to provide a process for people to resolve their own conflicts without resorting to violence, unnecessary litigation or other hostile acts. (Baton Rouge)

**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)

**Capital Area Legal Services Corporation (CALSC)** is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance in civil cases to low-income individuals in a 12-parish area in and around Baton Rouge. CALSC provides services in a variety of areas of law, including consumer, education, family, employment, health, housing, wills and public benefits. (Baton Rouge, Donaldsonville, Gonzales and Houma)

**CASA of Northeast Louisiana** speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courts. CASA promotes and supports quality volunteer representation for children to provide each child a safe, permanent, nurturing home. (Monroe)

**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)

**CASA of the 16th JDC** supports volunteers in Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary Parishes who advocate in court for the best interests of children in the foster care system. The program's mission is to find safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible for the children they serve. (New Iberia)

**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. Services focus primarily on removal and detention issues. (Baton Rouge)

**Catholic Charities of Lake Charles - Immigration Legal Services** provides free legal services to immigrants in the southwest region of Louisiana. (Lake Charles)

**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)

**Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)** a national charitable legal services agency that works in conjunction with other programs to defend the rights of newcomers, regardless of their nationality, religion, or ethnicity and promote fair treatment of Louisiana's vulnerable and low-income immigrant population. (New Orleans)

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## GRANTEES

**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)

**Child Advocacy Services** serves ten parishes; Ascension, Assumption, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Livingston, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Charles and Tangipahoa. This program reduces the number of interviews an abused child must endure. (Hammond)

**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)

**Defender Services Program within the Vernon Parish Public Defender's Office** This project supports the transformation of the public defender office in Vernon Parish into a holistic, community-oriented defender office.

**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)

**Friends of Rapides Parish Library** purchased copies of the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* and re-created a mock trial at Alexandria Middle Magnet School and/or Peabody High School. (Alexandria)

**Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center** is a private, non-profit civil rights organization established to eradicate housing discrimination throughout the greater New Orleans area. (New Orleans)

**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 Aid Bureau**, established in 1932, is the oldest non-profit legal service agency in the greater New Orleans area. Legal Aid Bureau handles primarily domestic law cases, including divorces, custody, child support and adoptions. They also handle some workers compensation and social security cases. (New Orleans)

**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; exposes students 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)

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**Louisiana CASA** promotes the network of Louisiana's local CASA programs, 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 Justice Coalition** provides law-related education programming and research aimed at improving the delivery of public and juvenile defense services in Louisiana. (New Orleans and Shreveport)

**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)

**Mental Health America of Louisiana (MHAL)** focuses on promoting mental health, preventing mental illness and protecting the rights of those with mental illness. MHAL provides legal services to children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances. (Baton Rouge)

**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.

**New Start Center, a Domestic Violence Program** 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)

**North Rampart Community Center** is a National Mission of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church. It is dedicated to the self-development of people, especially women and children, through education, vocational training and economic development, advocacy and support, recreation and the arts. (New Orleans)

**Northwest Louisiana Pro Bono Project** provides high quality legal assistance in civil cases through volunteer attorneys to low-income residents of Caddo and Bossier Parishes. The program serves hundreds of people each year in areas of law ranging from family, consumer, housing and civil rights. (Shreveport)

**Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana** is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child maltreatment. (Baton Rouge)

**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)

**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)

**Scott M. Brame Middle School Parent-Teacher Club** informs educators regarding behavioral guidelines put in place by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 504 and the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) laws. (Alexandria)

**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.

**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)



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**Southwest Louisiana Law Center** is a unique, multi-faceted, community based non-profit law firm with a strong commitment both to and from the local community which it serves. The Law Center serves the low-income community in and around Lake Charles in a variety of civil legal matters, including family law, domestic violence, housing, public benefits and consumer issues. (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. Tammany Children's Advocacy Center** lessens the trauma to children ages 3-16 (or older if developmentally challenged), who have been sexually or severely physically abused, through the process of video and audio taping their disclosures in a child-sensitive environment. These taped interviews are very effective and reliable ways to present findings to caseworkers for the court to provide justice to an innocent child. (Covington)

**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)

**The Family Tree Information, Education and Counseling Center** strives to improve the quality of life for individuals and families through education, counseling and information services that are delivered in a professional, accessible and compassionate manner. (Lafayette)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**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)

**Volunteers for Youth Justice** provides services to middle and high school students who have been in a school fight. (Shreveport)

**Winning the Battle, Inc.**, a faith-based non-profit organization that identifies and assists individuals and families, including those who are incarcerated, win the battle and become free from their addictions and/or destructive behaviors. (Baton Rouge)

**Women Outreaching Women** helps domestic violence victims in Livingston Parish acquire holistic legal services.

**Youth Empowerment Project** partners with the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (OPJC) to help run OPJC's teen court program. The teen court program is a voluntary program in which youth between the ages of 10 and 18 who commit minor offenses are judged by their peers in a mock trial proceeding. The teens are often "sentenced" to community service work, making restitution if appropriate. The program is designed for first time juvenile offenders who have already admitted their guilt. (New Orleans)

**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)

# Foundation Programs and Projects

## Access to Justice

The Access to Justice Program is a cooperative venture of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF), 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.

## Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Program

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.

## Louisiana Appleseed

Louisiana Appleseed is one of 16 chapters of National Appleseed, 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.

## Louisiana Civil Justice Center

The LBF 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

Oral Histories are video recorded interviews featuring retired judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities.

## Scholar-in-Residence

During a two year term, an LBF selected scholar produces an academic work.

## Secret Santa

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

## Summer Fellowship

The Summer Fellowship Program provides grants to the four Legal Services Corporation offices in Louisiana to allow them to offer paid summer internships to Louisiana law students.



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# Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts Program

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.

# IOLTA

## Prime Partners

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

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Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)  
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Springhill)  
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Vivian)  
Citizens National Bank, N.A. (Bossier City)  
City Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)  
City Savings Bank & Trust Co. (DeRidder)  
Community Bank (Raceland)  
Community Bank of Louisiana (Mansfield)  
Community First Bank (New Iberia)  
Cross Keys Bank (Tallulah)  
Delta Bank (Ferriday)  
Farmers-Merchants Bank & Trust Co. (Breaux Bridge)  
First American Bank & Trust (Vacherie)  
First Federal Bank of Louisiana (Lake Charles)  
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First National Bank (DeRidder)  
First National Bank (Ruston)  
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Guaranty Savings Bank (Metairie)

Gulf Coast Bank & Trust (New Orleans)  
Home Bank (Lafayette)  
Home Federal Savings & Loan (Shreveport)  
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Investar Bank (Baton Rouge)  
Jackson Parish Bank (Jonesboro)  
Jeff Davis Bank & Trust Co. (Jennings)  
Jefferson Financial Credit Union (Harvey)  
Jonesboro State Bank (Jonesboro)  
Kaplan State Bank (Kaplan)  
Landmark Bank (Clinton)  
MBL Bank (Minden)  
MC Bank & Trust (Morgan City)  
Metairie Bank & Trust Co. (Metairie)  
Mississippi River Bank (Belle Chasse)  
Mutual Savings & Loan Association (Metairie)  
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Plaquemine Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)  
Red River Bank (Alexandria)  
Resource Bank (Covington)  
Richland State Bank (Rayville)  
Sabine State Bank (Many)  
St. Landry Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)  
St. Landry Homestead, FSB (Opelousas)  
St. Martin Bank & Trust Co. (St. Martinville)  
Shell New Orleans Federal Credit Union (New Orleans)  
South Lafourche Bank (Larose)  
South Louisiana Bank (Houma)  
Southern Heritage Bank (Jena)  
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Teche Bank & Trust Co. (St. Martinville)  
Tensas State Bank (Newellton)  
The Bank (Jennings)  
The Evangeline Bank & Trust Co. (Crowley, Ville Platte)  
The First National Bank of Jeanerette (Jeanerette)  
The Peoples State Bank (Many)  
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*(as of June 2010)*

# 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 2009-10 academic year \$31,800 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 21 deserving students.**



## Special Thanks to the 2009-10 Kids' Chance Fund Donors



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Kids' Chance of Louisiana is a member of the national organization of Kids' Chance programs.



## 2009-10 Scholarship Recipients

Alexis Blanchard, Grosse Tete  
Tiarra Blanchard, Grosse Tete  
Kristen Cloud, Castor  
Tara Dennis, Jennings  
Aaron Harrelson, Independence  
Brittany Hebert, Morgan City  
Raven Hollins, Bastrop  
Brandon LaGrange, Breaux Bridge  
Bryce LaGrange, Breaux Bridge  
Leah LaGrange, Breaux Bridge  
Sara Beth Landry, Jennings  
Blake Langton, Florien  
Molly Marino, Folsom  
Kerri Marler, Dry Creek  
Jennifer Montgomery, Sunset  
Jennifer Powers, Oberlin  
Joshua Thornton, Metairie  
Cody Walker, Minden  
Savannah Walker, Deville

*"Thank you very much for again blessing our family with financial assistance this year. Not only did you include our third child, Leah, to your recipient list, but you agreed to allow Brandon to stay on one more semester until his graduation in December. This decision was more than generous-it was the definition of compassion. Our family will always be grateful to you and the Louisiana Bar Foundation."*

*God Bless,  
Sandra LaGrange  
mother of recipients  
Brandon, Bryce and Leah*

## Golf Tournament Benefits LBF Kids' Chance Program

The Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) held its annual golf tournament in September 2009 donating all proceeds to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

At a ceremony prior to the golf tournament, LBF Kids' Chance Co-chairs presented mock checks to scholarship recipients and a certificate of appreciation to Kristin W. Wall, President and CEO of LWCC.

The LBF Kids' Chance Program has been the recipient of the LWCC golf tournament proceeds for the past six years. All money raised goes to the Scholarship Fund.



Student Jennifer Powers-Trombatore received a mock check representing her LBF Kids' Chance scholarship at the LWCC golf tournament. From left, Gary Knoepfler, LBF Kids' Chance co-chair; Jennifer Powers-Trombatore; Patricia Krebs, LBF Secretary; and Paul Buffone, LBF Kids' Chance co-chair.

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## Law Signature School Courtroom Project

The Law Signature School Project provides funds for building a courtroom within high 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. This project builds upon the law signature program by collaborating with partners to create a courtroom environment for students. The Louisiana Bar Foundation (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.

LBF partnered with Lake Charles-Boston Academy of Learning and built the second LBF classroom to courtroom. It is a fully functioning courtroom at their Lake Charles campus. The courtroom is fitted with judge, jury and advocate seating and serves as the setting for mock trial competitions, speaker functions and future court proceedings. The first LBF courtroom was built at Northside High School in Lafayette in Spring of 2009.

## Fellows Class Project

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

The Class of 2009’s project, focusing on domestic violence (DV), began in January, 2010. Fellows have written a statutory analysis on the classification of strangulation as a felony or a misdemeanor in DV cases. The Fellows are adding legislative history and anecdotal information to complete the project.

The Class of 2008 received Louisiana Appleseed’s Good Apple Award for their project on *Equitable Funding for Special Needs Children*.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lake Charles-Boston Academy of Learning’s new courtroom.



LBF President Drew Ranier accepting the Good Apple Award from Louisiana Appleseed President Harry Hardin.

# Awards

## President's Award



Mathile W. Abramson, a partner of Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan & Jarman LLP in Baton Rouge, is the recipient of the LBF's prestigious President's Award. Abramson was selected by Drew Ranier in recognition of her outstanding support, volunteer service and dedication to the mission and goals of the LBF.

## Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award

John M. McCollam, a founding partner of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLP in New Orleans, is the recipient of the 2010 LBF Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. McCollam was selected for 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. The award carries a \$1,000 stipend which was donated to the Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section in his name.



## Hornblower Award

The LBF awarded the Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation with the Horn Blower Award in recognition of outstanding support and leadership encouraging public interest law careers. 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.

Established in 1995, the Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation was organized to encourage law students and attorneys to practice law in the public sector. Kendall Vick has shown their support of the LBF's initiatives to assist attorneys who wish to pursue and remain in public legal service careers by generously supporting the LBF's Loan Repayment Assistance Program and the Public Interest Attorney and Staff Supplemental Pay program.

## Outstanding Law Student Volunteer Award

The Outstanding Law Student Pro Bono Volunteer Award is presented by the Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellows for the Louisiana Bar Foundation. This Award is given to a Louisiana law student who volunteers over 50 hours, displays professional and ethical conduct and demonstrates a strong interest in pursuing a career in public interest. Patricia Guzmán and Parker Smith of Tulane University are the 2010 Outstanding Law Student Pro Bono Volunteers.

## Law Student Pro Bono Award

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.

Nancy Lynn Austin, Louisiana State University Law School  
Nikki Thanos, Loyola Law School  
Ebony Williams, Southern University Law School  
Homero Lopez, Jr., Tulane University Law School



Jerome J. Reso, Jr., representing the Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation accepts the Horn Blower Award from LBF President Drew Ranier.

**LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**June 30, 2010**  
**(with comparative totals for 2009)**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,458	\$ 670,893
Investments	5,833,633	5,352,503
Receivables		
Pledges, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,750	39,050	47,993
Other	15,120	15,948
Prepaid lease payments	69,178	81,896
Prepaid expenses and deposits	74,261	1,000
Property and equipment, net	23,911	35,038
Total Assets	<b>\$ 6,260,611</b>	<b>\$ 6,205,271</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 70,870	\$ 43,532
Grants payable	2,961,541	1,456,050
Total Liabilities	3,032,411	1,499,582
 <b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	132,818	426,608
Temporarily restricted	2,550,571	3,732,206
Permanently restricted	544,811	546,875
Total Net Assets	3,228,200	4,705,689
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<b>\$ 6,260,611</b>	<b>\$ 6,205,271</b>