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We exist to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice by funding, developing and otherwise promoting efforts which enhance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system, and advance the reality of equal justice under the law.

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The LBF Presidents' Dinner was held in October 2006 in New Orleans. L-R back row: Garsaud, Jones, Hardin, Scott, Bienvenu, Cahill. L-R front row: Rolling, Hon. James C. Gulotta, Fraiche, Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.

President's Message



John W. "Jock" Scott

We began in the early spring of 2006 traveling the state to examine the needs of our grantees, many suffering severe consequences from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our goals were to target new support to strengthen and build permanent stability for our grantees; to identify and tackle priority needs; and to develop a grassroots system to fulfill our mission. We wanted to establish a local Bar Foundation presence statewide while energizing our organization. After tireless hours of work by our devoted volunteers and staff, I am pleased to announce that three new funding programs were developed.

The **Building Capital Development Grant Program** awards grants, on a matching basis, up to \$25,000 annually for five years to current LBF grantees with

the purpose of establishing office ownership as well as facility renovations and improvements. In 2007 awards were made to Metropolitan Center for Women and Children for renovations to their facilities and to the Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation for the purchase of a new building.

Our new **Community Partnership Panel Grant Program** created eight statewide regional chapters of the Foundation which enable our members to work directly with local non-profit organizations to identify and fund needs. This network is fostering collaboration, responding to arising community needs, and developing new leadership and talent to enrich the future of the Foundation. Each twelve member Community Partnership Panel has an annual grant budget of \$15,000 for local needs.

The third program that was created this year is the **Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)**. LRAP provides one-year loans up to \$5,000 to new or current public interest attorneys with law school debt employed by LBF grantees. In 2007, twenty-nine LRAP grants were awarded totaling \$84,842. This program allows our grantees to have new resources for legal talent by encouraging dedicated lawyers to make public interest law their career.

I am honored and privileged to have served as President of the Louisiana Bar Foundation and to have had the benefit of working with the many wonderful judges, lawyers, and professors who have dedicated their time and talent to the Foundation, its mission and activities. I am particularly grateful for the opportunity to have worked on several projects with Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. as well as other Supreme Court Justices. I am deeply grateful to my fellow officers Elwood F. Cahill, Jr. and Judge Marc T. Amy whose expert judgment and relentless determination guided me through this productive year. It has been a pleasure to be among this most distinguished group of bar members.



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21st Annual Fellows Gala



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The Louisiana Bar Foundation's 21st Annual Fellows Gala was held Friday, April 20, 2007 at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. Celebrating Louisiana's recovery in progress, the theme of the gala was "Louisiana, There's No Place Like Home." Special guests of honor were the LBF's 2006 Distinguished Jurist Justice Catherine D. Kimball, Distinguished Attorney Wayne J. Lee, and Distinguished Professor Katherine Shaw Spaht.

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Administration of Justice (AOJ) programs work to improve administration of justice and access to justice in Louisiana. AOJ programs include juvenile justice programs such as Teen Courts and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs. Teen Courts are diversionary programs for youth, and CASA programs provide a voice in court for abused and neglected children. The AOJ category also includes other juvenile justice and access to justice programs.

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Teen Court	\$2,000
CASA of Natchitoches	\$2,125
CASA of West Cenla	\$1,000
Iberia Teen Court	\$10,000
Louisiana Access to Justice Program	\$37,000
Plaquemines Community Care Centers	\$1,400
Teen Court of Morehouse	\$4,649
	\$60,274

Building Capital Development

Annual grants, up to \$25,000, are made to grantees for the purchase of an office building or renovation to existing space.

Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$25,000
	\$50,000

Disaster Relief and Recovery

As funds are available, a task force identifies needs and recommends funding to the Board for recovery and rebuilding of the legal infrastructure.

Acadiana Legal Services Corp.	\$39,100
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project	\$39,100
Capital Area Legal Services Corp.	\$39,100
Louisiana Civil Justice Center	\$74,100
Metropolitan Center For Women and Children	\$39,100
The Pro Bono Project	\$39,100
Southeast Louisiana Legal Service Corp.	\$39,100
Southwest Louisiana Legal Services	\$39,100
	\$312,800

Law Related Education

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	\$5,100
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$36,000
The Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society	\$13,850
LSBA Young Lawyers Section	\$6,000
LSBA Francophone Bicentennial Film	\$5,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$3,500
	\$69,450

Legal Assistance to the Poor

Legal Assistance to the Poor grants support entities that provide free direct legal services to indigent clients, such as; domestic violence programs which enable people to leave abusive relationships and seek safety for themselves and their children; legal services corporations which provide civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state; other legal services which provide specialized legal services, such as immigration or health-related services; and pro bono projects, which utilize the local private bar to handle cases for the poor pro bono. In 2007 the LBF gave out \$1,532,517 in Legal Assistance to the Poor grants.

Domestic Violence Programs \$234,878

Beauregard Community Concerns	\$12,000
Calcasieu Women's Shelter	\$14,000
Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Services	\$11,000
Catholic Charities / Project SAVE	\$26,500
Chez Hope	\$11,000
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$12,000
Faith House	\$15,000
Family Counseling Agency	
Turning Point Shelter	\$10,500
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Inc.	\$11,000
The Haven	\$12,000

Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$30,800
New Start Center	\$9,000
Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$16,000
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$12,000
St. Bernard Battered Women's Shelter	\$5,078
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$14,000
YWCA of Northwest Louisiana	\$12,500

Legal Services Corporations \$896,391

Acadiana Legal Services Corp.	\$250,990
Capital Area Legal Services Corp.	\$152,397
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$224,098
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corp.	\$268,906

Other Legal Services Providers \$232,405

AidsLaw of Louisiana	\$38,500
Arts Council of New Orleans	\$2,500
Catholic Charities / Immigration Legal Services	\$20,750
Catholic Legal Immigration Network	\$5,000
Innocence Project of New Orleans	\$50,000
Legal Aid Bureau	\$56,905
Louisiana Civil Justice Center	\$26,250
Mental Health Association in Louisiana	\$30,000
Youth Empowerment Project	
Legal Representation	\$2,500

Pro Bono Projects \$168,843

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$18,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$20,843
Northwest Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$22,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$58,000

Since 1989, the LBF has distributed more than \$32 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. For more information contact Kevin Murphy, Grants Coordinator at (504) 561-1046 or at kevin@raisingthebar.org.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

To encourage attorneys to pursue or continue with public service legal careers, the LBF established the Loan Repayment Assistance Program in July 2006.

This new program provides one-year loans up to \$5,000 to public interest attorneys with law school debt employed by LBF grantees. Participants are eligible for five years of funding. Loans are forgiven after completion of 12 months of employment with the grantee.

With assistance from the Holley Pavy/John M. DeBlois Foundation and the Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation, the LBF awarded more than \$84,000 in LRAP grants to twenty-nine deserving individuals in 2007.



Leon H. Rittenberg, Jr., representing the DeBlois and the Kendall Vick Foundations, presents 2007-08 LBF President Elwood F. Cahill, Jr. checks from each organization.

Foundation 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 assist legal services providers in their efforts to provide legal help to the poor.

The **Distinguished Lecture Series** is a project of the LBF's Judicial Liaison Committee. This project promotes study and research in the field of law and brings together the practicing bar and judiciary.

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

IOLTA Honor Roll -- As of June 30, 2007, 112 banks qualified for the LBF IOLTA Honor Roll by waiving all fees and service charges on client trust accounts enrolled in the program.

Statewide/Multi-Region:

J. P. Morgan Chase
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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 2006-07 academic year \$34,000 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 21 deserving students.

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J. Everett Eaves, Inc.	Compensation Corporation	SSA Consultants	

The Education Committee produces a continuing series of **Oral Histories** of retiring judges, bar leaders, and other legal personalities. The series systematically broadens the LBF's work to preserve the history, culture, and flavor of Louisiana Law.

Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Attorneys work with LSU and Southern law school students and community providers to develop quality pro bono opportunities through the **Pro Bono Legal Corps** program.

During a two year term, an LBF selected scholar serves as the **Scholar-in-Residence** (SIR) producing an academic work. Lance Arnold, chairman of Broadcast Journalism at Nicholls State University is the 2006-08 SIR. Arnold's topic focuses on collecting and archiving data on the impact of hurricanes Katrina and Rita upon the legal system and the response of lawyers and courts to the challenge of providing legal services in the wake of the hurricanes.

The **Secret Santa Project** pairs needy children with local attorneys who buy presents from the child's holiday wish list. In 2006 the Secret Santa Project paired 289 attorneys with 1,205 children.

Awards

Grantee Excellence in Service and Programming

The 2007 Grantee Award for Excellence in Service and Programming was awarded to the Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation's Volunteer Lawyers Protective Order Program. The Protective Order Program is filling a much needed gap in the Lafayette community by assisting victims of domestic violence obtain a Title 46 Protective Order. A collaborative partnership with Faith House, the program was established in March of 2005.

Pro Bono Legal Corps (PBLC) Outstanding Law Student Volunteer



L-R back row: Professor John Devlin and Tim Riveria, Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Attorney.

L-R front row: Kathleen McNelis, Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Attorney and Caroline F. Johnson.

Caroline F. Johnson is the first PBLC Outstanding Law Student Volunteer. Johnson, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Class of 2008, devoted over 110 hours of volunteer service to several PBLC projects from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007. She worked on the Road Home Project, Capital Area Legal Services Corporation's Afternoon Internship Project, the Baton Rouge Capital Conflict Office research project, and the New Orleans Pro Bono Project's Succession Project.



President's Award

Mathile W. Abramson of Baton Rouge is the recipient of the prestigious President's Award for 2007. Abramson was recognized for her outstanding support, volunteer service, and dedication to the mission and goals of the LBF. In 2006-07 Mathile served on the LBF Grants Committee, the Grantee Excellence Award Selection Committee, as board liaison for the Annual Fellows Gala, and as special liaison for the Community Partnership Panels.



**Curtis R. Boisfontaine
Trial Advocacy**

George A. Frilot III received the 2007 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. Frilot 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.

LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2007

ASSETS

	<u>JUNE 30, 2007</u>	<u>TOTAL MEMORANDUM ONLY June 30, 2006</u>
Cash	\$ 1,538,539	\$ 1,345,602
Investments	5,469,612	4,923,176
Receivables		
Pledges	92,532	134,420
Other	8,969	110,386
Prepaid lease payments	157,317	170,867
Prepaid expenses and deposits	6,733	1,000
Property and equipment-at cost		
	<u>45,141</u>	<u>17,110</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,318,843</u>	<u>\$ 6,702,561</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,077	\$ 89,848
Grants payable	<u>934,608</u>	<u>818,132</u>
Total liabilities	<u>935,685</u>	<u>907,980</u>
Commitment	-	-
Net assets		
Unrestricted	1,431,828	1,281,979
Temporarily restricted	4,386,486	3,957,576
Permanently restricted	<u>564,844</u>	<u>555,026</u>
Total net assets	<u>6,383,158</u>	<u>5,794,581</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 7,318,843</u>	<u>\$ 6,702,561</u>



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