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President's Message

Mathile W. Abramson

In 2011, the LBF awarded \$4.7 million in grants to deserving non-profit organizations and public interest legal aid attorneys. Last year the board made the decision to maintain funding levels in all categories and relied on our reserves to meet those funding obligations. This year, the Board faced an approximate \$550,000 budget shortfall. In evaluating grant requests, past funding levels and the ability of our grantees to continue to serve, the Board approved several changes for the 2012/2013 grant category budgets. The changes affect the 2012/2013 fiscal year only and will provide a savings of more than \$500,000. The changes approved by the Board are viewed as having the least negative impact on services in that they prioritize direct legal representation but continue to promote other, important aspects of the LBF mission.

Although resources remain limited, we continue our work with the **Child in Need of Care (CINC)** Program providing free 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. The CINC program provides \$1.7 million annually to the LBF.

Again this year, we continued to make strides in law-related education initiatives. In August we celebrated the completion and opening of the Foundation's third Courtroom at West Monroe High School. The courtroom is fully functioning and is fitted with judge, jury and advocate seating. The program fosters interest and participation in the legal profession by high school students and provides a better understanding of the justice system. Our **Classroom to Courtroom Project** provides funds for building a courtroom in schools that are designated Law Signature Schools by the LA Center for Law & Civic Education. The West Monroe High School project is one of three funded by the LBF.

In Partnership with Louisiana Appleseed, the LBF **Fellows Class of 2011** project launched in January and focuses on increasing community awareness about teen dating violence and the importance of prevention through education. Now in its fourth year, the class project provides an opportunity for our newest Fellows to carry out the LBF mission through volunteer service. Volunteers are working with Appleseed and are conducting outreach events to educate school leaders and decision makers about changes in the law requiring dating violence education in Louisiana public schools and the availability of a model policy for their school district's consideration.

The LBF **Kids' Chance Scholarship Program** provides scholarships to children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law. This year, Kids' Chance awarded \$47,600 in scholarships to 23 Louisiana students. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and are funded by the Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporations Kids' Chance Invitational Golf Tournament and individual and corporate donations.

The LBF now has nine **Community Partnership Panels** operating across the state. A vision of the late, former LBF President Jock Scott, these panels have become the lifeblood of this organization. In addition to providing a local presence in communities, they work to identify new members, provide nominations for the LBF Board, nominations for the distinguished awards and direct discretionary funds through a flexible grants process to meet the local needs.

Under the leadership of Board Liaison Ben Politz and Committee Chair Bernadette D'Souza, the Development Committee successfully focused on recruiting new members this year. Committee members met monthly to monitor progress and even challenged the Board to join them in recruiting Fellows. A total of 67 new Fellows were recruited in 2011 and the committee is working to increase that number for 2012.

The accomplishments of this past year would not have been possible without the work of so many volunteers. I received advice from every officer and the support of the Board throughout the year on every challenge, decision and opportunity facing the LBF. I have been honored to serve as your President.

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Annual Assembly

Louisiana Bar Foundation 2nd Annual Assembly *Bringing together those dedicated to advancing justice*

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) held the 2nd Annual Assembly at the Ritz Carlton New Orleans in April. The two day event featured the Grants Committee meeting, a Kids' Chance Committee meeting, the Annual Fellows Membership Meeting, the Board of Directors meeting, the Distinguished Honoree Luncheon, and the 26th Annual Fellows Gala.

Fellows Enjoying the Annual Assembly



The Annual Fellows Membership Meeting is an opportunity for Fellows to be updated on LBF activities and elect new board members.



Paul Buffone, LWCC; Abramson; and Tensey Pricer, LWCC

Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) received the **Horn Blower Award** at the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Annual Fellows Membership Meeting during the Annual Assembly. The Horn Blower award is given to a partner organization in recognition of outstanding support and leadership in advancing an LBF initiative, project or program. This year's Horn Blower award went to the LWCC as a leading partner in the Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

Michelle Sorrells of Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens LLC in Baton Rouge, was presented the **President's Award** by Mathile Abramson, LBF President prior to the LBF Gala on April 20. This award is given in recognition of outstanding support, volunteer service, dedication and the advancement of the mission and goals of the LBF. In addition to serving on the Fellows Gala committee for two years, Sorrells helped organize two special fundraisers through the Baton Rouge Bar's Workers' Comp section that raised money for the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.



Sorrells and Abramson

Louisiana Bar Foundation

Gala 2012



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.

Distinguished Jurist, Benjamin Jones

The Honorable Benjamin Jones has served as state district court judge for the 4th Judicial District for 19 years. He was Chief Judge from 1999 through the end of 2002. He is a former Army Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Army where he attained the rank of Captain. Judge Jones earned his B.A. degree from Southern University and his J.D. from Boston College Law School, from which he graduated in 1969.

Distinguished Attorney, William Shelby McKenzie

William Shelby McKenzie primarily practices in insurance law, university law and litigation. Mr. McKenzie is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the LSU Law Center, having taught the course in Insurance Law since 1971 to over 3000 law students. He is also co-author of McKenzie and Johnson, Louisiana Insurance Law and Practice, 15 Louisiana Civil Law Treatise: Second Edition (West, 1986); Second Edition, 1996; Third Edition, 2006, with annual supplements and frequently cited in Louisiana decisions.

Distinguished Professor, Robert A. Pascal

Professor Robert A. Pascal obtained his J.D. from Loyola University, New Orleans in 1939, a Master of Civil Law from Louisiana State University in 1940, and a Master of Law from the University of Michigan in 1942. He joined the law faculty of Louisiana State University in 1945, where he taught with distinction for 35 years until he became Professor Emeritus in 1980. He has taught at the University of Chicago Law School, at the University of Rome, Italy and at Loyola University, New Orleans.

Calgero Justice Award, Gregory A. Pechukas

Gregory Pechukas is the Director of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Central Staff, established in 1977 to manage the Court's criminal docket and filings. For more than 30 years he has been the court's leading staff lawyer assisting the court in its review of criminal cases. Mr. Pechukas is responsible for supervising a staff of over two dozen employees who process and report on designated criminal writ applications for the Justices and who assist in researching and writing criminal law opinions.



Pechukas, Jones, Pascal, Mathile Abramson, and McKenzie



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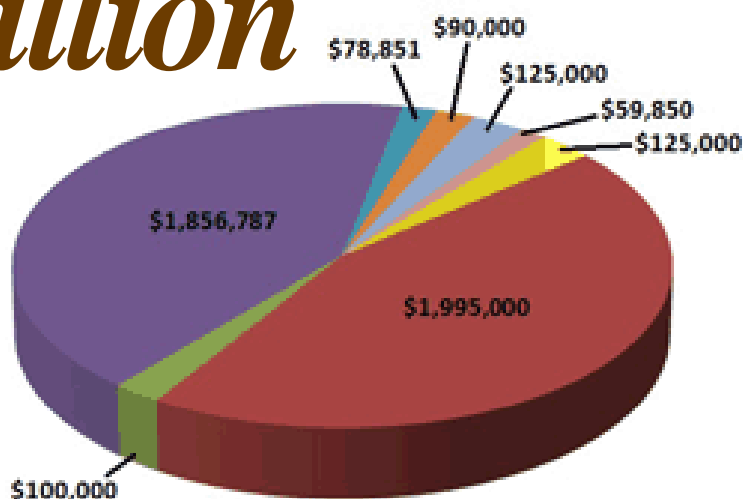


Funding Overview

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.

LBF Grants for the 2012-13 funding period

\$4.5 million



- Building Capital Development Grants
- Children's Legal Services Grants
- Law-Related Education Grants
- Legal Assistance to the Poor Grants
- Loan Repayment Assistance Program
- Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants
- Special Initiatives
- Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards & other projects

Since 1989, the LBF has distributed \$49.5 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.

Annual/Sustaining Funding

- 12 month grants in 5 categories
- fixed application period
- Grant Committee of 30+ volunteers work in subcommittees by category
- 3-4 month review period includes several meetings and onsite visit of applicants
- 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

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 \$10,000
- 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

Kids' Chance Scholarships

Law Student Pro Bono Awards

2012 Funding

Louisiana Bar Foundation Grants \$4.5 Million to Non-profit Organizations

Grants were awarded in April 2012. Funding period is July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Annual/Sustaining Funding

Building Capital Development \$125,000

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 of an office building and/or property.

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$25,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$25,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$25,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$25,000

Children's Legal Services \$1,995,000

The Children's Legal Services Grant Program helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development.

CASA Programs

CASA of SoLA	\$3,000
CASA of St. Landry, Inc.	\$2,000

Children's Legal Services Programs

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$755,000
Advocacy Center	\$10,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$5,000
Children's Advocacy Center of Louisiana	\$10,000
Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana	\$12,000
Juvenile Regional Services	\$13,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$535,000
Louisiana CASA Association	\$3,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$625,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$10,000
The People's Advocate	\$4,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$3,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$5,000

Law-Related Education \$100,000

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

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$8,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$4,750
Foundation for the American Board of Trial Advocates	\$2,500
Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana	\$7,250
Martinet Legal Foundation	\$12,500
Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education	\$50,000
LSBA Young Lawyer Section	\$10,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$5,000

Legal Assistance to the Poor \$1,856,787

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

Domestic Violence Programs

Beauregard Community Concerns, Inc.	\$13,456
Catholic Charities/Project S.A. V.E.	\$30,831
Chez Hope	\$17,118
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$15,698
Faith House, Inc.	\$16,147
Jeff Davis Communities Against Dom. Abuse	\$11,662
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$33,527
Oasis (formerly Calcasieu Women's Shelter, Inc.)	\$15,544
Project Celebration	\$17,043
Providence House	\$16,147
Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$11,662
Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$20,632
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$10,051
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program	\$12,559
The Haven, Inc.	\$16,147
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$17,043

Legal Service Corporations

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$281,340
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$271,340
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$531,340

Other Legal Service Providers

Arts Council of New Orleans	\$10,000
Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge	\$40,000
Catholic Charities of New Orleans - Immigration Legal Services	\$40,000
Common Ground Relief, Inc.	\$37,000
Innocence Project	\$100,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law - Workplace Justice Project	\$35,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$20,000

Pro Bono Project

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$29,500
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$21,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$29,500
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$11,500
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$24,300
Southeast Louisiana Legal Service Corp.	\$20,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$79,700

Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$78,851

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.

Special Initiatives

Access to Justice	\$75,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$50,000

Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards, and other projects

Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Program*	
Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$40,000
Law Student Pro Bono Awards	\$2,100
Legal Education Projects	\$6,250
ProBono/LawHelps Website	\$11,500
Summer Fellowships*	

*This year, funds for these programs have been suspended.

Discretionary Funding

Funding period is July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

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. Grants are awarded throughout the year.

Acadiana Community Partnership Panel

Faith House - \$5,000

CASA of the 16th JDC - \$5,000

Lafayette Bar Foundation - \$3,850

Bayou Region Community Partnership Panel

Chez Hope - \$7,500

CASA of the 16th JDC - \$3,500

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services - \$3,000

Capital Area Community Partnership Panel

Capital Area Family Violence Intervention Center - \$5,000

Southern University Foundation - \$5,000

Louis A. Martinet Foundation - \$2,500

Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana - \$2,500

Central Community Partnership Panel

NextSTEP of Central Louisiana - \$15,000

Greater Orleans Community Partnership Panel

Metropolitan Center for Women and Children - \$6,000

Health Law Advocates of Louisiana - \$2,500

Children's Rights Clinic at Loyola New Orleans College of Law - \$3,500

North Shore Community Partnership Panel

Louisiana Guardianship Services, Inc. for the Elder Law Task Force - \$500

Safe Harbor - \$9,500

Northwest Community Partnership Panel

Shreveport Bar Foundation d/b/a Pro Bono Project - \$15,000

Southwest Community Partnership Panel

The People's Advocate - \$7,500

Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation - \$5,000

Statewide NITA Training - \$25,150

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)

Advocacy Center protects and advocates for the rights of people in Louisiana with disabilities and for people who are sixty years of age or older through the provision of legal representation, information and referral, education and training, and systems advocacy. (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)

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 New Orleans - Immigration Legal Services provides immigration legal services to crime survivors and educates the community and statewide stakeholders on the unique challenges faced by immigrant survivors generally and, in particular, in accessing help from law enforcement. (New Orleans)

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. (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)

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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. (Franklin and Thibodaux)

Children's Advocacy Center 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)

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)

Foundation for the American Board of Trial Advocates' mission is to preserve the constitutional vision of equal justice for all Americans and to preserve our civil justice system for future generations. (Dallas)

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)

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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)

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 - 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)

Metropolitan Center for Women and Children serves survivors of domestic violence in Orleans, St. Charles, St. James and St. John Parishes. Metro provides direct legal services to survivors and assists battered women with filing protective orders. (Jefferson)

Martinet Legal 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)

Metropolitan Center for Women and Children was formed to provide services, including legal services, to survivors of domestic violence in Jefferson and Orleans parishes. Metro expanded its legal services to include direct legal representation to the residents of St. Charles, St. John and St. James Parishes. (Jefferson)

Oasis (formerly 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)

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 - 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 victim 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)

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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 Pro Bono Project 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)

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)

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)

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)

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 such as schools. (Bogalusa, Covington, Franklinton and Slidell)

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Breaking the Cycle of Violence



Do you know a woman who has been abused? The answer likely is “yes,” even if you are not aware of it. That is because one out of every four women will experience some sort of physical abuse in her lifetime¹. This could be your mother, your sister, your daughter, your friend. Domestic violence cuts across all socioeconomic lines, races, and ages. In a single day in 2011, 948 victims were served by a Louisiana domestic violence program.²

Natalie, a domestic violence survivor, tells a story that is typical of victims. “I got into a relationship with someone despite a lot of red flags. The relationship started off well. Over time, he started to yell at me, and eventually he hit me,” said Natalie. When Natalie tried to leave her boyfriend, he pulled out a knife and cut her. He told her he would kill her.

Natalie sought help at The Wellspring Family Justice Center, a Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) funded organization. “When Natalie came to us she was being emotionally and physically assaulted by her boyfriend. He isolated her from her friends and family members,” said Valerie Bowman, Director of The Wellspring Domestic Violence Program.

The Wellspring’s case managers helped Natalie obtain a temporary restraining order against her abuser. They were with her throughout the entire process and accompanied her to court for moral support and to help her understand the legal process. She stayed in the shelter temporarily and she still receives counseling with them today. Her abuser was arrested and pled guilty for the attack.

Natalie graduated in December with her degree in social work. She regularly volunteers at The Wellspring and speaks to the public in support of the organization. “I am now sharing my story so I can help others,” said Natalie.

The Wellspring, located in Monroe, has been a source of help and hope for individuals, families, and communities throughout Northeast Louisiana since 1931. Its mission is to strengthen and value the family through direct service, education, advocacy, and women’s leadership.

The LBF is dedicated to helping protect families, empower victims and break the cycle of violence in Louisiana. According to 2010 statistics provided by our grantees, LBF funding was able to help over 10,000 women and 5,000 children in Louisiana obtain safety from their abusers. This year the LBF awarded more than \$320,000 in grants to domestic violence agencies across the state. LBF funded domestic violence centers provide legal services for women and children to help them feel, and be, safe again.

¹ Tjaden, Patricia & Thoennes, Nancy. National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, “Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey,” (2000).

² http://nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2011/DVCounts11_StateSummary_LA.pdf (last visited 5/1/12)

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.

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.

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 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.

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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Community Partnership Panels

The LBF has nine regional chapters. These **Community Partnership Panels (CPP)** work outside of the regular grant process to identify new areas of need for LBF funding, foster collaboration, respond to arising community needs and encourage local involvement in the designation of LBF grant funds.

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 are committed to ensuring the success of the IOLTA program and increased funding for legal aid.

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Eligible Institutions

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

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Bank of Gueydan (Gueydan)
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Bank of Ruston (Ruston)
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Business First Bank (Baton Rouge)
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Citizens Bank & Trust (Mandeville)
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Vivian)
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City Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)
City Savings Bank & Trust Co. (DeRidder)
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Tensas State Bank (Newellton)
The Bank (Jennings)
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(as of June 2012)

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 2011-12 academic year, \$47,600 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 23 deserving students.

2011-12 Scholarship Recipients

Caleb Adams, Lake Charles
Kandi Crawford, Dodson
Tara Dennis, Jennings
Coby Faye, Duson
Emily Habetz, Ragley
Candice Hardy, Marksville
Aaron Harrelson, Independence
Raven Hollins, Bastrop
Heather Jones, New Orleans
Bryce LaGrange, Breaux Bridge
Leah LaGrange, Breaux Bridge
Sara Landry, Lafayette

Meagan Legnon, Jeannerette
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Rebecca Madere, Lucher
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Letter from a recipient:

I feel so blessed to have been chosen again last semester for this scholarship.

I am currently a Junior carrying 20 hours while working a part-time job as a hostess at a restaurant in Natchitoches Louisiana. After many prayers, last semester I changed my major to Occupational Therapy. I will still be a teacher but I will get to work more closely with people with disabilities like my dad. I am very excited about this change and very soon I will be volunteering at a Childrens' Hospital in Shreveport. I will have the opportunity to observe Occupational Therapists in action.

Kids' Chance scholarship has lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others more than ever. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Thanks again for your reminder. I am filling out the 2012-13 Scholarship application and will be sending it to you on Monday. I will also send you my official transcript and schedule.

*Sincerely,
Jessica Underwood
scholarship recipient*

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



Golf Tournament Benefits LBF Kids' Chance Program

The Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) held its annual golf tournament in September 2011 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 Tensey Pricer, Communication Specialist and tournament coordinator at LWCC.

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

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

Mock scholarship checks presented at golf tournament



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Law Signature School Courtroom Project

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.

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



2011

West Monroe High School



2010

Lake Charles-Boston Academy of Learning



2009

Northside High School in Lafayette

Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award

Daniel Lund a partner with Montgomery Barnett LLP, is the recipient of the LBF 2012 **Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award**. This award is given to a Louisiana attorney who exhibits long standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and upholds the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants and all counsel.

The Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award was established through an endowment to the LBF in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.



Daniel Lund and Patricia A. Krebs

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 current class project focuses on increasing community awareness about teen dating violence and the importance of prevention through education. Any Fellows interested in participating may contact Kathleen McNelis at the LBF office or kathleen@raisingthebar.org.

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, 2012 and 2011

ASSETS	2012	2011
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 677,260	\$ 133,658
Investments	5,271,655	6,192,549
Receivables:		
Promises to give, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,750	35,500	38,000
Other	1,976,474	1,462
Prepaid lease payments	38,700	54,848
Prepaid expenses and deposits	11,708	1,652
Total Current Assets	<u>8,011,297</u>	<u>6,422,169</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property and equipment, net	7,460	13,724
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>7,460</u>	<u>13,724</u>
 Total Assets	 <u><u>\$ 8,018,757</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 6,435,893</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 580,540	\$ 24,719
Grants payable	4,905,128	3,413,667
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,485,668</u>	<u>3,438,386</u>
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Net Assets:		
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(359,733)	(43,254)
Temporarily restricted	2,350,832	2,497,945
Permanently restricted	541,990	542,816
Total Net Assets	<u>2,533,089</u>	<u>2,997,507</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 8,018,757</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,435,893</u></u>