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The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) entity organized under the state of Louisiana.

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.

The LBF supports programs that provide free legal services for the poor in all 64 parishes of the state of Louisiana.

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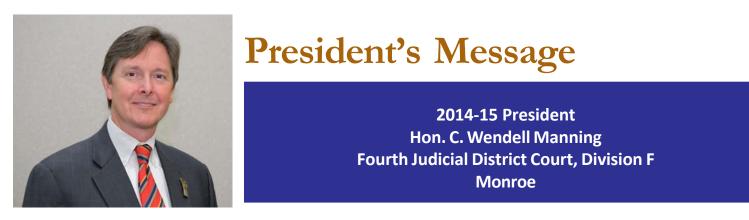
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In 2014, the LBF awarded \$5.2 million in grants, to more than 70 deserving non-profit organizations and public interest legal aid attorneys for social justice initiatives throughout the state. Earlier this morning, the Board approved grant funding for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

We continue to serve as administrator for the Child in Need of Care (CINC) Program providing free legal representation to children in foster care. Last year, the program provided representation to 3,508 children, made over 16,800 court appearances on their behalf and participated in more than 2,700 family team conferences. The CINC Program provides more than \$2 million annually.

The LBF began serving as administrator of partial funding from the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General for the federal mortgage servicing settlement (MSS) in May 2013. Our agreement with the AGs office was extended for a second year, through June 2015. In partnership with the legal services corporations, Louisiana Appleseed and the Louisiana Civil Justice Center, this program provides free legal representation to affected consumers. As Administrator, the LBF provides governance and oversight of the funds and ensures program and financial compliance. The MSS program provides \$1.3 million annually.

As you may recall, the Louisiana Supreme Court adopted Rule XLIII (43) naming the LBF a permissible recipient of Cy Pres funds in 2012. The LBF is the <u>only</u> organization specifically identified in the rule. In 2014, the LBF received 3 Cy Pres awards directed by Orleans Parish Civil District Court judges totaling \$75,000. We thank the Court for directing unused administrative funds to the LBF and for their continued support!

In Partnership with Louisiana Appleseed, the **Fellows Class Project** is a way for new Fellows to become involved and be a part of the LBF mission. The current class is working on a project that focuses on identifying *In Forma Pauperism* (IFP) roadblocks and strategies to increase access to justice throughout Louisiana.

The **Kid's Chance Scholarship Program** provides scholarships to children of workers who are permanently and totally disabled or killed in a work-related accident. The LBF awarded \$45,000 in scholarships to 18 Louisiana students for the 2014-2015 school year. Since 2004, the program has awarded 218 scholarships totaling \$407,100.

Through the **Oral History Project**, the LBF Education Committee produces a continuing series of oral histories of retiring judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities. Now, with the support of the Community Partnership Panels, the committee has been able to produce 3 times as many oral histories each year since 2012. The Oral Histories can be viewed on the LBF website.

The LBF's nine regional **Community Partnership Panels** work to identify areas of need for LBF funding. The panels foster collaboration, respond to arising community needs and encourage local involvement in directing discretionary grant funds through a flexible process. The panels also provide nominations for the LBF Board, nominations for the distinguished awards and identify new LBF Fellows. In April, the panels hosted their Annual Events across the state. If you are not already working with your panel, we encourage you to contact your local chair to discuss current initiatives and relay information on any new projects or services that the panels should know about.

Louisiana Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid

Today, it is estimated that 21 percent of Americans qualify for civil legal aid. (*from the Congressional office charged with monitoring LSC's*). Nationwide, the Legal Services Corporation funds 134 legal aid programs. That's down from the approximately 350 organizations the agency funded in the 1970s.

In Louisiana, our poverty population has continued to increase with above 20 percent at the federal poverty level, about 850,000 of our fellow citizens. There are an estimated 161,000 Louisiana households in poverty according to the 2012 American Community Survey/U.S. Census report. And in Louisiana we are down to 3 legal services corporations from an original number of 7, with legal aid supplemented by a patchwork of pro bono programs. The gap assessment by the Access to Justice Committee of several years ago estimated that only a third of Louisiana's eligible clients receive legal aid assistance.

Today, the need is the highest with funding at the lowest. In 2015, 40 years later, we are operating legal aid offices at 1991 federal funding levels. Since 2011, LSC's have sustained an almost 40 percent cut in federal funding. At the state level, Louisiana is one of only 4 states in our nation that provides no government funding.

On average, 25,000 clients are served annually by Louisiana's legal services corporations. Because of challenging economic times and Louisiana's high poverty rates, civil legal aid programs are struggling to provide essential services - barely meeting a third of the state's poverty population's needs.

Our citizens are facing very real life legal challenges: Imagine having your home taken away, your children taken away or being a victim of domestic violence and having no constitutional right to a lawyer. This is the reality facing thousands of low-income people in Louisiana who can't afford a lawyer, as we remember that the constitutional guarantee of a lawyer does not apply to people fighting civil injustices – essential matters of personal safety, economic security and family support that can threaten basic survival.

Each day in the courtrooms across our state, our judges see the ever increasing number of appearances by our legal aid attorneys and pro bono attorneys. We have also seen the exploding number of "self-represented litigants". The LBF awarded \$5.2 million for social justice initiatives in 2014. Taken in total, currently, the LBF provides over 50% of all funding for civil legal aid in our state.

The Foundation is committed to doing more. We recognize that our state must fully address the funding needs of civil legal aid. And so we are undertaking a statewide campaign—the **Louisiana Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid**. This campaign is committed to: raising awareness among all the citizens of our state of the vital importance of civil legal aid and to increasing funding to address the civil legal needs of our indigent population. What we are about strikes at the heart of our society—equal access to justice—an American core value.

This campaign is a challenge to fully serve all Louisiana households in poverty. The Campaign calls for fully funding a network of local and community based service components, which draw and build upon existing programs, that include:

• Significantly increasing full time staff attorney positions at the civil legal aid offices;

• Hosting Attorney Fellow positions at civil legal aid offices to collaborate with law schools to leveraging law student participation in the delivery of civil legal aid through clinics;

• Placing pro bono young lawyers within each Louisiana judicial district courthouse to assist with direct client advice, referral and case placement services;

• Establishing community self help centers and kiosks employing young lawyers and legal coordinators in each parish to provide court approved forms, guidance, referral and legal aid services information;

• Developing the statewide hotline call center to utilize attorneys, law students and client intake positions to provide information, referral and handling of brief service matters.

The Campaign will also educate the public so that they will understand, that in addition to being an essential element of the justice system, civil legal aid provides substantial economic benefits. You know the old saying "Money talks." We want to make them understand.

The LSBA Economic Impact Study estimated that the Louisiana legal services programs provide an economic impact of between \$70 million to \$107 million annually in total economic transactions to the state. It also found that for every dollar spent, the state is getting back \$2.40. In addition, Louisiana's legal services programs support between 850 and 1300 jobs. The study assures that all dollars allocated to the legal services programs deliver unmistakable economic returns to the state as a whole.

Civil legal aid saves taxpayer dollars by:

- keeping families together;
- reducing domestic violence;
- helping children leave foster care more quickly;
- reducing evictions;
- increasing access to benefits;
- helping communities devastated by natural disasters, and
- offering indigent citizens a way out of poverty.

Our citizens need to understand that:

Investing in civil legal aid is a powerful way to help people solve critical problems and prevent events that are harmful and expensive for society. Civil legal aid opens doors to the justice system and provides reinvestment in the community. Funding for civil legal aid will have a ripple effect, impacting not only the families served, but the community at large. Schools, businesses, government agencies and the state as a whole benefit from resolving civil legal problems.

I would like to thank Larry Shea and the State Bar leadership for partnering with us in the Campaign and the many dedicated volunteers serving on the committee. If you want to get involved, please let us know. We need your help!

It has been an honor to serve as your President. I thank the officers, board members, and our many volunteers for their hard work and dedication this year. I have truly enjoyed working with everyone on our important mission to serve the most vulnerable in our communities.

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The LBF hosted the 5th Annual Assembly at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans in May. The two day event featured the Grants Committee meeting, Kids' Chance Committee meeting, Annual Fellows Membership Meeting, Board of Directors meeting, Patron Party, and culminated with the 29th Annual Fellows Gala.

During the gala, honored were the **2014 Distinguished Jurist** John W. Greene, Distinguished Attorney Allen L. Smith, Jr. (Posthumously), Distinguished Professor Gail S. Stephenson, and Calogero Justice Award recipient Marta-Ann Schnabel. Recognition is given to those individuals who, by reason of his or her professional activities, have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession and have brought credit and honor to the legal profession. Recognition is also given to an individual or organization for a significant contribution to the Louisiana justice system.

Harry J. "Skip" Philips was the recipients of the 2015 President's Award, given in recognition of outstanding support, volunteer service and dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the LBF. Philips is a longtime Fellow, serves on several LBF committees and dedicates countless volunteer hours. He is currently a member of the Campaign Committee and has been a Grants Committee member since 2008, chairing the LSC subcommittee. This year, he was instrumental in planning and facilitating our grantee board trainings that were designed to strengthen grantee leadership and improve our legal aid network. Philips is the managing partner at Taylor Porter Law Firm in Baton Rouge.

The LBF awarded the **Baton Rouge Area Foundation** (**BRAF**) the 2015 Horn Blower Award. This award is given to a partner organization in recognition of outstanding support and leadership in advancing a shared LBF initiative, project or program. The award was given to the BRAF in recognition of leadership and training on governance matters for the LBF and our grantees, the providers of free civil legal aid.

Eugene J. Sues, with the Alexandria firm of Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues and Rundell received the LBF 2015 **Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award**. This award was established in memory of Curtis R. Boisfontaine, who served as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. The award carries a \$1,000 stipend which Sues donated to the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center.



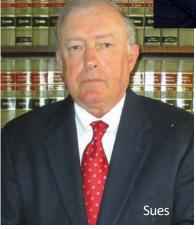
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As the largest funder of legal aid in the state, the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) makes grants to organizations that provide free legal aid to women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed, those facing loss of their 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.

Funding Overview

Access to Justice

Benefits Louisiana's statewide justice community in the areas of statewide technology, statewide intake and referral, and disaster or emergency response.

Building Capital Development

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.

Child in Need of Care

Provides free legal representation to Louisiana children classified as a "Child in Need of Care" which includes children in foster care and some non-custodial cases.

Children's Legal Services

Helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well being, and future development focusing on statewide or regional services.

Domestic Violence Programs

Enables people to leave abusive relationships and seek safety for themselves and their children. Essential services provided by these agencies are shelter, 24-hour crisis line, legal services, education of domestic/dating violence, and establishing collaborative relationships with law enforcement, judges, clerks of court, and prosecutors.

Jock Scott Community Partnership Panels

12 month grants or funding for seed or expansion of a program; grant awards are up to \$10,000.

Kids' Chance Scholarship Program

Provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law.

Law-Related Education

Benefits children and/or the public. Law-related education is the teaching of legal rights, responsibilities, and the role of the citizen by bringing together teachers, community leaders, and legal professionals.

Legal Services Corporations

Provides civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state. Attorneys and paralegals, provide free legal services in many areas of the law.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

Provides forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF.

Mortgage Servicing Settlement

Provide advice, counseling and direct attorney representation to consumers including but not limited to the homeless, FHA borrowers, Veterans, and the unemployed.

Other Legal Services

Provide legal services of a special nature such as the Innocence Project, immigration wage claims, AIDS law and artist copyrights.

Pro Bono Project

Utilizes the local, private bar members to handle cases for the indigent in many legal areas.

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

Includes Domestic Vilence Programs, Legal Service Coporations, Other Legal Service Providers and Pro Bono Projects

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

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

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:

Mortgage Servicing Settlement

Child in Need of Care

LSBA Access to Justice

Louisiana Appleseed

Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

Support is tied to a specific program

ATJ Fund Grant

Kids' Chance Scholarships

Legal Education Projects

ProBono/LawHelps Website

2016 Funding

Louisiana Bar Foundation Grants \$5.3 Million for Social Justice Initiatives in 2015-16

It's Not Justice If It's Not Equal

Grants were awarded in April 2015. Funding period is July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

Annual/Sustaining Funding

Building Capital Development The Building Capital Development Grant Pro awards grants up to \$25,000, on a matching to current grantees with the purpose of assist acquisition of an office building and/or prop	basis, ting in the
Acadiana Legal Services Corporation D.A.R.T. of Lincoln Innocence Project New Orleans Shreveport Bar Foundation Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$16,760 \$17,500 \$25,000 \$25,000 \$25,000
Children's Legal Services The Children's Legal Services Grant Program to provide legal assistance to needy children law which affect their safety, well-being, and development.	in areas of
Advocacy Center Louisiana Center for Children's Rights T.E.A.M.S.	\$16,667 \$61,111 \$22,222
Law-Related Education The LBF awards grants to entities for law-rel educational programs benefitting children an public.	
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center Louisiana Center for Children's Rights Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education Louisiana District Judges Association LSBA - Diversity Committee LSBA - Young Lawyers Division Martinet Legal Foundation Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$11,180 \$6,706 \$11,176 \$44,983 \$5,000 \$2,794 \$5,867 \$5,588 \$6,706
Legal Assistance to the Poor <i>The LBF awards grants to non-profit entities</i>	\$2,083,750
provide free direct legal services to indigent	
<i>Domestic Violence Programs</i> Beauregard Community Concerns, Inc. Catholic Charities/Project S.A.V.E.	\$326,250 \$21,196 \$34,497

Chez Hope	\$21,191
D.A.R.T. of Lincoln	\$20,205
Faith House, Inc.	\$19,713
Metropolitan Center for Women and Children	\$35,976
Oasis	\$18,234
Project Celebration	\$34,094
Safe Harbor, Inc.	\$16,667
Safety Net for Abused Persons	\$22,176
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$12,321
St. Bernard Battered Women's Program	\$15,278
The Haven, Inc.	\$18,234
The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.	\$21,684
United Way of Central Louisiana	\$14,784
Legal Service Corporations	\$1,272,000
Acadiana Legal Services Corporation	\$325,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$305,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$642,000
Other Legal Service Providers	\$270,000
Advocacy Center	\$53,333
Arts Council of New Orleans	\$11,111
Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge	\$33,333
Catholic Charities of New Orleans	\$33,333
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$100,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$5,556
Lower 9th Ward Home Ownership Association	\$11,111
NO/AIDS Task Force	\$5,556
Loyola College of Law Clinic –	
Workplace Justice Project	\$16,667
Pro Bono Project	\$215,500
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$43,224
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$9,444
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$40,777
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$24,278
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$18,889
The Pro Bono Project	\$78,888
Loan Repayment Assistance Program	\$42,442

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. Applicant identities are anonymous.

Special Initiatives

Mortgage Servicing Settlement *\$630,000

Provide advice, counseling and direct attorney representation to affected consumers including but not limited to the homeless, FHA borrowers, Veterans, and the unemployed in matters including financial counseling; wrongful foreclosure; foreclosure relief; loan modification; principal reduction; refinancing; foreclosure prevention and mediation; and bankruptcy.

*Funding is in place for a six-month period through December 31, 2015.

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation Legal Services of North Louisiana Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Louisiana Civil Justice Center Louisiana Appleseed	\$167,500 \$130,000 \$275,000 \$32,500 \$25,000
Child in Need of Care <i>Provides free legal representation to Louisiand</i> <i>children in foster care.</i>	\$ 1,937,000
Acadiana Legal Services	\$767,000

Other Special Initiatives	\$125,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$622,000
Legal Services of North Louisiana	\$548,000
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Other Special Initiatives	φ125,000		
LSBA Access to Justice	\$75,000		
Louisiana Appleseed	\$50,000		

Scholarships and other projects

ATJ Fund Grant	\$50,000
Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$52,500
Legal Education Projects	\$6,500
ProBono/LawHelps Website	\$12,650

Discretionary Funding

Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants

Nine Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation. These panels identify needs in their community and fund efforts to address those needs. Grants are awarded throughout the year. Grants listed are for the 2014-15 funding cycle.

\$90,000

Acadiana

Acadiana	
Hearts of Hope	\$5,000
AMIkids	\$3,850
LBF Oral History Projects	\$1,150
Bayou Region	
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$6,525
Chez Hope	\$1,875
LBF Oral History Project	\$1,600
Capital Area	
Iris Domestic Violence Center	\$3,070
Capital Area CASA Association	\$1,500
Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana (PCAL)	\$5,430
Central	
Central Pro Bono Project	\$2,000
Rapides Children's Advocacy Center	\$8,000
Greater Orleans	
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$5,000
Greater New Orleans	ψ5,000
Fair Housing Action Center	\$2,500
The Pro Bono Project	\$1,500
LBF Oral History Project	\$1,000
Northeast	
Pine Hills Children's Advocacy Center	\$10,000
Fine finits Children's Advocacy Center	\$10,000
Northwest	
Project Celebration	\$10,000
Northshore	
Youth Services Bureau	\$5,960
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$2,500
LBF Oral History Project	\$1,540
Southwest	
National Alliance on Mental Illness	
of Southwest Louisiana	\$9,500
LBF Oral History Project	\$500
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Louisiana Bar Foundation

Grantees

Alphabetical listing of grantees including service area.

Acadiana Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) is a private, nonprofit 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 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) works to lessen the trauma experienced by child victims when abuse allegations are investigated, and to provide support during any subsequent proceedings within the criminal justice system. They serve abused children in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge Parishes. (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)

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 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)

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)

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)

Eden House offers long-term housing to adult female victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking. Two year residential program offers a holistic approach to recovery including housing, food, mental and physical healthcare, legal resources, job training, immigration assistance and education. (New Orleans)

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

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provides domestic violence education to law enforcement, judges, attorneys, hearing officers and clerk of court employees. (Lafayette)

First Grace Community Alliance works with and for people in need, especially women and their children, by meeting food, housing, and other emergency needs, while simultaneously challenging systemic poverty in the greater New Orleans area.

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)

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 childcentered approach to juvenile representation, JRS also provides collateral representation in areas of education, health and housing law. (New Orleans)

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

Legal Services of North Louisiana (LSNL) is a private, nonprofit 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 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. (Statewide)

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)

LSBA Access to Justice benefits Louisiana's statewide justice community in the areas of technology, intake and referral, and disaster or emergency response. (Statewide)

LSBA Diversity Committee provides networking, mentoring and support for high school juniors and seniors who have expressed an interest in the legal profession as well as an opportunity for them to strengthen their research, writing, and analytical skills. (Statewide)

LSBA Young Lawyers Division fosters discussions and interchange of ideas relative to the duties, responsibilities and problems of the younger members of the legal profession in the State of Louisiana; to aid in their advancement; to encourage their interest and participation in the activities of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and, in general, to further the purposes and objectives of the LSBA. (Statewide)

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)

NO/AIDS Task Force/AIDSLaw of Louisiana provides specialized legal services for people living with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana, to improve their quality of life and access to health care, related to their HIV/AIDS status. (New Orleans)

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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 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)

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

Southeast Spouse Abuse Program is a family violence prevention and intervention agency assisting survivors of domestic violence and their dependent children serving Livingston, Tangipahoa, St. Helena and Washington parishes. (Hammond) **Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation** provides legal assistance to indigent citizens in five Southwest Louisiana parishes - Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis. (Lake Charles)

St. Bernard Parish Battered Women's Program, Inc. 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)

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)

United Way of Central Louisiana funds human services in part or all of nine parishes in the Central Louisiana area. They convene local leaders to identify high-priority human services needs, to identify effective solutions and to implement those solutions using resources that they mobilize together.

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)



Foundation Programs and Projects

Access to Justice

The Access to Justice Program is a cooperative venture of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation and the Louisiana legal services programs. The committee works to make others aware of the unmet needs of the poor for civil legal services, and can best assist by working toward solutions that can be realized in proper funding of legal services providers and increased participation by the legal community. The mission of the Access to Justice Committee is to support and help strengthen an integrated statewide network to increase the delivery of legal services to the poor of Louisiana.

Children in Need of Care (CINC)

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

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.

IOLTA

The Interes on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program 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 Scholarship Program

Provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers' Compensation Act or law.

Law Signature Schools Courtroom Project

Provides funds for building a courtroom within school 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.

Louisiana Appleseed

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

Mortgage Servicing Settlement

The LBF serves as administrator of funding on behalf of the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General for the federal mortgage servicing settlement. This program provides just over \$1.5 million to the LBF for grants to the legal services corporations, Louisiana Appleseed, and the Louisiana Civil Justice Center. Free legal representation to affected consumers is available including but not limited to the homeless; veterans; service members and the unemployed in matters including financial counseling; wrongful foreclosure; foreclosure relief; loan modification; principal reduction; refinancing; foreclosure prevention and mediation; and bankruptcy.

Oral History

The Education Committee produces a continuing series of oral histories. The series is a part of the Committee's plans to systematically broaden the LBF's work to preserve the history, culture and flavor of Louisiana Law. The goal is to put into place a system for regularly recording oral histories of retiring judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities. These video presentations will then be available for use in classrooms, Continuing Legal Education seminars and other venues to preserve, honor, and improve our system of justice.

Pelican Center

The Pelican Center for Children and Families is a nonprofit organization that serves as a comprehensive education and training resource to support effective practice among legal and other professionals serving Louisiana's most vulnerable children and families.

Scholar-in Residence

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

Secret Santa

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

Prime Partners

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

Bank of Sunset & Trust Co. (Lafavette) **Basile State Bank (Eunice)** Caldwell Bank & Trust Co. (Columbia) **Capital One (Statewide) Citizens Bank (Ville Platte) Citizens Progressive Bank (Columbia) Citizens Savings Bank (Bogalusa) Coastal Commerce Bank (Houma) Crescent Bank & Trust (New Orleans) Esquire Bank (New York) Exchange Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches) Farmers State Bank & Trust (Church Point) Fidelity Bank (Metairie)** First Bank & Trust Co. (New Orleans) First Castle Federal Credit Union (Covington) First National Bank of Benton (Benton) **First National Bank USA (Boutte)** First NBC Bank (New Orleans) Franklin State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro) **Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads) Gulf Coast Bank (Abbeville)** Hibernia Bank (New Orleans) Hodge Bank & Trust Co. (Hodge)

IberiaBank (Statewide) **Iberville Bank (Plaquemine)** Lakeside Bank (Lake Charles) Liberty Bank & Trust Co. (New Orleans) Marion State Bank (Marion) Merchants & Farmers Bank & Trust Co. (Leesville) Midsouth Bank, N.A. (Lafayette) **Origin Bank (formerly Community Trust Bank**) (Choudrant) **Patterson State Bank (Patterson) Peoples Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)** State Bank & Trust Co. (Baton Ruge) The Cottonport Bank (Cottonport) The Highlands Bank (Jackson) **Tri Parish Bank (Eunice)** Vermilion Bank & Trust Co. (Kaplan)

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.

American Bank & Trust Co., Inc. (Covington) American Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas) Anthem Bank & Trust (Plaquemine) BancorpSouth Bank (Baton Rouge, Monroe, Shreveport) Bank of Abbeville & Trust Co. (Abbeville) Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. (Crowley) Bank of Erath (Abbeville, Delcambre) Bank of Gueydan (Gueydan) Bank of Louisiana (New Orleans) Bank of Montgomery (Montgomery) Bank of Ruston (Ruston) Bank of St. Francisville (St. Francisville) Bank of Winnfield & Trust Co. (Winnfield) Bank of Zachary (Zachary) Business First Bank (Baton Rouge) Campus Federal Credit Union (Baton Rouge) Catahoula Bank (formerly Bank of Jena) Chase (Statewide) Citizens Bank & Trust (Mandeville) Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine) Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Vivian) Citizens National Bank, N.A. (Bossier City) City Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches) City Savings Bank & Trust Co. (DeRidder) Commerce Community Bank (Oakgrove) Community Bank of Louisiana (Mansfield) Community First Bank (New Iberia) Concordia Bank & Trust Co. (Vidalia) 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) First Guaranty Bank (Hammond) First National Bank (DeRidder) First National Bank (Ruston) First National Bank of Louisiana (Crowley) Florida Parishes Bank (Hammond) Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (Delhi) Gulf Coast Bank & Trust (New Orleans) Hancock Bank (Baton Rouge) Home Bank, N.A. (Lafayette) Home Federal Savings & Loan (Shreveport)

Homeland Federal Savings Bank (Columbia) 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) Ouachita Independent Bank (West Monroe) Plaquemine Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine) Progressive Bank (Winnsboro) Rayne State Bank & Trust Co. (Rayne) Red River Bank (Alexandria) Regions Bank (Statewide) 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) State Bank & Trust Co. (Golden Meadow) Synergy Bank (Houma) 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 Union Bank (Marksville) Tri-State Bank & Trust (Haughton) United Community Bank (Gonzales) Washington State Bank (Washington) Whitney Bank (Statewide) Winnsboro State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)

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 2014-15 academic year, \$45,000 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 18 deserving students.

2014-15 Kids' Chance Scholarship Recipients

Caleb Adams, Lake Charles Allana Gross, Marrero **Candice Hardy, Marksville** Jessica Harper, Eros Heather Jones, New Orleans Katelyn Kerner, Jefferson Anna LaGrange, Breaux Bridge JuliAnne Lucia, Franklin Mariett Marchand, St. Amant **Rayce Mayor, Lake Arthur Taylor Morris, Sulpher** Gage Ritter, Iowa **Tanner Ritter, Iowa Casey Shelton, Denham Springs** Lauren Stroh, Lake Charles Christina Thiels, Alexandria Jacob Underwood, Leesville Alesha Widcamp, Lake Charles

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Baton Rouge Workers' Compensation Section



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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 September 2014 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 was presented to LWCC.

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

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

Louisiana Bar Foundation

Louisiana Bar Foundation Statements of Financial Position

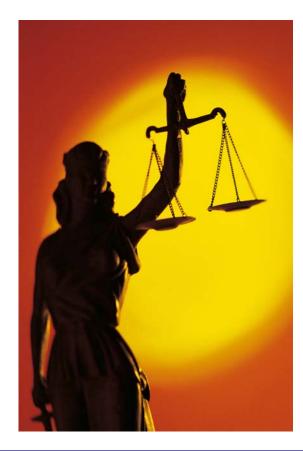
As of June 30,		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	806,340	\$ 254,935
Investments		5,378,549	5,745,958
Grants receivable		2,399,157	2,655,375
Prepaid expenses and deposits		15,430	13,630
Total Current Assets		8,599,476	 8,669,898
Non-Current Assets		×	
Promises to give, long term - less allowance			
for doubtful accounts of \$3,750 and \$3,750		33,750	34,000
Total Non-Current Assets		33,750	 34,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	8,633,226	\$ 8,703,898
LIABILITIES AND NET AS	SETS		
Current Liabilities	5215		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	30,436	\$ 23,560
Grants payable		5,399,323	 5,316,652
Total Current Liabilities	w	5,429,759	5,340,212
Non-Current Liabilities			
Deferred lease payable		60 500	E1 075
		68,533	 51,275
Total Non-Current Liabilities		68,533	 51,275
Total Liabilities		5,498,292	5,391,487
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted (Deficit)		(CAE 774)	1207 644
Temporarily restricted		(615,771)	(387,641)
Permanently restricted		3,196,914	3,146,611
remanently restricted		553,791	 553,441
Total Net Assets		3,134,934	3,312,411
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	8,633,226	\$ 8,703,898

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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

