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Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is the state's largest funder of civil legal aid. We partner with a trusted network of more than 70 organizations that lead community driven efforts to help families facing non-criminal, civil legal challenges. Our goal is to make sure that all Louisianans, regardless of their background or income level, have access to civil legal services that they need. Since 1989, the LBF has distributed more than \$94 million to hundreds of Louisiana non-profit organizations.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

## 2020-21 President Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr.



It is my pleasure to report to you on the activities of the LBF and a challenging yet amazing year.

For more than 30 years, the LBF has been a trusted authority and the state's largest funder of civil legal aid. Our decades of experience as a responsible steward of funds, along with our well-established partnerships

across all 64 parishes, has allowed us to help hundreds of thousands of Louisiana residents gain access to the legal system.

We partner with a trusted network of more than 70 grantees that are leading community-driven efforts to help families on the ground with their specific challenges. Civil legal aid is a vital component of our state's response to, and recovery from, the current public health crisis. Our goal is to make sure that all Louisianans, regardless of their zip code, background, or income level, have access to the civil legal services that they need.

Through no fault of their own, more families find themselves qualifying for civil legal aid, and more civil legal issues are surfacing. As the number of Louisiana citizens eligible for civil legal aid increases, this funding will diminish.

This year we awarded more than \$8.3 million in grants for social justice initiatives in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

During this ever-changing and challenging year, we made great strides. In January, we unveiled the findings of our 2020 Economic Impact and Social Return on Investment of Civil Legal Aid Services for Louisiana. The SROI analysis completed for Louisiana's civil legal aid organizations measures the values delivered during fiscal year 2019-20. The Analysis revealed that the net economic impact value resulting from Louisiana civil legal activities during the year totaled \$64,823,000. These values are based on the number of clients and types of legal matters handled during the period. Louisiana's civil legal aid organizations helped in over 100 types of civil legal problems, including family law, housing, healthcare, consumer protection, public benefits, employment, and community support issues.

The total net social return on investment for Louisiana's civil legal aid programs during the 2019-20 fiscal year was 918%. In other words, for every \$1 invested in Louisiana's civil legal

aid services, these programs deliver \$9.18 in immediate and long-term consequential financial benefits.

We continue to serve as the fiscal administrator for the Child In Need of Care Program in partnership with the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Department of Child and Family Services. Last fiscal year, the program served 4,008 children, made 14,498 court appearances on their behalf, and participated in nearly 1,450 family team conferences.

### DEVELOPMENT

To provide a path for continuing its mission, specifically with respect to the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), the Kendall Vick Public Law Foundation transitioned to the Kendall Vick Public Law Fund, a \$3 million restricted fund of the LBF in December 2020. LRAP provides direct financial assistance to public interest attorneys and helps retain committed lawyers who provide quality services to clients. The LBF is grateful for the opportunity to continue the mission of the Kendall Vick Foundation and to provide financial assistance to public interest attorneys committed to helping our communities.

The newly established Infinity Fund is designed to provide long-term support for the operation and administrative expenses of LBF. Donations will help ensure that the Foundation is able to meet staffing and other operational expenses, in good economic times and in bad. The Infinity Fund is a dedicated fund for the specific purpose of staff and operational expenses.

In February, several of our past presidents joined us on a zoom meeting where we updated them on LBF activities. The Past Presidents Advisory Council was established in 2017 to engage LBF past presidents and utilize their institutional knowledge and leadership abilities.

### MEMBERSHIP

The current Fellows Class Project focuses on Connecting Legal Needs to Education in partnership with Louisiana Appleseed and Lagniappe Law Lab. The Fellows Class Project is a way for new Fellows to become involved and be a part of the LBF mission.

### COMMUNICATIONS

In October and November, we held the POP UP Tour. We hosted nine regional CLE webinars, "Why the LBF is Good for the Profession," focusing on civil legal aid and how the need is increasing. The POP UP WRAP UP virtual networking event included a panel that featured local and national journalists, discussions on how the LBF operates, hot topics

for grantees, and a legal community huddle.

We continue to partner with Spitfire Strategies to help us increase the visibility and understanding of the need for basic civil legal aid services for those who cannot afford them. Spitfire has a long history of working with advocacy organizations and foundations and brings decades of policy, nonprofit and Foundation leadership experience, and insight; together, we plan to spark change for the entire Louisiana civil legal aid network.

## EDUCATION

This year we launched the new program, “Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid.” We plan to engage multiple content creators who will develop a public awareness-focused or a research-focused project for the LBF to increase understanding of the need for civil legal aid services.

## GRANTS

In February and March, we hosted Regional Grantee Staff and Board Training sessions. These training events aimed to strengthen grantee leadership by reviewing board member responsibilities, setting program and administration priorities for the organization, identifying current client service trends and best practices, and evaluating mission goals and outcomes. Training topics included governance, communications, and diversity.

The department provides ongoing support for grantees, including basic training for new executive directors. Unique for this year, the department is working with the law schools to unify their loan repayment assistance programs into one under the LBF.

## TECHNOLOGY

Exciting progress in being made through technology to provide additional resources to our grantees. The Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator launched in October and currently supports four areas of law - divorce, child custody, private landlord-tenant law, and unpaid wages. The Navigator, an LBF funded project of Lagniappe Law Lab, directs Louisiana’s low-income and underserved communities to the most appropriate resources within the civil legal aid network.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

In October, the board and staff met to recalibrate our Strategic Plan creating a new vision for 2023.

## FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS

The LBF applied for and received SBA Paycheck Protection Program loans for the first and second rounds totaling \$358,857 (\$177,000 round 1 and \$181,857 round 2). Forgiveness has been received for the first round of funding.

We added the Investment Committee, which oversees \$12,799,018.06 in managed funds (as of 3/31/2021); implemented quarterly meetings with Hancock Whitney trust management team; and updated the LBF spending and reserve policy to ensure long term financial stability of the organization and funding for grantees.

The committee also continues to do ongoing compliance reviews of financial institutions in the IOLTA program.

## GOVERNANCE

In July, we approved a policy establishing a schedule to review all pertinent governance documents. The schedule identifies different documents each year for review by the committee resulting in all documents being reviewed every five years.

An amendment to the By-Laws Article VIII was approved to reflect all standing committees with descriptions, members, reporting, and participation guidelines.

An accounting policy and procedure manual was developed and approved containing comprehensive internal financial practices.

The committee implemented an annual review of all organization insurance coverages to ensure adequate coverages and limit the risk of liability.

## STAFF

We have also been busy adding new staff. We hired new Finance Director Cassie Holcomb. Cassie manages the financial activities of the organization, including tracking cash flow and financial planning, general accounting, managing finance staff, as well as analyzing financial strengths and weaknesses, and proposing corrective actions.

***Thanks to all of you who contribute to the important work of the Bar Foundation. It has been my great privilege to be a part of this dynamic organization.***



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# LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION

FUNDING CIVIL LEGAL AID

2021-22

## \$ 8.3 Million

for Civil Justice Initiatives

Louisiana Bar Foundation is the State's largest funder of civil legal aid. We partner with a trusted network of more than 70 organizations that lead community driven efforts to help families facing non-criminal, civil legal challenges. Since 1989 the LBF has granted more than \$102.3 million in grants help people across a wide range of issues, including assistance for veterans and military families, domestic violence, senior and elderly services, child welfare services, housing, and unemployment.

**Annual/Sustaining Funding \$3,800,000**

### Children's Legal Services \$110,000

*Helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development.*

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$10,000
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$10,000
First Grace Community Alliance	\$15,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$25,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	\$8,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$22,000
The Advocacy Center	\$20,000

### Domestic Violence Programs \$500,000

*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.*

Beauregard Community Concerns	\$36,000
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$60,000
D.A.R.T (Domestic Abuse Resistant Team)	\$36,000
Faith House, Inc.	\$36,000
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$37,500
Family Violence Program of St. Bernard	\$20,000
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$20,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$37,000
Oasis A Safe Haven	\$20,000
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$35,000
Project SAVE	\$40,000
Safe Harbor	\$16,000
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$16,000
The Haven, Inc.	\$36,000
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$54,500

### Law-Related Education \$90,000

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

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$18,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$18,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$5,000
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$24,500
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$24,500

### Legal Services Corporations \$2,200,000

*Eligible programs are funded by the LSC federal agency and provide civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state.*

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$1,118,341
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,081,659

### Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$200,000

*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. Recipients identities are kept confidential.*

### Other Legal Service Providers \$350,000

*Through staff attorneys and paralegals, these programs provide legal services of a special nature such as mental health and child advocacy mediation.*

Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$26,917
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$26,917
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$26,916
Frontline Legal Services, Inc.	\$50,000
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$50,000
Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$50,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$15,750
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	
Wage Claim Clinic	\$10,000
NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$22,750
Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$25,000
The Advocacy Center	\$33,750
The Ella Project	\$12,000

### Pro Bono Projects \$350,000

*Often operated by the local bar association, these projects utilize the local private bar to handle cases for the poor pro bono in many legal areas.*

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$63,651
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$37,271
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$64,596
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$46,011
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$34,500
The Pro Bono Project	\$103,971

## ***Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants*** **\$90,000**

*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.*

### **Acadiana**

Chez Hope	\$7,500
Vermilion Women's Resource Center	\$2,500

### **Bayou Region**

Chez Hope	\$7,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$3,000

### **Capital Area**

Chez Hope	\$7,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$3,000

### **Central Region**

Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$5,000
Children's Advocacy Network	\$4,255
Oral History Project	\$745

### **Greater Orleans**

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$3,000
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### **Northeast**

Pine Hills Advocacy Center	\$6,100
D.A.R.T.	\$3,900

### **Northshore**

Children's Advocacy Center/Hope House	\$6,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$4,000

### **Northwest**

Gingerbread House	\$10,000
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### **Southwest**

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$10,000
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## ***Child in Need of Care*** **\$3,350,000**

*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. Annual grants are available to: organizations providing direct legal representation of children, in matters ranging from delinquency to access to special education, mental health, and foster care services; organizations engaging in impact litigation and/or systemic legal reform efforts on behalf of children; organizations that provide lay advocacy for children in legal proceedings; and organizations that assist with the administration of justice with respect to children.*

*Funding for the legal representation of children in child protection cases by Acadiana Legal Service Corporation and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.*

## ***General Appropriation*** **\$500,000**

*For the provision of adult civil legal services within the state's civil justice system.*

## ***Special Program and Project Funding*** **\$483,500**

*Collaboration with justice community stakeholders providing umbrella support services to several or all civil legal aid providers.*

Access to Justice Commission	\$45,000
Access to Justice Fund Grants	\$40,000
Grantee Board & Staff Training	\$4,000
Lagniappe Law Lab	\$125,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$150,000
Oral Histories	\$500
Pro Hac Vice	\$119,000

## ***Scholarships and other Funding Projects*** **\$47,000**

Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$37,000
Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid	\$10,000

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

### CIVIL LEGAL AID IS A SMART INVESTMENT

**1 = \$9.18**

FOR EVERY \$1 DOLLAR INVESTED IN CIVIL LEGAL AID THERE IS A \$9.18 RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

CIVIL LEGAL AID  
NET ECONOMIC  
IMPACT VALUE

**\$64,823,000**

**918%**

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

CIVIL LEGAL AID CASES

**23,143**

**100**

TYPES OF LEGAL ISSUES

The 2020 SROI analysis completed for Louisiana's civil legal aid organizations is a measurement of the values delivered during the fiscal year 2019-20.

**The Analysis revealed that the net economic impact value resulting from Louisiana civil legal activities during the year totaled \$64,823,000.**

This net impact is the outcome of the more than \$7 million LBF granted for civil legal aid services. These values are based on the number of clients and types of legal matters handled during the period. In fiscal year 2019-20, Louisiana's civil legal aid organizations helped in over 100 types of civil legal problems including family law, housing, healthcare, consumer protection, public benefits, employment, and community support issues.

*This study was released in January 2021.*

## LOUISIANA CIVIL LEGAL NAVIGATOR PROJECT

Exciting progress in being made through technology to provide additional resources to our grantees. The Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator launched in October and currently supports four areas of law - divorce, child custody, private landlord-tenant law, and unpaid wages. The Navigator, an LBF funded project of Lagniappe Law Lab, directs Louisiana's low-income and underserved communities to the most appropriate resources within the civil legal aid network. Visit [louisianalegalnavigator.org](http://louisianalegalnavigator.org).



A Project of the Louisiana Bar Foundation + Lagniappe Law Lab



## INFINITY FUND



The Infinity Fund was created to provide long term support for operations and administrative expenses of LBF, a trusted community partner and funding steward. The funds will help ensure that the LBF is able to meet staffing and operational expenses, in good economic times and in bad.

We are calling on the legal and justice community to donate to the Infinity Fund. Your donation positions LBF to continue its longstanding role as a trusted community partner and funding steward of civil legal aid.

### Levels of Giving:

*Azalea* - \$1,000 - \$5,000

*Camellia* - \$5,000 - \$10,000

*Crepe Myrtle* - \$10,000 - \$25,000

*Louisiana Iris* - \$25,000 - \$50,000

*Southern Magnolia* - \$50,000 - \$100,000

*Fleur de Lis* - \$100,000+

### News:

January 2021 – The Louisiana Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the first donation in the amount of \$25,000 to the newly established Infinity Fund, which is dedicated to supporting LBF's work in funding civil legal aid and promoting access to justice.

The first generous donation was made by LBF Fellow and board member Zebulon M. Winstead, of Alexandria.

*"I have made this donation in large part to honor Eastern District of Louisiana Judge Eldon E. Fallon and the other leaders who have come before me in the civil legal aid endeavor," Winstead said. "They have brought to light the need to create a fund to pay the expenses of the LBF so that even more Louisiana citizens can have access to civil legal services."*

## LBF VIRTUAL POP UP TOUR

In October we launched the first POP UP TOUR. LBF President Skip Philips virtually popped up via Zoom, addressing each of our nine Community Partnership Panel regions on civil legal aid and how the need is increasing. Each program was approved for .5 hours of Professional CLE credit.

Following the nine webinars, we hosted a virtual WRAP UP networking event which included a panel featuring local and national journalists, discussions on how the LBF operates, hot topics for grantees, and a legal community huddle.





Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid is a new program of the LBF's Education Committee. The purpose of this program is to support the LBF's educational goals by increasing the understanding of the vital need for civil legal aid services for those who cannot afford them, as well as the need to measure the effectiveness of ongoing programs. For this program we engage with multiple content creators.

Here is the content created for 2020-21 Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid:



### Keep Brandon Safe

*"A client came into my office one day. I think it was a Tuesday. He was an elderly gentleman, and the wrinkles on his face stood out even more starkly because of the worry that was plain to see. Let's call him Charlie. His apparent concern was for the safety of his 6-year-old grandchild, Brandon. Brandon's parents were both drug addicts who were constantly in and out of prison. The father was in prison as we spoke, and the mother's whereabouts were unknown."*

Read the full story here: <https://www.raisingthebar.org/about-us-documents/2020-21-speak-out-for-justice-stories/749-keep-brandon-safe-bb/file>



### Domestic Violence Tears

*"It was raining hard in Monroe-hard enough to make noon look like 8:00 pm from where I sat looking out the window. That's why, when she came in the door to my office, I thought it was rainwater on her cheeks. But no, Madeline had been crying for quite a while, and for good reason. She was a young, single mother trying to put herself through Med School."*

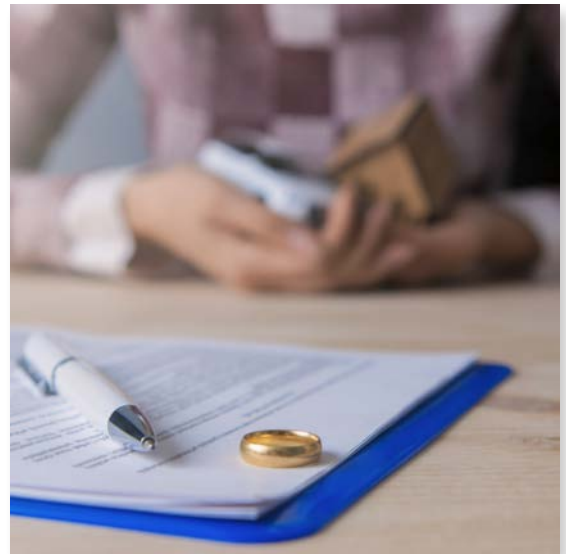
Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/about-us-documents/2020-21-speak-out-for-justice-stories/751-domestic-violence-tears-bb>



## The Never-ending Case

*"Sometimes at Legal Aid, there's not a clean ending to a case. Sometimes, a case will just keep coming back up, year after year. It's our job to help the client, because otherwise they would lose by attrition. That's how it was for Mrs. Geraldine Wedgewood. I had represented Mrs. Wedgewood the year before, in a custody case against her ex-husband."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/about-us-documents/2020-21-speak-out-for-justice-stories/753-the-never-ending-case-bb>



## The Absurd Case

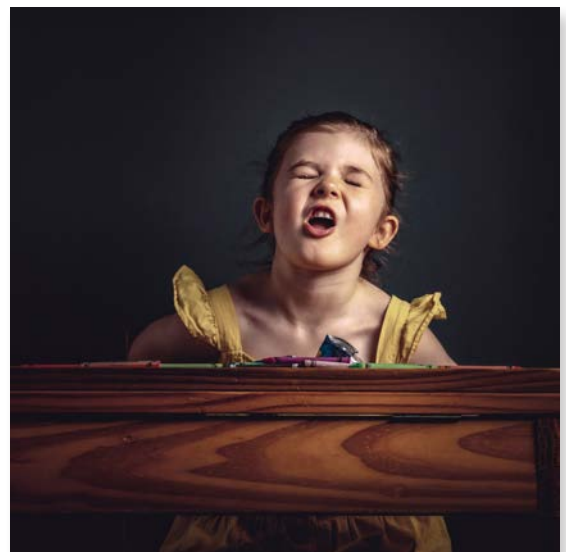
*"Occasionally, a case will cross my desk that just makes me want to laugh at its absurdity. Unfortunately, a filed petition always has to be taken seriously; otherwise, your client could lose without a fight. One cold day in December, Mrs. Marie Jacobson came to my office. Her husband had filed for divorce against Mrs. Jacobson, based on allegations of adultery."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/about-us-documents/2020-21-speak-out-for-justice-stories/755-the-absurd-case-bb>

## Emma's Game

*"NO! NO! NO!" wails a child's voice directly outside the courtroom door. The sound, and the clearly evident distress echoes throughout the room. "I want to play my game!" she shrieks. The Judge stops in mid-sentence and stares at me. "Is that your client, Counselor?" she asks. "Yes, Your Honor, that is Emma. I spoke with her before court. If you will allow me a moment, I will try to find out what's wrong."*

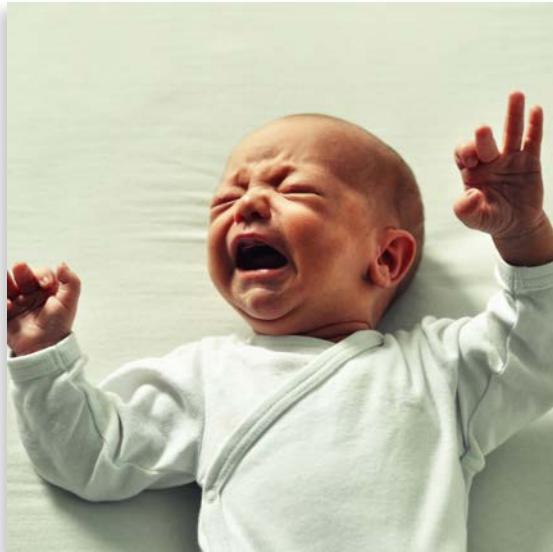
Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/about-us-documents/2020-21-speak-out-for-justice-stories/761-emma-s-game-eb>



## Jeffery's Mom

*"I want to speak to the Judge, and I want to be in the courtroom for the trial," said thirteen-year-old, Jeffery. I could tell he was trying to be nonchalant, but stress radiated from off of him in waves. "I have already told the Judge that you wish to speak to him and to be in the courtroom. We are meeting him in his chambers before court starts," I said.*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/about-us-documents/2020-21-speak-out-for-justice-stories/763-jeffrey-s-mom-eb>



## Shattered

*"Both of Riley's wrists and his left ankle were broken. His skull was fractured in multiple places. The physician stated that it was the worst he had ever seen. His skull was almost shattered." I closed my eyes briefly before I continue. "He had HEALING rib fractures as well as four new broken ribs. At the time, Riley was seven weeks old. All he ever knew was pain."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/about-us-documents/2020-21-speak-out-for-justice-stories/765-shattered-eb>

## The Grandmother

*"Please, Judge," whispers the wizened old woman with the nut-brown eyes. "I need to be with my grandchildren. I have been the only stable person in their lives, all their lives." I think of the five young children who were extraordinarily bonded to each other and their grandmother. The problem is the grandmother's husband - who by all accounts takes excellent care of his wife and the grandchildren."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/about-us-documents/2020-21-speak-out-for-justice-stories/767-the-grandmother-eb>





## PSA: Why We Need Civil Legal Aid

This Public Service Announcement (PSA) from one of our creators, NOLASOME, outlines the vital need for civil legal aid services for those who cannot afford them.

Watch the PSA here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qifOhBNjgE0>



## PSA: Who Civil Legal Aid Helps

This Public Service Announcement highlights how important civil legal aid services are for those suffering from civil cases of child custody, domestic violence, and natural disasters.

Watch the PSA here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRMzWrT8YwM>



## PSA: Shop Through Amazon Smile

DYK? You can support those in need of critical civil legal aid services through shopping Amazon Smile? Check out this Public Service Announcement to learn how!

Watch the PSA here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyD8yGcowBo>



# STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2023 VISION

- Fully operational technology hub increasing online access tools for the public in conjunction with all courthouses.
- Better informed state bar association, judiciary, and legislature of the LBF mission and impact.
- Continued funding from the state and \$15 million in funds under management. Diversified sources of revenue.
- Refined criteria on grant recipients leading to greater return on investment and impact.
- Incubate/support and mandate that grantees use best practices in governance, technology, and other support services.
- Educate agencies and organizations serving our common populations on the role of LBF, including legislature, business, and other philanthropic organizations. Close external relationships with influencers who understand our mission.
- Increased inclusive BOD that reflects the diversity of Louisiana.





# IOLTA

## Interest On Lawyer Trust Accounts



On January 3, 2008, the Louisiana Supreme Court granted the petition filed by the Louisiana Bar Foundation amending the LSBA Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.15 Safekeeping Property, IOLTA Rules. The new rule was effective on April 1, 2008.

### PRIME PARTNERS

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



#### Statewide Prime Partner Banks:

Capital One  
Chase  
IberiaBank

#### Prime Partner Banks in your area:

Bank of Sunset & Trust Co. (Lafayette)  
BankPlus (Baton Rouge)  
Basile State Bank (Eunice)  
Caldwell Bank & Trust Co. (Columbia)  
Century Next Bank (Ruston)  
Citizens Bank & Trust of Vivian (Vivian)  
Citizens Progressive Bank (Columbia)  
Citizens Savings Bank (Bogalusa)  
Community First Bank (New Iberia)  
Concordia Bank & Trust Co. (Vidalia)  
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 Guaranty Bank (Hammond)  
First National Bank of Benton (Benton)  
First National Bank USA (Boutte)  
Franklin State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)  
Gibbsland Bank & Trust (Gibbsland)

Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)  
Gulf Coast Bank (Abbeville)  
Gulf Coast Bank & Trust (New Orleans)  
Hibernia Bank (New Orleans)  
Hodge Bank & Trust Co. (Hodge)  
Home Bank, N. A. (Lafayette)  
Lakeside Bank (Lake Charles)  
Marion State Bank (Marion)  
Merchants & Farmers Bank & Trust Co. (Leesville)  
Patterson State Bank (Patterson)  
Peoples Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)  
Southside Bank (Tyler, Tx)  
St. Landry Homestead, FSB (Opelousas)  
The Cottonport Bank (Cottonport)  
Vermilion Bank & Trust Co. (Kaplan)  
Washington State Bank (Washington)  
Winnsboro State Bank & Company (Winnsboro)



## 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)	Investar Bank (Baton Rouge)
American Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)	Jackson Parish Bank (Jonesboro)
ANECA Federal Credit Union (Shreveport)	JD Bank (Jennings)
Anthem Bank & Trust (Plaquemine)	Jefferson Financial Credit Union (Harvey)
BancorpSouth (Baton Rouge, Monroe, Shreveport)	Jonesboro State Bank (Jonesboro)
Bank of Abbeville & Trust Co. (Abbeville)	Landmark Bank (Clinton)
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. (Crowley)	Liberty Bank & Trust Co. (New Orleans)
Bank of Erath (Abbeville, Delcambre)	MC Bank & Trust (Morgan City)
Bank of Gueydan (Gueydan)	Metairie Bank & Trust Co. (Metairie)
Bank of Louisiana (New Orleans)	Mississippi River Bank (Belle Chasse)
Bank of Montgomery (Montgomery)	Mutual Savings & Loan Association (Metairie)
Bank of Oak Ridge (Oak Ridge)	Origin Bank (Ruston)
Bank of St. Francisville (St. Francisville)	Ouachita Valley Federal Credit Union (W. Monroe)
Bank of Winnfield & Trust Co. (Winnfield)	Plaquemine Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)
Bank of Zachary (Zachary)	Rayne State Bank & Trust Co. (Rayne)
Beauregard Federal Savings Bank (DeRidder)	Red River Bank (Alexandria)
Business First Bank (Baton Rouge)	Regions Bank (Statewide)
Campus Federal Credit Union (Baton Rouge)	Resource Bank (Covington)
Capital Bank, N. A. (Rockville, MD)	Sabine State Bank (Many)
Carter Federal Credit Union (Shreveport)	Simmesport State Bank (Simmesport)
Catahoula Bank (Jonesville, Jena)	St. Landry Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)
Citizens Bank & Trust (Mandeville)	South Lafourche Bank (Larose)
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)	South Louisiana Bank (Houma)
Citizens National Bank, N.A. (Bossier City)	Southern Heritage Bank (Jena)
City Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)	State Bank & Trust Co. (Golden Meadow)
Commerce Community Bank (Oakgrove)	Synergy Bank (Houma)
Community Bank of Louisiana (Mansfield)	Tensas State Bank (Newellton)
Cross Keys Bank (Tallulah)	The Bank (Jennings)
CSE Federal Credit Union (Lake Charles)	The Evangeline Bank & Trust Co. (Crowley, Ville Platte)
Delta Bank (Ferriday)	The First National Bank of Jeanerette (Jeanerette)
Farmers-Merchants Bank & Trust Co. (Breaux Bridge)	The First, A National Banking Association (Iberville)
First American Bank & Trust (Vacherie)	United Community Bank (Gonzales)
First American Trust (California)	Xplore Federal Credit Union (Formerly Shell Credit Union, New Orleans)
First Federal Bank of Louisiana (Lake Charles)	
First National Bank in DeRidder (DeRidder)	
First National Bank Arcadia (Ruston)	
First National Bank of Louisiana (Crowley)	
Florida Parishes Bank (Hammond)	
Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (Delhi)	
Hancock Whitney (Gulf Coast Area)	
Heritage Bank of St. Tammany (Covington)	
Home Federal Savings & Loan (Shreveport)	
Homeland Federal Savings Bank (Columbia)	



# 2021 ANNUAL FELLOWS GALA

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The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) celebrated its 35th Annual Fellows Gala on April 23 honoring 2020 Distinguished Jurist Guy P. Holdridge, 2020 Distinguished Attorney Linda Law Clark, 2020 Distinguished Professor Donald W. North, and 2020 Calogero Justice Award Recipient Hon. William J. Knight. We also honored the 2019 honorees: 2019 Distinguished Jurist Robert H. Morrison III, 2019 Distinguished Attorney Marcus V. Brown, 2019 Distinguished Attorney Mary Terrell Joseph, 2019 Distinguished Professor John M. Church, and 2019 Calogero Justice Award recipient, Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson (Ret.). Recognition was 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.

The Annual Fellows Gala is the LBF's largest annual fundraiser and was a hybrid event at Antoine's Restaurant. An outstanding mix of judges, attorneys, and law professors from across the state, were in attendance to support the LBF's mission. For more information go to [www.raisingthebar.org/gala](http://www.raisingthebar.org/gala).





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***The Louisiana Bar Foundation membership, referred to as Fellows, consists of judges, lawyers, academia, and individuals whose professional, public and private lives demonstrate their commitment to ensuring access to the justice system for all.***

Fellows support the LBF mission and agree to make an annual dues payment or unrestricted donation in the amounts outlined below:

### **Levels of Fellowship:**

- Edward Douglas White Fellow (\$5,000 or more annually)
- Edward Livingston Fellow (\$1,000-\$4,999 annually)
- Pierre Derbigny Fellow (\$500-\$999 annually)
- Louis Moreau-Lislet Fellow (\$200-\$499 annually)
- Academic Fellow (\$150 or more annually) Full-time Louisiana law school professor
- Judicial Fellow (\$150 or more annually) Full-time federal or state judge, magistrate, commissioner, administrative law judge, or hearing officer
- Public Service Fellow (\$150 or more annually) Full-time employee of a public interest organization or a governmental agency
- Civil Legal Aid Fellow (\$150 non-attorney membership level) Individuals who support the LBF's mission and are not an attorney
- Young Lawyer Fellow (\$100 or more annually) Meets the criteria of the LSBA Young Lawyers Section

Benefits of Fellowship include committee participation and leadership, professional development and networking, invitations to special events and meetings, participation in annual nominations for Louisiana's distinguished jurist, attorney, and professor awards, recognition of one's contribution to the profession, alliance with the Foundation's mission, and association with an organization directly impacting the legal profession.



## 2020 DISTINGUISHED JURIST

### Guy P. Holdridge

Judge Guy P. Holdridge serves on the First Circuit Court of Appeal. Judge Holdridge previously served as a District Judge of the 23rd Judicial District Court. He served as a district court judge since 1991 and chief judge numerous times. Judge Holdridge earned a B.A. Degree from Louisiana State University in 1974 and a J.D. in 1978 from the LSU Law Center where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and the Louisiana Law Review. While in law school, he had two of his articles published in the Law Review. He is a member of the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame.



Judge Holdridge serves on the adjunct faculty of LSU Law Center where he teaches LA Civil Procedure. He is on the committee for the LSU Trial Advocacy Program. Judge Holdridge is the 2021 editor of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure published by Thomson Reuters. He is a long-time member of the council of the Louisiana Law Institute and is now serving as the Director of the Institute. He is also a member of the Childrens Code, Child Custody, Expropriation, Prescription, Bail Bonds, Summary Judgment, Civil Procedure, Recusal, and Adult Guardianship Committees of the Law Institute. He is the past reporter of the Expedited Jury Trial Committee, Summary Judgment, and Bail Bonds Committees. He is also currently serving as the acting reporter for the Criminal Law and Procedure. He is a past president of the Louisiana District Judges Association, a member of the Executive Committee and a past Chairman of the District Judges Best Practices Committee and led the effort to have Judges Bench Books developed for trial judges of the state.

He was also part of the mentoring program of the District Judges Association. He is the past President of the First Circuit Judges Association. He is a member and past president of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Judicial College. Along with Professor Corbett, he is the co-chair of the Judicial College/LADC Torts conference. He is a frequent speaker at Judicial College programs at the Summer school, Evidence and Procedure and the spring and fall conferences. He is a member of the Louisiana Supreme Courts Strategic Planning committee and Jury Instructions Committee. He is a frequent speaker at the Attorney Generals Program for Justice of the Peace and Constables. Judge Holdridge has spoken at various LSBA programs. He is also a yearly speaker for the Young Lawyers of the Baton Rouge summer CLE program. In June of 2018, Judge Holdridge was awarded the Catherine D. Kimball Award for the Advancement of the Administration of Justice presented by the Louisiana Bar Association. He was also awarded the Presidents Award by the Baton Rouge Bar Association. In 2020, Judge Holdridge was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the LSU Law Center.

## 2020 DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY

### Linda Law Clark

Linda Law Clark is a partner in the firm of DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP. She and her family moved to Baton Rouge, LA in 1977. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1972 from Wells College in Aurora, New York. She attended the Paul Hebert Law School at LSU, served on the LSU Law Review and graduated in 1993, Order the Coif. She worked as a solo practitioner until joining Winston G. DeCuir, Sr. in 1995 where they formed DeCuir and Clark, L.L.P. As an experienced Trial attorney in State and Federal Courts, her principal areas of practice are general civil litigation, administrative hearings for quasi-governmental and governmental bodies, education, employment law and public finance.



Prior to law school, she served in a variety of paid and voluntary non-profit organizations, focusing on health, education, children and womens issues. She served in multiple capacities on executive committees of different non-profit organizations in the State over the last forty years, including Louisiana PTA, Louisiana League of Women Voters, the YWCA, Presbytery of Louisiana and Louisiana Girl Scouts. She was named a Woman of Distinction by Girl Scouts Louisiana East in 2013.

As an attorney, she has served on executive committees in various capacities with Inns of Court, the Baton Rouge Bar, the Louisiana State Bar and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. She was recognized as the inaugural recipient of the Louisiana State Bar David Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003. She has actively volunteered as a pro bono attorney over the years, proudly accepting recognition of one of the first attorneys in the Baton Rouge Bar to receive the 1000 Hour Award. In 2018 she had the honor of serving as President of the Baton Rouge Bar Association.

She has been married for over forty-nine years to her husband Christopher Clark, is the proud mother of two children, Andrew and Samantha, and grandmother to grandson Luke and granddaughters Anson, Lacie and Ella.

## 2020 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

### PROFESSOR DONALD W. NORTH

Vice Chancellor Donald W. North, Colonel North, the Johnny Cochran Endowed Law Professor at Southern University Law Center (SULC) received his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and Bachelors Degree in Political Science from Grambling State University. He received his Juris Doctorate Degree from the Southern University Law Center in 1983.

Vice Chancellor North accepted a commission in the Army ROTC Program where he was first branched as a military police officer before being selected as an officer to join the Judge Advocate Generals Corp. He is currently retired from the United States Army, where he received numerous acknowledgments and awards. He is one of the first African American Louisiana Army Judge Advocate General Reservists to be promoted to the rank of Full Colonel.

After serving active on duty during Desert Storm One, Professor North returned to Louisiana to serve as a prosecutor in the Criminal Division of the Louisiana Department of Justice, handling cases in all 64 Louisiana parishes.

In 1998 he was offered a position as a Clinical Professor at SULC, before becoming Director of Clinical Education. Professor North left the Law Clinic in 2013 to become the Director of the Pro Bono Project. In 2015 he began serving as the Director of Experiential Learning and in 2019 Professor North was promoted to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

Professor North is a member of the American Legion, a three-time member of the Board of Governors, the Law Institute and the Public Defender Board. He serves the Shady Grove First Missionary Baptist Church as Servant Treasurer and Deacon. He works as a volunteer with the Zachary Food Bank; and has served as an Ad Hoc Judge on many occasions in Baton Rouge City Court and operates a client community service program.

He has been married for over thirty-four years to the love of his life, Dr. Jyotibala Joy North, and has two children, Kimberly and Donald.



## 2020 CALOGERO JUSTICE AWARD

### Hon. William J. Knight

Judge William J. Rusty Knight began his legal career in 1976. He graduated from LSU Law School where he was Order of the Coif and a member of the Louisiana Law Review. He was an associate with Hudson, Potts, and Bernstein in Monroe, LA from 1976-1979.

He then served as an Assistant District Attorney for Washington and St. Tammany Parishes from 1979-1985. After that tenure, he opened a private law practice, handling both civil and criminal matters. In January 2003, he took office as district judge of the 22nd Judicial District Court, Division J. Judge Knight has presided over juvenile and child in need of care proceedings and a section of adult Drug Court, in addition to his civil and criminal dockets.

Most recently, Judge Knight worked to establish the 22nd Judicial District Courts ReEntry Court. In November 2015, the Louisiana Supreme Court requested that Judge Knight create Key Components and Best Practices to be followed by Louisiana ReEntry Courts. That work was presented to and adopted by the Louisiana Supreme Court in 2016.



## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

### 2021 President's Award

Alan G. Brackett, the managing member of Mouldoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett in New Orleans, received the prestigious Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) President's Award from 2020-21 LBF President Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr.

The 2021 President's Award was given to Brackett in recognition of his outstanding support, dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Brackett has been a LBF Fellow since 2001 and has served for many years on the LBF Greater Orleans Community Partnership Panel. He has served as a member on the Grants, Development, Gala, and Communications Committees. He is a current member of the LBF Board of Directors and was recently inducted as the 2021-22 vice president.





## 2021 CURTIS R. BOISFONAINE TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD

### Timothy G. Schafer

Timothy G. Schafer, founder of the firm Schafer & Schafer, LLP is the recipient of the 2021 Louisiana Bar Foundations (LBF) Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award.

Mr. Schafer is receiving this award in recognition of his long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants, and all counsel. This award carries a cash stipend to any non-profit law related program providing services in the state of Louisiana; Mr. Schafer has selected Southeast Louisiana Legal Services to receive the \$1,000 stipend to be donated in his name.

Mr. Schafer graduated from Loyola School of Law and served in the United States Army for two years before beginning the active practice of law. His trial experience involved insurance personal injury litigation, ranging from death, brain injuries, serious burns, and quadriplegia, and insurance bad faith, massive fires, hurricane damage, contracts, coverage issues, product liability, premises liability, property disputes, and construction matters. He served as the President of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and has participated as a lecturer / instructor in many trial advocacy seminars.





# KIDS' CHANCE

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 2020-21 academic year, \$37,500 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 8 deserving students.

## 2020-21 KIDS' CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tyler Byrd, Pearl River  
Katelyn Cobbs, Hollister, MO  
Matthew Garrett, Montegut  
Mason Graham, Luling  
Blake Ledet, Houma  
Breanna Leleaux, Lafayette  
Hallie Rogers, Patterson  
Derek Trouard, Baton Rouge

## KIDS' CHANCE AWARENESS WEEK

National Kids' Chance Awareness Week was November 9-13, 2020. We celebrated Kids' Chance Awareness by asking Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards for an official "Kids' Chance Awareness Week" proclamation. We also received donations and sent care packages to our 2020-21 scholarship recipients.

## 2020-21 KIDS' CHANCE DONORS

Heather Angelico  
Wilton E. Bland III  
Patricia Bonneau  
Alan Brackett  
Guy Carpenter  
Brandy Citizen  
EIG Services  
Amy Fisher  
Deborah Frese  
Joni Freibert  
Wendy Giovingo  
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# 2021 AUDIT

**LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,776,174	\$ 1,395,550
Certificates of deposit	13,319	87,321
Investments	13,351,258	8,618,284
Contributions receivable	3,372,844	3,351,389
Prepaid expenses	15,314	10,331
Promises to give - less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$0 and \$3,750	<u>10,000</u>	<u>29,500</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 18,538,909</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 13,492,375</u></u>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES:</u></b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 80,243	\$ 69,322
Grants payable	7,058,447	7,376,517
Other liabilities	<u>23,103</u>	<u>24,120</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u><u>7,161,793</u></u>	 <u><u>7,469,959</u></u>
 <b><u>NET ASSETS:</u></b>		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	(3,301,444)	(3,043,982)
Board designated		
Operating reserve	8,948,356	7,413,390
Endowments	<u>1,224,034</u>	<u>960,728</u>
 Total without donor restrictions	 <u><u>6,870,946</u></u>	 <u><u>5,330,136</u></u>
 With donor restrictions		
Purpose restricted		
Donor designated	3,845,465	12,075
Endowments	<u>660,705</u>	<u>680,205</u>
 Total with donor restrictions	 <u><u>4,506,170</u></u>	 <u><u>692,280</u></u>
 Total net assets	 <u><u>11,377,116</u></u>	 <u><u>6,022,416</u></u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u><u>\$ 18,538,909</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 13,492,375</u></u>