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President's Message

Amanda W. Barnett
2019 - 20 President

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

For 30 years, this organization has been a reliable source of funding for civil legal aid helping the most vulnerable Louisiana citizens acquire housing, gain healthcare, find employment, win protective orders against domestic abusers, and keep families together. As the poverty levels rise and the funding for civil legal aid decreases, the LBF is dedicated to finding new sources of funding for civil legal aid. This year, the LBF leadership has focused on raising civil legal aid awareness and education benefiting Louisiana's legal aid network.

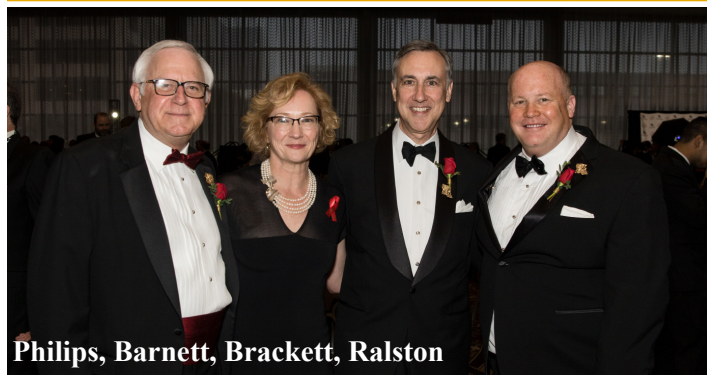
In 2018, the LBF hired Tech Consultant Amanda Brown, a former ABA Tech Fellow, to develop the Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator, an online legal information access portal that uses artificial intelligence and curated experiences to help people diagnose their legal problems and easily access legal aid services and in May of this year we launched the Lagniappe Law Lab. The Lab is a technology focused non-profit that provides in-house service delivery consulting to civil legal aid organizations, and facilitates the design, development and implementation of new legal aid technology projects. It is also a home for existing technology programs, such as the Civil Legal Navigator. Through a special grant to The Lab, we are continuing our investment in the future of civil legal aid technology.

We engaged 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.

The LBF's online presence is essential to increasing awareness, providing information and resources. The website was completely redesigned with a clean, modern look. We have also incorporated social media as a means of keeping our Fellows, grantees, and the public up to date on the civil legal aid work being done across the state.

The LBF also hosted the Civil Legal Aid Strategic Communications Training presented by Voices for Civil Justice. The training was designed to help the Access to Justice Commission partners gain the tools needed for consistent messaging for our civil legal aid network

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Barnett is General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Red River Bank and Red River Bancshares, Inc., with corporate offices in Alexandria. Prior to joining the bank, Ms. Barnett was with Gold, Weems, Sues, Bruser & Rundell where her practice focused on general corporate law and commercial litigation. She has a B.A. in English Literature from Newcomb College of Tulane University, and a J.D. from Louisiana State University.

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Ralston is a litigation partner and litigation group coordinator at Phelps Dunbar LLP. His practice is focused on business disputes, including litigation of real estate, intellectual property, tax and licensing disputes. He received his undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and his law degree from Tulane University Law School.

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Brackett is a member of Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett in New Orleans, where his practice is focused on representing maritime clients in transactions and defense of personal injury claims. He also manages the firm’s workers’ compensation defense group, which includes federal longshore and Defense Base Act claims as well as claims under the War Hazards Compensation Act. He obtained both his B.A. and J.D. from Tulane University.

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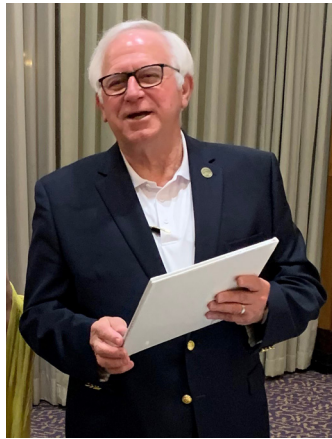
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2020 President's Award

Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr., a partner in the law firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, L.L.P. in Baton Rouge received the prestigious Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) President's Award from 2019-20 LBF President Amanda W. Barnett.

The 2020 President's Award was given to Philips in recognition of his outstanding support, dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Philips has been a LBF Fellow since 1997, has served on many LBF committees over the years including Building, Grants, Budget, Communications, and Investment. He is a current member of the LBF Board of Directors and was recently inducted as the 2020-21 president. He is dedicated to advancing the LBF goals of funding civil legal aid and promoting access to justice.



Due to the pandemic, the 34th Annual Fellows Gala that was originally set for April 3, 2020, was Cancelled. The honorees for that year, the 2019 Distinguished Jurist Robert H. Morrison III; Distinguished Attorney Marcus V. Brown; Distinguished Attorney Mary Terrell Joseph; Distinguished Professor John M. Church; and Calogero Justice Award recipient Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson (Ret.) were celebrated at the 35th Annual Fellows Gala with the 2020 honorees.

2019 Distinguished Jurist



Robert H. (Bob) Morrison III

Raised in Kingsport, Tennessee, Judge Robert H. Morrison III attended Rhodes College and graduated from the LSU Law Center in 1970. He spent 17 years in a general practice of law, was past president of the local bar associations, and served on the House of Delegates of the Louisiana Bar Association.

He was first elected to the bench in the 21st Judicial District and has served 32 years as a district judge, 29 of which as chief judge of the court. He began the first drug court program in the district and continues to preside over that program. He played a key role in working toward the construction of the new courthouse in Livingston Parish.

He was the recipient of the Bar Foundation's 2013 Calogero Justice Award and is a fellow of the LBF. He is a past president of the Louisiana District Judges Association and has served for more than 20 years as its legislative chair and liaison. He has also served as chair of the Louisiana Law Institute's Criminal Justice and Procedure Committee. He presently sits as a member on the

Governor's Justice Reinvestment Initiative Oversight Council.

He was a member and past chair of the Louisiana Judiciary Commission, past chair of the Judicial Council's Committee to Evaluate Judgeship requests, serves on the Supreme Court's budgetary control board and has served on the board of the Louisiana Judicial College and the Judge's Supplemental Compensation Committee.

Judge Morrison has been married to the former Linda Eisworth for over 43 years, has two sons, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He is a member of the Live Oak United Methodist Church, where he sings in the choir and teaches Sunday School classes.

2019 Distinguished Attorney



Marcus V. Brown

Marcus V. Brown is Executive Vice-President and General Counsel for Entergy Corporation. In this capacity he provides advice and counsel to the Board of Directors, Chairman and CEO and the executive team. He also leads the corporation's Legal; Ethics and Compliance; Corporate Communications; Federal Policy, Regulatory and Governmental Affairs; Corporate Social Responsibility; Sustainability and Environmental Policy; and Corporate Security and Governance groups.

Marcus is also a member of the Energy Insurance Mutual Board of Directors, the Tulane University Center for Energy Law Advisory Board, and the Louisiana State University John P. Laborde Energy Law Center Advisory Council. Prior to joining Entergy in 1995, he practiced with the New Orleans-based Stone Pigman law firm.

He received his B.A. from Southern University A&M College in 1985 and a Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center (SULC) in 1988, where he was a member of the Law Review. He received his MBA from the Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business in 2002.

Under his leadership, and in honor of the company's effective diversity and inclusion efforts, the Minority Corporate Counsel Association selected the Entergy legal department as its 2013 Employer of Choice-South Region.

This year he was honored with National Legal Aid and Defender Association Exemplar Award. He also received the New Orleans Bar Association President's Award in 2018. He was named to the SULC Alumni Hall of Fame in 2017. Marcus is married to the Hon. Nannette Brown, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. They have two adult children, Christopher and Rachel Brown.

2019 Distinguished Attorney

Mary Terrell Joseph



Mary Terrell Joseph, native of Shreveport, Louisiana, graduated in 1966 from Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia and began practicing law in Baton Rouge with the firm Joseph & Joseph after graduation from LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1970. In 1978 Mary joined the law firm Sanders, Downing, Kean & Cazedessus, where she remained until 1983 when she left to form the firm, Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph. In 1993, the firm merged with McGlinchey Stafford where she currently practices in the area of Creditor's Rights. In January 2005, Mary was appointed Judge, Pro-Tempore for the 19th Judicial District Court.

Legal honors include the Baton Rouge Banking and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year," Louisiana Super Lawyers (Banking); the "Crystal Gavel Award," and in Best Lawyers in America®.

Mary has been honored as a Volunteer Activist, an Olympic Torchbearer, a YWCA Woman of Achievement, and as a Leave a Legacy honoree. She has chaired the Capital Area United Way Board and Campaign, the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, Capital Area Network, the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, and the Leadership Baton Rouge Alumni Board. Mary also previously served on the Board of Directors for Baton Rouge Area Foundation Board, the Emerge Center, and many other boards.

As a member of a Baton Rouge Junior League study committee, she co-founded the Stop-Rape Crisis Center (now S.T.A.R.) and served on its Board of Directors in the 1970's. She has been an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church since 1967. She currently serves on the boards of the Foundation for Excellence in Louisiana Public Broadcasting, the LSU Museum of Art Advisory Board, and the Hollins University Board of Trustees.

2019 Distinguished Professor

John M. Church



Professor John M. Church is an associate professor of law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in Baton Rouge. He currently teaches courses in Torts, Products Liability, Antitrust Law, Wine Law, Toxic Torts, and Advanced Healthcare Law. Since 2014, Professor Church has directed LSU Law Center's Apprenticeship Week, a unique program designed to expose 2L and 3L law students to specialized areas of practice in a concentrated one-week courses. Professor Church also serves as a mentor for the Legal Methods program that is put together in order to help guide some 1L students.

In addition to his teaching at the Law Center, Professor Church travels statewide to teach Continuing Legal Education courses on Torts and Antitrust. He has traveled to Lyon, France on eleven different summers to teach law at the Université Aix-Marseille III, Aix-en-Provence, France, and Université Jean Moulin, Lyon, France. He is also co-author of two books "Tort Law: The American and Louisiana Perspectives" and "Louisiana Tort Law." He is a current member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Board of Governors and Strategic Planning Committee.

Professor Church received his J.D. from the University of Colorado and his M.S. in Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign and his B.S. in Economics from Central Michigan University. Prior to teaching at Louisiana State University Law Center, Professor Church was an associate at the Denver law firm of Davis, Graham, & Stubbs and also clerked for the Honorable Judge Robert H. McWilliams of the United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit Court.

Professor Church is an active member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. He has been married for seven years to his wife Karen and is the father of four children (Miranda, John Michael, Audrey, and Alex).

2019 Calogero Justice Award



Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson (Ret.)

Chief Justice Honorable Bernette Joshua Johnson (Ret.) is the Louisiana Supreme Court's 25th Chief Justice, its second female Chief Justice, and its first African American Chief Justice.

She is also one of the first two African American women to graduate from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Early in her career, while working as managing attorney at the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation (NOLAC), currently Southeastern Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS), she became a change agent, social justice advocate, and civil rights promoter. She represented the socio-economically deprived; advanced the rights of children; and gave voice to the poor, elderly, and disenfranchised citizens of New Orleans.

Prior to that while in law school, Chief Justice Johnson worked with the United States Department of Justice assisting with cases pertaining to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In 1984 Chief Justice Johnson became the first woman elected to serve as a judge on the Civil District Court of Orleans Parish; in 1994, she was elected Chief Judge. Later that year she was elected to serve as an Associate Justice on the Louisiana Supreme Court, and was re-elected without opposition in 2000 and 2010. In 2013, with seniority in years of service, she became the Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

She served on the National Campaign on Best Practices in the area of Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts. She has championed many successful initiatives including the training and certification of the Limited English Proficiency Interpreters in the courts and the implementation of the electronic filing system for the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Johnson is most proud of her family, which includes her son David Johnson, an accountant; her daughter, Judge Rachael Johnson, Civil District Court of Orleans Parish; her son-in-law, Telley Madina; and grandchildren, Neyah, Noah, Lacey, Byron, and Telley Jr.

2019 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award

Adrienne L. Baumgartner

Adrienne L. Baumgartner, a member of the Porteous Hainkel & Johnson Law Firm is the recipient of the 2020 Louisiana Bar Foundations (LBF) Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award.



Ms. Baumgartner is receiving this award in recognition of her 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; Ms. Baumgartner has selected Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany to receive the \$1,000 stipend to be donated in her name.

Her litigation practice areas are personal injury and insurance defense. Over the years her practice has also focused on the defense of insurance companies in bad faith/extra contractual cases. Adrienne has been a member of numerous Bar organizations including the Covington, New Orleans and Louisiana Bar Association. She serves on the Nominating Committee for the Louisiana State Bar Association as well as the Legislation Committee. She has served as a hearing officer for the Louisiana Disciplinary Board and is presently serving as a probation

officer and fee dispute arbitrator. In 2011 she was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers. She is a member of the West St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce. She serves on the Board of Directors of Support our War Heroes. Ms. Baumgartner has been a LBF Fellow since 2008 and serves on the Northshore Community Partnership Panel and Grants Committee.

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Pillar \$1,500	Hon. Mary Hotard Becnel Bourgeois Bennett, LLC Law Offices of Tim L. Fields	Fishman Haygood, LLP FRILOT L.L.C. Gouaux Law Firm	Kinchen, Walker, Bienvenu, Bargas, Reed & Helm, LLC Liskow & Lewis
Foundation \$500	22nd JDC Bar Association Paula A. Ates & Associates, L.L.C. Judge Roland L. Belsome, Jr. Patricia R. Bonneau Hon. Paula Brown In Memory of Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. Linda Law Clark	Hurlburt, Monroe & Ernest Patricia Krebs Lafayette Bar Association & Foundation Lasky Murphy LLC Suzanne & Bob Myers New Orleans Martinet Legal Foundation O'Bryon & Schnabel Porteous, Hainkel and Johnson L.L.P.	Deidre Deculus Robert Kara Hadican Samuels & Associates, LLC Keely Y. Scott STAG LIUZZA, LLC St. Martin and Bourque Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C. Strauss Massey Dinneen LLC David E. Verlander III
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LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION

FUNDING CIVIL LEGAL AID

2020-21

\$8.7 Million

for Social Justice Initiatives

as of 1/2021

Annual/Sustaining Funding

\$4,513,413

Building Capital Development

\$25,000

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.

Innocence Project New Orleans

\$25,000

Children's Legal Services

\$150,000

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

\$12,000

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

\$21,000

First Grace Community Alliance

\$17,000

Louisiana CASA Association

\$10,000

Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

\$25,000

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

\$10,000

T.E.A.M.S.

\$25,000

The Advocacy Center

\$30,000

Domestic Violence Programs

\$550,000

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

\$38,562

Chez Hope, Inc.

\$77,054

D.A.R.T. of Lincoln

\$39,295

Faith House, Inc.

\$37,524

Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana

\$33,739

Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse

\$24,337

Metro Centers for Community Advocacy

\$40,000

Oasis

\$22,033

Project Celebration, Inc.

\$40,000

Project SAVE

\$40,654

Safe Harbor

\$18,000

Southeast Spouse Abuse Program

\$16,270

St. Bernard Battered Women's Program, Inc.

\$24,729

The Haven, Inc

\$37,149

The Wellspring Alliance For Families

\$60,654

Law-Related Education

\$125,000

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

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation

\$25,000

Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center

\$20,000

Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge

\$10,000

Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education

\$35,000

LSBA Young Lawyers Division

\$10,000

Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany

\$25,000

Legal Services Corporations

\$2,800,000

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

\$1,423,344

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

\$1,376,656

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

\$63,413

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

\$400,000

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

\$35,750

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

\$45,000

Catholic Charities of North Louisiana

\$50,000

Frontline Legal Services, Inc.

\$50,000

Innocence Project New Orleans

\$60,000

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

\$17,750

Southwest Louisiana Law Center

\$25,000

The Advocacy Center

\$28,750

The Ella Project

\$12,000

Pro Bono Projects **\$400,000**

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	\$75,775
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$76,900
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$54,775
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$31,000
The Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$37,775
The Pro Bono Project	\$123,775

Child in Need of Care **\$3,100,672**

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 civil legal services within the state's civil justice system.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$250,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$250,000

Special Program and Project Funding **\$500,940**

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

Access to Justice Commission	\$55,000
Access to Justice Fund Grants	\$40,000
Regional Grantee Board & Staff Training	\$7,500
Lagniappe Law Lab	\$114,000
LouisianaLawHelp.org and Probono.net	\$13,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$144,000
Oral Histories	\$500
Pro Hac Vice	\$118,940
Statewide Case Management System	\$8,000

Scholarships and other funding projects **\$41,000**

Kids' Chance Scholarships	\$37,500
Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid	\$3,500

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 as of December 2020

Acadiana

CASA of SoLa	\$5,000
Chez Hope	\$5,000

Bayou Region

CASA of Terrebonne	\$3,194
Chez Hope	\$5,000

Capital Area

Chez Hope	\$5,000
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Central

Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project	\$3,500
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Greater Orleans

Oral History Project	\$500
Louisiana Fair Housing Action	\$9,500

Northeast

Pine Hills Advocacy Center	\$9,000
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Northshore

Children's Advocacy Center/Hope House	\$10,000
NAMI of St. Tammany	\$5,000
STARC of Louisiana	\$2,955
Oral History Project	\$1,045

Northwest

Gingerbread House	\$5,000
Volunteers for Youth Justice	\$5,000

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. 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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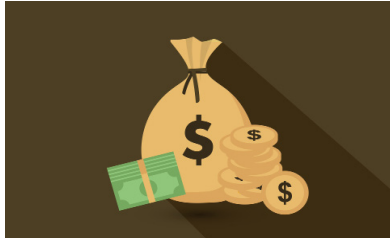
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And Justice for ALL

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Fellows Program

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



Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts - IOLTA

A 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

Kids' Chance provides higher education scholarships to children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently disabled.



Law Signature Schools Courtroom Project

The Law Signature Schools Courtroom Project is a bricks and mortar building program with Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education designated Law Signature Schools.



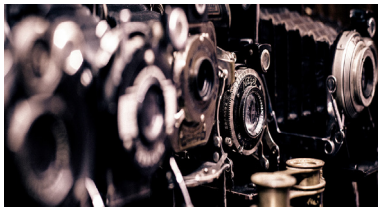
Lagniappe Law Lab

Lagniappe Law Lab is a new technology-focused resource serving Louisiana's civil justice system. The Lab will provide in-house service delivery consulting to civil legal aid organizations, and will facilitate the design, development, and implementation of new legal aid technology projects. It will also provide a home for and maintain existing technology programs, such as the Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator.



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.



Oral History Project

The LBF 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.



Pelican Center
for Children & Families

Pelican Center for Children and Families

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

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



Secret Santa

Needy children are paired with local attorneys who buy presents from a child's holiday wish list.



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)

Progressive Bank (Winnsboro)

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.

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



Educating Children of Injured Workers

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 2018-19 academic year, \$50,500 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 15 deserving students.

2019-20 Kids' Chance Scholarship Recipients

Tyler Byrd, Pearl River
Matthew Garrett, Montegut
Mason Graham, Luling
Andre' Hebert, Lafayette
Grant Klentzman, New Iberia
Quentin Leblanc, Paincourtville
Blake Ledet, Houma
Breanna Leleaux, Lafayette
Amanda Leger, Dry Creek
William Price, Bossier City
Darein Rixner, LaPlace
Griffin Rogers, Patterson
Hallie Rogers, Patterson
Derek Trouard, Baton Rouge

Thank You to the 2019-20 Kids' Chance Donors!

Chris Barbier
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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 2019 donating all proceeds to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program. At a ceremony prior to the golf tournament, LBF Kids' Chance presented mock checks to scholarship recipients and a certificate of appreciation was presented to LWCC.

2019 LWCC Golf Sponsors

Gold Sponsor

Guy Carpenter
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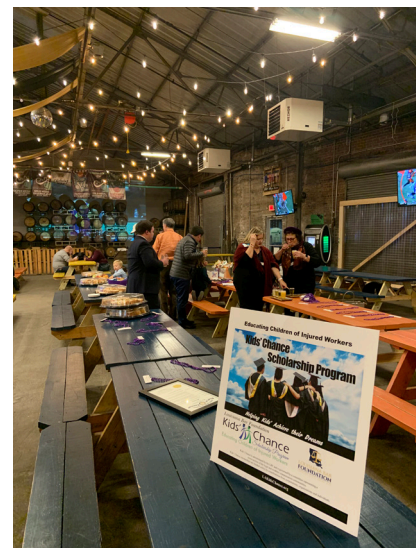
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Gravel Investigations
Hidalgo Health Associates, LLC
Northern Trust
The Barnett Company
Tower Hunter Inc.
Matthew Wemple



5th Annual Kids' Chance Awareness Week November 11-15, 2019

We mailed Kids' Chance Care packages to our 2019-20 scholarship recipients. Care packages were composed of gift cards, snacks, and company swag including umbrellas, thermal bottles, koozies, flash drives, chargers, water bottles, Tabasco, growable planters, pens, tablets and more from our donors. In addition, we received a Kids' Chance Awareness proclamation from Gov. John Bel Edwards office.

We celebrated Kids' Chance Awareness Week with two events, a "Thank You Breakfast" for the LWCC Golf Tournament volunteers; and a Kids' Chance "Meet and Greet" at Urban South Brewery in New Orleans.





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COVID-19 Legal Aid Success Stories

In the COVID-19 era, the Louisiana Bar Foundation civil legal aid network is among the first responders to those who need help navigating the legal system.

Unfair Eviction – Protecting Homes

Theresa*, a 37- year woman who was 7 months pregnant, was not able to work when her company closed due to COVID-19. The loss of income made it impossible for her to pay her March rent. She told her landlord about her dilemma and her landlord said she was willing to work with her. Shortly thereafter, Theresa got a phone call from a third party who told her that he had purchased the home from the landlord, was changing the locks, and that she would be evicted in two days. An Acadiana Legal Services Corporation attorney suspected that the “buyer” was a sham intended to get around the eviction moratorium in place. He informed Theresa’s landlord that by order of the Governor, evictions were illegal until May 15, 2020. The “misunderstanding” was quickly straightened out and Theresa continues to rent the home in accordance with the agreed-upon terms of the lease.

Domestic Violence - Protecting Families

Kelly Smith* endured years of abuse at the hands of her boyfriend. He berated her, beat her, and choked her. In the fall of 2019, when she was several months pregnant with their child, he threatened to kill her. In fear for her life, she finally broke of the relationship. She believed it was important for her child to have a relationship with his father, so she allowed him to have limited visitation.

In April, with the stay at home order still in place, the child’s father asked to deliver a gift to the child. As soon as he arrived, he snatched the child and fled. He refused to answer her phone calls or respond to any of her attempts to contact him. She called the police and was told they could not do anything without a restraining order from the court. With the help of a SLLS legal aid attorney, Kelly was able to obtain a temporary restraining order and her baby was safely returned to her.

Unemployment - Protecting Benefits

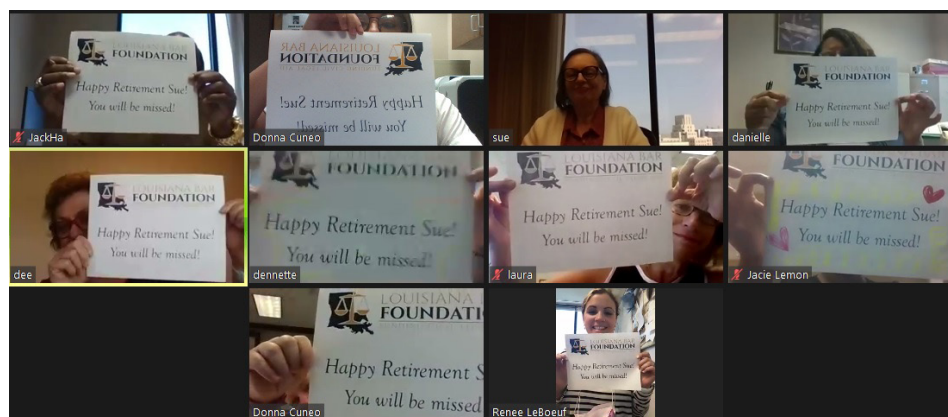
After spending months balancing several part-time jobs, Sharon Wise* was excited to start a new full-time job in January 2020. She was relieved that she would finally be earning enough money to meet her family’s monthly expenses. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit our state. In April 2020, Sharon was laid off.

She immediately applied for unemployment benefits hoping they would provide enough income to stabilize her family until she could get back to work. Weeks passed without any word on the status of her application. When she checked her application status online, she was shocked to find she had been disqualified. She was unable to resolve the problem and sought the help of a SLLS legal aid attorney. Within two days, the Unemployment Office removed Sharon’s disqualification and approved her for unemployment benefits.

** All names have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.*

Virtual Meetings

Due to the global pandemic that swept the world in early 2020, work-from-home operations began at the LBF. All in-person meets were conducted over Zoom and to keep morale up, the LBF staff started “LBF Staff 1/2 Hour Happy Hour”.



Louisiana Bar Foundation

Statements of Financial Position

<i>June 30,</i>	2020	2019 (as restated)
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,395,550	\$ 1,687,705
Certificates of deposit	87,321	90,974
Investments	8,618,284	7,597,698
Contributions receivable	3,351,389	2,820,853
Prepaid expenses and deposits	10,331	8,371
Total current assets	13,462,875	12,205,601
Non-current assets		
Property and equipment, net	-	-
Promises to give, long term - less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$3,750 and \$3,750	29,500	29,500
Total non-current assets	29,500	29,500
Total assets	\$ 13,492,375	\$ 12,235,101
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 69,322	\$ 13,565
Grants payable	7,376,517	7,349,738
Other liabilities	24,120	-
Deferred lease payable	-	7,003
Total current liabilities	7,469,959	7,370,306
Total liabilities	7,469,959	7,370,306
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	(3,043,982)	(3,144,631)
Board designated		
Operating reserve	7,413,390	6,301,877
Endowments	960,728	994,418
Total without donor restrictions	5,330,136	4,151,664
With donor restrictions		
Purpose restricted		
Donor designated	12,075	12,068
Endowments	680,205	701,063
Total with donor restrictions	692,280	713,131
Total net assets	6,022,416	4,864,795
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 13,492,375	\$ 12,235,101

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.