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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

## 2021-22 President Christopher K. Ralston



**It is my pleasure to report to you on the activities of the LBF during another challenging yet amazing year for the organization in terms of growth and mission delivery.**

For more than 30 years, the LBF has been a trusted authority and the state's largest funder of free 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.

**Prior year outcomes include but are not limited to:**

- direct legal representation of 4,401 children in need of care;
- restraining and protective orders for 2,498 domestic violence victims;
- direct legal services in 8,075 family law matters;
- direct legal services in 2,246 consumer health and protection matters; and
- direct legal services in 1,521 housing matters.

We financially supported the work in 23,143 client matters, in more than 100 types of cases, on behalf of eligible clients who live in poverty, resulting in a 918% return of investment with a net economic impact of \$64,823,000.

The LBF has made great strides towards its strategic plan 2023 vision through the heavy lifting and leadership of many dedicated volunteers. They have worked both tirelessly and in a selfless manner this year and I'm grateful for it, despite pandemic and hurricane impacts to their practices and homes.

The Communications and Education Committees, led by Judge John Davidson and Zeb Winstead, joined forces to implement the stakeholder plans developed with Spitfire Strategies over the past 18 months. While Communications created and designed content and messaging, Education focused on the marketing and delivery of messaging and outcomes. Several volunteers presented our CLE "Why the LBF is Good for the Profession" to various audiences including the state bar annual meeting. A new Policymaker Education Presentation is available for educational meetings with legislators identifying the use and client outcomes of state funding for civil legal aid. Additionally, two new educational programs were launched: (1) Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid engages content creators who develop a public awareness-focused or research-focused project to increase understanding of the need for civil legal

aid; and (2) Hall of Fame Spotlight honors the achievements of past presidents and others who have excelled in their service to the Foundation. The first Hall of Fame Spotlight was on the leadership of longtime Fellow and past president Judge Eldon E. Fallon, followed by a second LBF founder and once Executive Counsel Judge James Gulotta. A Marketing Plan to help educate agencies and organizations on the role of the LBF and the importance of civil legal aid is underway, building upon a robust social media presence on five platforms.

The Development Committee through the work of four subcommittees, led by Chuck Bourque, established the Civil Legal Aid Fellow for individuals who support the LBF mission and includes legal and business professionals and law students. Recruitment plans for both attorneys and non-attorneys were created and through the leadership of Judge Guy Bradberry, a significant number of Judicial Fellows are now actively involved with the Foundation's committees, programs, success stories, and board of directors. We have nearly 300 Judicial Fellows from across Louisiana. The Infinity Fund and Board Giving policies were adopted and new wealth screening software for major gifts prospect identification was utilized to screen approximately 11,000 donor records as we gear up for fundraising efforts this next year. Kids' Chance sponsorships and other events were developed and updated to replace the annual golf tournament along with a new and exciting Louisiana Worker's Compensation Corporation speaker series benefitting the scholarship program to the tune of \$43,000. The Gala continues to be the highlight and culmination of the Foundation's year-round efforts.

The Finance Committee led by Deidre Robert, continues to review the Foundation's operating performance quarterly and managed the completion of the annual audit and 990, engaging a new audit firm. The committee evaluated RFPs from in-state commercial banks and identified a new partner, Home Bank to assist with operating account and cash flow management. In conjunction with ongoing compliance reviews for the IOLTA program, two eligible financial institutions became certified as LBF Prime Partners during this fiscal year, increasing annualized IOLTA revenues by an estimated \$221,000.

The Governance Committee led by Skip Philips, provided ongoing review of existing policies, governing documents, and insurance coverages for the organization. The committee, with the joint efforts of staff developed a comprehensive Operations Manual to capture all internal operational details including an overview of responsibilities, efforts, policies, department roles, and to aid in the continued seamless function of the organization.



The Grants Committee led by Alan Brackett, transitioned three independent law school loan repayment programs and brought them in-house joining the existing Foundation program with civil legal attorney financial assistance provided by the Kendall Vick Fund. To refine grants criteria and right size our grants making, the grant application was refined to include additional questions focused on the return on investment and impact. Annual compliance reporting and review continued throughout the year. This year, a special effort to address rural legal deserts where legal resources are scarce was led by Board member Maggie Simar. Maggie engaged several of the Community Partnership Panels and organized the designation of discretionary grant funds to rural community providers to create access for people living in these high poverty areas.

The Grantee Training Committee led by Edmund Giering, provided additional resources to grantees through on-site audits, training seminars, and a new webinar to assist with completion of the grant application. The committee facilitated the second annual training focusing on board engagement in fundraising and fundraising communication. To maximize participation, the sessions were held over two-days and on-line. Recordings are available for staff and board members unable to attend the live sessions.

Through oversight by the Investment Committee led by Deidre Robert, funds under LBF management grew to \$14,051,349 as of March 31, 2022. The Committee conducts quarterly meetings with the Hancock Whitney Trust team to ensure long term financial stability of the organization and funding for grantees. Asset Management RFPs were issued and evaluated for the Louisiana Bar Foundation's investment portfolio and the organization will move forward with two management teams, Hancock Whitney and Raymond James.

In addition to the significant committee work, volunteer, and staff outreach to educate on the mission and services of the LBF is a top priority.

This most important work starts locally with the volunteer-led efforts of the Community Partnership Panels. The CPPs play such an important and critical role in community-based grassroots education and information sharing. They are the future lifeblood of this organization. They serve as local ambassadors for the board, recruit new members, nominate for board seats and distinguished honorees, and engage new and existing providers for seed funding. They do amazing work that allows us to deliver a statewide mission.

In October and November, the second annual Pop-Up Tour with both in-person and virtual participation continued with 9 regional events highlighting civil legal aid, increasing client needs, post pandemic and disaster impacts, and rural legal deserts.

Presentations featured the regional Community Partnership Panel chair, a local judicial officer, and local grantee. In March, the annual Past Presidents Advisory Council lunch was held allowing for many LBF past presidents to engage in current activities.

The Officers and Executive Director continue our strategic partner relationship efforts which include: (1) meeting with State administration to improve the delivery of legal representation to child and adult clients, (2) reporting to the Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court on operations, funding and program activities, (3) supporting legislative advocacy work led by Louisiana Appleseed and the ATJ Commission's effort to increase the State's general appropriation for adult civil legal aid representation services, and (4) initiating collaboration among providers, the Court and the Pelican Center for Children and Families to expand services to children and their families by improving data collection, quality assurance and federal reporting with the technical assistance of the Lagniappe Law Lab. The Lagniappe Law Lab, launched by LBF funding a mere three years, continues to excel in the provision and use of existing and new technology platforms and systems enhancements.

Lastly, the staff serves as the consistent body to keep things moving forward from year to year.

A restructure of the staff last July resulted in the creation of an Operations Department to ensure efficient and effective workflow with the day-to-day operations of the office within compliance with LBF policies and procedures. Expanded committee work resulted in the creation of new staff positions: Grants and Development Manager; Content and Design Manager; and Major Gifts Officer a fundraising consultant who will focus on the Infinity Fund and other fundraising goals set by the Board and strategic vision.

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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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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Judge Davidson is a 1988 graduate of the LSU Law Center. At LSU Law School, he was Order of the Coif and a member of Louisiana Law Review. He began his private practice in New Orleans working in the areas of complex commercial litigation and bankruptcy. In November 2004, he was elected Ninth Judicial District Judge in Rapides Parish.

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# LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION

FUNDING CIVIL LEGAL AID

2022-23

## \$ 9.1 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 \$111 million in grants to 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.

#### Access to Justice Fund Grants **\$50,000**

Promotes administration of justice and benefit Louisiana's statewide justice community. Initiatives for consideration must meet a least one of the following criteria:  
The advancement and maintenance of statewide technology  
The coordination of statewide intake and referral  
Disaster or emergency response.

#### Child in Need of Care (State/Federal) **\$3,420,000**

Through Acadiana Legal Services and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services this funding provides free legal representation to children in need of care, foster care and non-custodial.

#### Children's Legal Services **\$125,000**

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

Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$10,000
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 (Education)	\$7,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (Immigration)	\$8,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$22,000
The Advocacy Center	\$18,000

#### 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	\$34,500
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$60,000
D.A.R.T (Domestic Abuse Resistant Team)	\$35,000

Faith House, Inc.	\$38,000
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$40,000
Family Violence Program of St. Bernard	\$22,000
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$18,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$35,000
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

#### Kids' Chance Scholarships **\$31,000**

The Louisiana Bar Foundation Kids' Chance Scholarship Program is helping kids achieve their dreams. The 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 **\$90,000**

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

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$19,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$18,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$5,000
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$24,000
Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division	\$5,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$19,000

#### Legal Services Corporations **\$2,700,000**

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	\$1,407,767
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,292,233

#### Loan Repayment Assistance Program **\$95,734**

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.	\$51,250
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$40,000
Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$51,250

Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$17,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	
Wage Claim Clinic	\$11,250
NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$24,000
Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$26,250
The Advocacy Center	\$35,000
The Ella Project	\$13,250

### **Pro Bono Projects** **\$850,000**

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	\$166,954
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$85,000
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$126,454
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$110,557
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$123,444
The Pro Bono Project	\$237,591

### **Pro Hoc Vice** **\$95,000**

A portion of the fees collected by the Louisiana state courts through motions for pro hac vice admission filed by out-of-state lawyers not licensed to practice law in Louisiana are directed to the LBF for distribution for the Legal Service Corporation's programs providing civil legal aid in Louisiana.

### **Special Program and Project Funding** **\$653,000**

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

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### **Jock Scott Community Partnership** **\$180,000** **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 from the 2021-22 fiscal year, based on a \$90,000 budget.

#### **Acadiana**

Chez Hope	\$7,500
Vermillion 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**

Community Mediation Services	\$3,500
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$3,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$3,500

#### **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**

Family and Youth Counseling Agency, Inc.	\$10,000
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# PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

## INFINITY FUND



*To further our Mission, the LBF established the Infinity Fund, which will build an endowment to fully sustain annual operations. Once funded, this will allow every dollar of IOLTA, CINC, general legislative appropriations and other grants to be deployed to help those in need.*

*We are calling on the legal and justice community to donate to the Infinity Fund. Donations 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+

## LBF POP UP TOUR

The POP UP Tour is an opportunity to learn more about the important work of the LBF and the impact of civil legal aid in each community. President Chris Ralston highlighted the increased need for civil legal aid services throughout our state during the pandemic and hurricane recovery.

Each POP UP featured presentations from the region's LBF Community Partnership Panel chair, a local judicial officer, and local grantee. The judges highlighted the value of civil legal aid to the entire community. The grantees let everyone know how they are using LBF funding and the impact it had in the region. They also shared impactful stories and identified civil legal aid needs associated with recovery of multiple disasters.

At the Greater Orleans event Hon. Jay Zainey asked attendees, "How many of you went to law school because you wanted to change the world?" He followed with, "No one on earth can change the world, but we can do our part to change people's worlds."



Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid is a 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 2021-22 Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid:



### **Young Mother Learns Her Legal Rights**

*"When twenty-one-year-old Paige filed for custody of her one-year-old daughter, she asked for sole custody and supervised visitation, based on the father's drug addictions and frequent incarceration. However, she left out the worst of what had happened in her petition."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/A-Young-Mother.pdf>

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### **Looks Are Deceiving in the Case of an Abused Mother**

*"Although impeccably dressed for a protective order hearing, Ms. Scott was afraid to confront her abuser in court. She looked to her attorney and said, 'I cannot stop shaking. He looks sharp. Nobody is going to believe that he did these terrible things.'"*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Looks-Are-Deceiving.pdf>



### **A Family Divided**

*"I want to go home with my Mama", declared ten-year-old Matthew. I looked into the earnest blue eyes of a timid young boy. He asked, "Do you think the Judge will let me go home to my Mama?"*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/A-Family-Divided.pdf>



### **The Resiliency of A Child**

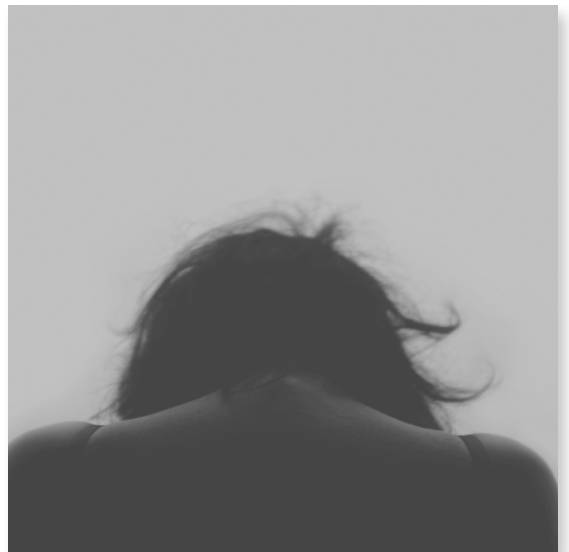
*"Hi, Max," I said, "My name is Elizabeth. I'm your lawyer. Do you know what a lawyer is?" His beautiful green eyes held an expression that no child should ever have. They were defiant, stoic, and indescribably sad all at once. He had his arm wrapped tightly around his young sister, Julie."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Resiliency-of-a-Child.pdf>

### **One Mother's Long Road to Victory**

*"Ms. Reed's story is similar to many other victims of intimate partner violence: authorities had no police reports, medical records, or contemporaneous photographic evidence against her partner. Her decision to stay in the relationship for more than a year seemed to discredit her."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Mother-Road-to-Victory.pdf>





### **Mother of Six Finds Safety in the Law**

*"Meet Ms. Turner - a mother of six children living on her own. With the well-being of her family in mind, Ms. Turner removed the father of her second youngest child from their home. The relationship was physically abusive. She chose not to allow him near the family - it simply was not safe."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Mother-of-6.pdf>



### **A Cycle Not Yet Broken**

*"Your Honor," said the caseworker. "Ziva has run away again. She started a trial placement but stayed only one night at her grandmother's house before she left again. We have reported her as a runaway. We have no idea where she is." The judge took a moment of pause and visibly inhaled deeply. Sadly, they replied, "Please let me know when you locate her."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/A-Cycle-Not-Yet-Broken.pdf>

### **An Unbreakable Sibling Bond**

*"Melissa! Sit up at the table properly and use your manners," instructed sixteen-year-old Samuel to his nine-year-old sister, Melissa. We were at a family visit. All three children were together for Melissa's birthday party. He smiled at Melissa affectionately and gently smoothed her hair. "Sit up in your chair and eat your cake," Samuel said in a kind but firm voice."*

Read the full story here: <https://raisingthebar.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Unbreakable-Sibling-Bond.pdf>



# 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

(as of July 2022)

Prime Partners are financial institutions that are committed to ensuring the success of the IOLTA program and increased funding for legal aid. Prime Partners agree to pay a Benchmark, Safe Harbor rate on all IOLTA accounts

#### Statewide Prime Partner Banks:

Chase  
Hancock Whitney  
First Horizon (formerly Iberia Bank)  
Regions Bank

#### Prime Partner Banks in your area:

Bank of Sunset & Trust Co. (Lafayette)  
BankPlus (Baton Rouge)  
Bank United, NA (New York)  
Basile State Bank (Eunice)  
Caldwell Bank & Trust Co. (Columbia)  
Catalyst Bank (formerly St. Landry Homestead, FSB (Opelousas)  
Century Next Bank (Ruston)  
Citizens Bank & Trust of Vivian (Vivian)  
Citizens Progressive Bank (Columbia)  
Citizens Savings Bank (Bogalusa)  
Community First Bank (New Iberia)  
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Crescent Bank & Trust (New Orleans)  
Esquire Bank (New York)  
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Farmers State Bank & Trust (Church Point)  
Fidelity Bank (Metairie)  
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First Federal Bank (Lake City, FLA)

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)  
Origin Bank (Ruston)  
Patterson State Bank (Patterson)  
Peoples Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)  
Southside Bank (Tyler, Tx)  
The Cottonport Bank (Cottonport)  
Vermilion Bank & Trust Co. (Kaplan)  
Washington State Bank (Washington)  
Winnsboro State Bank & Company (Winnsboro)



## ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS



(as of July 2022)

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)	Jackson Parish Bank (Jonesboro)
American Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)	JD Bank (Jennings)
ANECA Federal Credit Union (Shreveport)	Jefferson Financial Credit Union (Harvey)
Anthem Bank & Trust (Plaquemine)	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)	Louisiana National Bank (Ruston)
Bank of Gueydan (Gueydan)	MC Bank & Trust (Morgan City)
Bank of Louisiana (New Orleans)	Metairie Bank & Trust Co. (Metairie)
Bank of Montgomery (Montgomery)	Mississippi River Bank (Belle Chasse)
Bank of Oak Ridge (Oak Ridge)	Mutual Savings & Loan Association (Metairie)
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)	Progressive Bank (Winnsboro)
Beauregard Federal Savings Bank (DeRidder)	Rayne State Bank & Trust Co. (Rayne)
b1Bank (Baton Rouge)	Red River Bank (Alexandria)
Cadence Bank -formerly BancorpSouth (MS, Baton Rouge, Monroe, Shreveport)	Resource Bank (Covington)
Campus Federal Credit Union (Baton Rouge)	Sabine State Bank (Many)
Capital One (Regional)	Simmesport State Bank (Simmesport)
Carter Federal Credit Union (Shreveport)	St. Landry Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)
CLB The Community Bank (Formerly Catahoula Bank, Jonesville, Jena)	South Lafourche Bank (Larose)
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First American Trust (California)	
First Federal Bank of Louisiana (Lake Charles)	
First National Bank in DeRidder (DeRidder)	
First National Bank of Louisiana (Crowley)	
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Homeland Federal Savings Bank (Columbia)	
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# 2022 ANNUAL FELLOWS GALA

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The 36th Annual Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Fellows Gala was held Friday, April 22, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. The gala is the LBF's largest annual fundraiser and honored the 2021 Distinguished Jurist Carl J. Barbier; Distinguished Attorney Gordon L. James; Distinguished Professor Dian Tooley-Knoblett; and Calogero Justice Award recipient Hillar C. Moore III. 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. An outstanding mix of judges, attorneys, and law professors from across the state, were in attendance to support the LBF's mission.





# 2021 Distinguished Honorees and Calogero Justice Award Recipients

## Distinguished Jurist



### **Carl J. Barbier**

Carl J. Barbier currently serves as a judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans. Judge Barbier took the oath of office on October 12, 1998.

Prior to taking the bench Judge Barbier was a practicing attorney in New Orleans. He earned his law degree cum laude in 1970 from Loyola School of Law, where he was associate editor of the Loyola Law Review. He served as law clerk to Judge William Redmann, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, and to Judge Fred Cassibry, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

He is currently on the Board of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter and a fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Judge Barbier has served on the board of the Loyola Law Alumni Association for the past twenty years. He has served as an adjunct faculty member for Loyola's law school. In addition, he has taught hundreds of legal educational programs, including skills courses at the law school.

## Distinguished Attorney



### **Gordon L. James**

Gordon L. James is a senior partner at the law firm of Hudson, Potts & Bernstein in Monroe. He was admitted to the bar in 1979 and has practiced at Hudson, Potts, & Bernstein since that date. His primary practice areas are medical malpractice and products liability.

He graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Louisiana, Monroe in 1976, and then obtained his Juris Doctorate from Louisiana State University in 1979. He served on the Louisiana Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif.

During his years of practice, he has served as the President of the Fourth Judicial District Bar Association, as a Director in the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, and as a member of the LSBA CLE Committee. He has been selected as a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

## Distinguished Professor



### **Dian Tooley-Knoblett**

Professor Tooley-Knoblett is the Jones-Walker Distinguished Professor of Law at Loyola New Orleans College of Law. She received her J.D. from LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1980, where she served as Executive Editor of the Louisiana Law Review and graduated Order of the Coif.

Before joining the Loyola faculty in 1984, she served as law clerk to Chief Justice John A. Dixon of the Louisiana Supreme Court and was an attorney in the legal department of Shell Oil Company. She has taught over 20 common and civil law courses at Loyola and has received the "Best Professor" award numerous times. Her areas of expertise are Community Property, Louisiana Sales Law, Conflict of Laws and Civil Law Property. She has published in the areas of Louisiana property, sales and leases, community property, conflict of laws, and Louisiana water law.

Since 1987 she has participated in law reform in Louisiana as a member of the Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute and as a member of over 25 law reform advisory committees that have drafted legislation. She is also a founding member of the Louisiana Lawyer's Assistance Program.

## Calogero Justice Award



### **Hillar C. Moore III**

Hillar Moore is the District Attorney for the Parish of East Baton Rouge. Prior to taking office, he worked for 12 years as an investigator for the East Baton Rouge District Attorney's office. After law school, he maintained a private practice, specializing in criminal defense, for 16 years. Mr. Moore realized his goal of returning to the District Attorney's Office in 2009, when he took office. He has served as DA for 13 years and is currently in his 3rd term. He has brought many new and innovative ideas to the DA's office; he uses data-driven approaches to assist in prosecuting cases; and he consistently works closely with leaders in the community.



## 2022 President's Award

The 2022 President's Award was given to Maggie T. Simar and Zebulon M. Winstead in recognition of their outstanding support, dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) from 2021-22 LBF President Christopher K. Ralston.

### Maggie T. Simar



Maggie has been a LBF Fellow since 2010 and has been a member of the LBF board since 2020. Maggie serves on the membership subcommittee and has been a member of the Acadiana Community Partnership Panel since 2011. Maggie also serves on the Grants Committee as the CPP Subcommittee Chair, working with the nine panels to review funding recommendations. This year, Maggie also worked with the panels to identify potential programs and projects located in areas designated as legal deserts that are eligible for LBF panel funding.

### Zebulon M. Winstead



Zeb has been a LBF fellow since 2006 and has been a board member since 2018. Zeb serves on numerous LBF committees including Development, Grants, Governance and Investment in addition to serving as a member and chair of the Central Community Partnership Panel. He currently chairs the Education committee. Zeb is a generous donor and has been instrumental in working with the LBF to launch the LBF Infinity Fund, created to ensure that the LBF is able to meet staffing and operational expenses, in good economic times and in bad.





## 2022 Horn Blower Award



### **Hon. Guy Bradberry**

The 2022 Horn Blower Award was given to Hon. Guy Bradberry in recognition of his outstanding support and leadership in assisting the LBF in advancing an initiative, project from 2021-22 LBF President Christopher K. Ralston.

Judge Bradberry is with the 14th Judicial District Court, Division C, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He has been a LBF Fellow since 2002 and began serving as a board member in 2014. Judge Bradberry has served on the Kids' Chance Committee, and as a member and chair of the Southwest Community Partnership Panel since 2014. He has also served as a member of the development committee since 2019 and has served as chair of the membership subcommittee for the past two years, focusing on increasing LBF membership and outreach.

## 2022 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award



### **Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr.**

Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr., of counsel with Taylor Porter in Baton Rouge is the recipient of the 2022 Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award.

He received the 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. Philips has selected Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge to receive the \$1,000 stipend to be donated in his name.

He focuses his practice on state and federal civil trial and appellate litigation, including banking, commercial, insurance, personal injury, insurance coverage, and products liability cases. His practice also includes corporate law as counsel to several non-profit organizations.

The award was established through an endowment to the LBF in memory of Mr. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the LSBA and of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. Donations from Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, L.L.P., the Boisfontaine family and friends established the fund.



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## FELLOWSHIP

***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.



# 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 2021-22 academic year, \$37,500 in Kids' Chance scholarships were awarded to 8 deserving students.

## 2021-22 KIDS' CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tyler Byrd, Pearl River  
Katelyn Cobbs, Hollister, MO  
Matthew Garrett, Montegut  
Mason Graham, Luling  
Blake Ledet, Houma  
Breanna Leleaux, Lafayette  
Tyrann Nogess, New Orleans  
Hallie Rogers, Patterson

## KIDS' CHANCE AWARENESS WEEK

National Kids' Chance Awareness Week was November 8-12, 2021. Governor John Bell Edwards officially proclaimed Kids' Chance Awareness Week in Louisiana. We hosted a meet and greet party at Urban South Brewery to celebrate. Lunsford Baskin and Priebe presented LBF Kids' Chance with a \$5,000 mock check to celebrate their first year of committing to being a LBF Kids' Chance Dean's List Senior Sponsor. Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett hosted a Kids' Chance pizza party to raise funds for scholarships.

## 2021-22 KIDS' CHANCE DONORS

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# KIDS' CHANCE



Jim Hudak, Tyran Nogess, and LBF President Chris Ralston at Urban South.



Lunsford Baskin and Priebe presented LBF President Chris Ralston with a mock check at the Kids' Chance Awareness event at Urban South on November 10. L-R: Jennifer Priebe, June Lunsford, Rob Lunsford, and LBF President Chris Ralston.



LWCC presented LBF Kids' Chance with a mock check for \$43,000 at their inaugural speaker event. LBF leadership is pictured with some of the event's gold sponsors. Pictured L-R: Kelli April, Ringler Settlement Group; LBF Kids' Chance committee Co-Chair Patricia Bonneau; LBF 2021-22 President Chris Ralston; Rob Cowan, Brown & Brown; and Mark Romero, Brown & Brown.



We sent Kids' Chance Care Packages to all our scholarship recipients. The Kids' Chance Committee collected gift cards and goodies for scholarship recipients. Pictured L-R, Danielle Marshall, Laura Borchart, Monica Hof Wallace and LBF Kids' Chance Chair Patricia Bonneau.

# 2022 AUDIT



## Exhibit "A"

**LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 713,561	\$ 1,776,174
Certificates of deposit	-	13,319
Investments	12,570,284	13,351,258
Contributions receivable	328,650	3,372,844
Other receivables	726	-
Prepaid expenses	16,079	15,314
Promises to give	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 13,639,300</u>	 <u>\$ 18,538,909</u>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES:</u></b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 64,660	\$ 80,243
Grants payable	4,073,656	7,058,447
Other liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>23,103</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>4,138,316</u>	 <u>7,161,793</u>
 <b><u>NET ASSETS:</u></b>		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	(3,716,101)	(3,301,444)
Board designated:		
Operating reserve	8,077,412	8,948,356
Endowments	<u>1,023,207</u>	<u>1,224,034</u>
 Total without donor restrictions	 <u>5,384,518</u>	 <u>6,870,946</u>
 With donor restrictions:		
Purpose restricted:		
Donor designated	3,426,591	3,845,465
Endowments	<u>689,875</u>	<u>660,705</u>
 Total with donor restrictions	 <u>4,116,466</u>	 <u>4,506,170</u>
 Total net assets	 <u>9,500,984</u>	 <u>11,377,116</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u>\$ 13,639,300</u>	 <u>\$ 18,538,909</u>

