

## News Release

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### LBF Announces 2023-24 Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid Contributors

Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid is a program of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Education Committee. The LBF simultaneously engages multiple content creators for this program seeking proposals for Public Awareness and Research. The purpose of this program is to support the LBF's educational goals. See the contributors selected by the LBF Education Committee-

- **Lance Arnold** is a tenured professor at Nicholls State University. He teaches broadcasting, journalism, new media, advertising, and documentary filmmaking. He is also a documentary filmmaker, drone pilot, and new media consultant. Mr. Arnold is a native of New Orleans. His project will increase visibility and understanding of the vital need for civil legal aid services for those who cannot afford them through a social media campaign.
- **Shiena Marie N. Burke** is an Associate in the New Orleans office of Lewis Brisbois and a member of the Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith Litigation Practices. Prior to joining Lewis Brisbois, Shiena Marie held a federal clerkship with the Department of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges for two years. She then moved to private practice to defend clients in Longshore, Defense Base Act and Black Lung litigation. Ms. Burke's project will increase awareness regarding the need for civil legal aid for veterans.
- **Louisiana Appleseed** Solves our state's toughest problems at the root cause by advocating for access to justice, opportunity, and education. They build bridges between vulnerable communities and an extensive network of pro bono professionals to develop meaningful and sustainable solutions that help equity take root. Louisiana Appleseed's project is partnering with LBF to produce a video regarding heirs' rights.
- **Josephine Vanderhorst** is an alumna of Tulane University Law School, received her bachelor's degree from Tuskegee University and master's degree from Argosy University. She has worked in child welfare for eight years and is certified as a Trust Based Relational Intervention practitioner. Ms. Vanderhorst's project will increase public awareness and understanding of child welfare cases within the civil legal aid network with a focus on pre-removal and post-removal scenarios and emphasize the critical role of legal aid services in safeguarding children's rights and welfare.

The completed projects will be available later this year on our website. [Click here](#) to view previous Speak Out for Justice content.



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*[Louisiana Bar Foundation](#) is the state's largest funder of civil legal aid. We partner with a trusted network of 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.*

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