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“Equal justice under law is not merely a caption on the facade of the Supreme Court building; it is perhaps the most inspiring ideal of our society...It is fundamental that justice should be the same, in substance and availability, without regard to economic status.”

*Lewis F. Powell, Jr.
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of the United States
1972 - 1987*

LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION’S MISSION

The Louisiana Bar Foundation exists to preserve, honor, and improve our system of justice by funding, developing, or otherwise promoting efforts which enhance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system and advance the reality of equal justice under the law.

The Louisiana Bar Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) entity organized under the state of Louisiana, operating as the largest state funder of civil legal aid.

LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION

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 \$102.3 million to hundreds of Louisiana non-profit organizations.

The LBF strives to present a complete and accurate list of donors. This publication reflects support from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. If a mistake has been made in your listing, we sincerely apologize and ask you to contact our office at (504) 561-1046 or membership@RaisingTheBar.org so we may correct our records.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Alan G. Brackett, 2022 - 23 President



The LBF has been fortunate to have extraordinary leadership over the past three decades and I'm humbled to serve. As the foundation has matured, it's time to take the next steps to ensure its mission is fulfilled, both today and in the future. In the coming year, our Board will be focused on institutional advancement. Raising funds to support the operations of the LBF is critical to ensure that the funds in our care—whether from IOLTA accounts, Children in Need of Care funding, the general appropriation from the legislature, or other sources—can go directly to provide legal services to the tens of thousands of people in need in our state.

Civil legal aid is free legal advice, representation or other legal assistance provided to low-income and vulnerable people who cannot otherwise afford legal help. The number of our citizens facing life changing challenges increases every day. Through no fault of their own, more families find themselves qualifying for civil legal aid. Without civil legal assistance these Louisiana citizens often experience serious consequences, including losing custody of their children, being evicted from their homes, being subject to domestic violence, and struggling to recover from natural disasters.

The LBF remains the trusted authority for 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 citizens gain access to the legal system.

As a high poverty state with ever-limited resources, Louisiana's civil justice system has been in crisis for years. The tremendous economic fallout from the pandemic has had a devastating impact on Louisiana's civil legal aid network and drastically increased the number of people who cannot afford legal help.

This year we will work towards increasing grant funding and services in communities statewide. We will strive to expand the delivery of legal representation to civil legal aid clients, supporting the civil legal aid network and our strategic partners, while reducing the LBF administrative cost footprint so more grant funding and services flow into communities statewide.

We are working towards providing support to rural community providers to create access for people living in Civil Legal Resource Deserts. These are high poverty areas where access to free civil legal services is more than a 45-minute drive. Distance, coupled with high poverty rates and a lack of internet access, put these regions at the top of the list in need of access to legal services and resources.

Our Pop Up Tour will start back up in September. LBF leadership will visit each region of our state and highlight civil legal aid, increased client needs, and legal deserts. These events will include our regional Community Partnership Panel chairs, local judicial officers, local grantees, and other local leadership. I hope you'll join us at one of our regional events.

We have strategic partnerships with the Louisiana Supreme Court, the ATJ Commission and we continue to work with the Governor's office and the legislature to improve the delivery of legal representation across the state. To expand LBF's reach, we are working directly with local and specialty bars and other organizations with similar missions and goals as the LBF.

We are working to expand services to those served by civil legal aid organizations by improving data collection, quality assurance and federal reporting with the technical assistance of the Lagniappe Law Lab. Launched with LBF funding, Lagniappe Law Lab continues to excel in creating and improving technology to help deliver civil legal aid.

Our newly established Infinity Fund is designed to provide long term support for LBF operations and meet all the administrative expenses of awarding and monitoring grant awards. This fund will ensure that LBF can meet staffing and operational expenses so that every dollar received for civil legal aid can be granted to our statewide partners and additional services provided for our vulnerable population.

Every day attorneys across this state help Louisiana by helping others. The LBF is the premier public service organization of Louisiana attorneys. Membership in the LBF is a statement of commitment to fairness and equal access to justice for everyone in our state. I hope you will become a part of the LBF. Become a Fellow, join a committee, attend your local Pop-Up event, and support our Infinity Fund. Our work is important to so many people, and while we have an outstanding professional staff, the work of the LBF requires the support and efforts of members of the bar.



**LOUISIANA BAR
FOUNDATION**
FUNDING CIVIL LEGAL AID

2023-24

\$ 12.7 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 \$118.8 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 benefits Louisiana's statewide justice community. Initiatives for consideration must meet at least one of the following criteria: The advancement and maintenance of statewide technology, the coordination of statewide intake and referral, or disaster/emergency response.

Disability Rights Louisiana	\$6,000
Lagniappe Law Lab	\$25,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$19,000

Building Capital Development \$195,892

Grants up to \$50,000, on a 50% ratio matching basis, to current grantees with the purpose of assisting in the acquisition or renovation of an office building and/or property.

Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$7,500
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Baton Rouge	\$47,269
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$30,000
Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation	\$39,425
The Haven	\$50,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$12,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$9,698

Child in Need of Care \$3,084,853

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

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$2,109,8503
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$975,000

Children's Legal Services \$300,000

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	\$22,181
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$27,181
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$65,000
Disability Rights Louisiana	\$42,181
First Grace Community Alliance	\$40,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$40,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (Education)	\$18,330
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (Immigration)	\$12,946
T.E.A.M.S.	\$32,181

Domestic Violence Programs \$1,100,000

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	\$49,483
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$121,137
D.A.R.T (Domestic Abuse Resistant Team)	\$72,915
Faith House, Inc.	\$70,791
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$67,492
Family Violence Program of St. Bernard	\$35,000
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$25,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$95,000
Oasis A Safe Haven	\$30,000
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$105,000
Project SAVE	\$133,426
Safe Harbor	\$20,000
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$26,000
The Haven, Inc.	\$118,000
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$130,756

Jock Scott Community Partnership \$225,000

Identify and fund needs in the local communities. Grants are awarded throughout the year.

Kids' Chance Scholarships \$38,000

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 \$250,000

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

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$39,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$28,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$50,000
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$77,000
Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division	\$17,000
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$39,000

Legal Services Corporations \$4,000,000

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	\$2,064,185
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$1,935,815

Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$90,500

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides forgivable loans of up to \$7,500 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF. Recipients identities are kept confidential.

Louisiana Housing Corporation Funding \$333,333

Funding is for education, counseling, and direct representation aiding impoverished citizens in matters of title clearing (as it relates to homeowner foreclosure), foreclosure prevention, mediation, and mortgage loan modifications.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$110,000
Lagniappe Law Lab	\$44,370
Louisiana Appleseed	\$60,940
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$118,023

My Community Cares \$375,000

The LBF supports the MCC Program which strengthens families and prevents child abuse and neglect preventing the need for foster care. Funding is for full-time attorney positions fully dedicated to MCC work.

Shreveport Bar Foundation – Caddo	\$75,000
The Extra Mile – Lafayette	\$75,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law – Orleans	\$75,000
The Wellspring Alliance for Families – Ouachita	\$75,000
Fostering Community – Rapides	\$75,000

Other Legal Service Providers \$700,000

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	\$123,655
Catholic Charities of North Louisiana	\$78,600
Disability Rights Louisiana	\$75,000
Frontline Legal Services, Inc.	\$60,000
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$30,000
Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$157,365
Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights	\$24,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law	
Wage Claim Clinic	\$17,180
NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$79,200
Southwest Louisiana Law Center	\$30,000
STARC of La., Inc.	\$10,000
The Ella Project	\$15,000

Pro Bono Projects \$1,250,000

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	\$189,806
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$93,744
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$144,807
Northeast Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$107,656
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$200,306
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$106,284
The Pro Bono Project	\$407,397

Pro Hac 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 \$615,343

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

Lagniappe Law Lab	\$415,343
Louisiana Appleseed	\$200,000

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STORIES OF JUSTICE

By channeling financial contributions, the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) plays a pivotal role in bolstering civil legal aid programs across Louisiana, particularly those dedicated to domestic violence prevention initiatives. Given the sensitive nature of domestic violence incidents, timely assistance is paramount. Creating a safe and supportive environment often begins with the immediate provision of aid, such as facilitating a necessary separation between a victim and their abuser. Your financial gifts contribute significantly to this critical first step toward ensuring the safety and well-being of those affected.



Ann was found hiding from her abuser in an abandoned house with no utilities. She contacted one of the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Community Partners for help. Local law enforcement and our Pro Bono Partners were able to locate a temporary safe shelter for Ann. However, due to Ann's multiple disabilities and not meeting the age requirement for senior citizen facilities, she had tremendous difficulty in finding housing.

Besides the emotional and physical toll of her abuser's cruelty (which left Ann with sustaining injuries from incidents such as being pushed out of a moving car), Ann was also facing legal repercussions from her divorce. The abuser had purposefully stalled the divorce proceedings by giving our Pro Bono Attorney Partners incorrect information as well as filing for the divorce through different parishes. The attorneys were able to file a motion to have a Curator appointed so that the divorce could be finalized.

As our partners worked hard to provide Ann with an apartment, they faced more challenges as her abuser stalked and sent death threats to Ann. Immediately, our partners arranged for her to be transported to a nearby shelter for safety. Once it was safe to return, Ann moved into her apartment. By this point, her abuser had moved out of state. Our Pro Bono partners got Ann the divorce she needed, and Ann was finally able to achieve her housing and legal protections.

To read more Stories of Justice and how your contributions are put to work:
www.RaisingTheBar.org/vsg9

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK



2,498

domestic violence victims aided



4,214

children in need of care helped



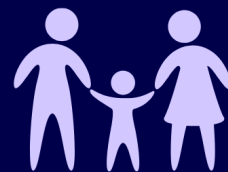
2,246

consumer health and protection matters addressed



1,521

housing challenges solved



8,075

family law issues resolved

KIDS' CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program is the state chapter of a national organization that awards 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.

Each year one of every 50 Louisiana workers will be injured on the job. Some of these work accidents will result in death or permanent and total disability. Families of these individuals will face difficult challenges as they struggle to overcome the financial burden of these losses. Often a child's dream of going to college is crushed because of unexpected income loss and/or the necessity to forfeit an education for work to financially support other family members. To these children, the future can appear frightening. Already confronting difficult emotions, they often have to confront the hurdle of funding their education beyond high school.

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THE KIDS: 2022-23

Ashlynn, Prairieville

Ashlynn's father was severely burned in an industrial work accident. He died three hours later.

Blake, Houma

Blake's father, a pilot, died in a helicopter crash.

Emma, Baton Rouge

Emma's father was at work, on his way to install a generator. He was riding a motorcycle to the job site when he was killed in a horrible accident.

Hallie, Patterson

Hallie's mother was a high school teacher, trying to break up a fight between students, she was injured and permanently and totally disabled.

Katelyn, Hollister, Missouri

Katelyn's dad died of blunt force head injury when he fell while working on a drilling rig.

Kailey, Gramercy

Kailey's father became permanently and totally disabled during combat while serving in the U. S. Army in Afghanistan.

Matthew, Montegut

Matthew's father ruptured the L4-L5 disc in his back while working. He has undergone extensive physical therapy and multiple surgeries, but the injury has disabled him.

Tyran, New Orleans

Tyran's dad was at work when the car he was in plunged from the 5th floor of the parking garage. He died instantly on impact.

Skyler, Baton Rouge

Skyler's mother became permanently disabled while lifting a very heavy object at work. She suffered torn back muscles, bulging discs and nerve damage.

SPEAK OUT FOR JUSTICE! FOCUS ON CIVIL LEGAL AID

Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid is a program of LBF's Education Committee. The purpose of this program is to support the LBF's educational goals. The LBF simultaneously engages multiple content creators for this program focusing on:

- public awareness of the vital need for civil legal aid services for those who cannot afford them and
- research to measure the effectiveness of ongoing civil legal aid programs.

2022-23

**JUVENILE JUSTICE STORIES WRITTEN BY
ELIZABETH BROWN, ATTORNEY**

PATRICIA

"I'm so proud of you!" I whisper to Patricia.
The bailiff announces, "All rise."

The Judge seats herself on the bench and I know I am still smiling. "Call your next case, Counsellor," she states to the District Attorney.

I wait impatiently for the case to be called and for all counsel to make their appearances. The caseworker testifies to the history of this case and how Patricia entered into the State's custody. Finally, the Judge turns to me and says, "Do you have anything to add. Counsellor?"

"Yes, Your Honor," I said. "As you know, Patricia and her infant son, Karson, came into the state's custody when she was sixteen. While, of course, it hasn't been easy for her, she was placed in an excellent foster home. The foster mom allowed Patricia the freedom to be a child on the one hand while still making her responsible for caring for her own baby. Both Patricia and Karson have thrived in this placement. Karson is now two and next week, Patricia graduates from high school with honors. She has already agreed to remain in extended foster care so that the State can pay for her college education. Her current foster family has agreed to allow both her and Karson to remain in their home until Patricia can finish school and completely support herself and her baby on her own!"

Suddenly, the court room erupts into applause. The Judge spent several minutes congratulating Patricia and the foster family for all their support. I wait until the courtroom door closes behind them before I turn to the Judge and say, "Well, that one certainly was a win!"

MICAH

"You don't understand," urgently whispered twelve-year-old Micah. He has huge liquid brown eyes and a smile that I was sure must light up the world. But he isn't smiling now. His hands shake and his eyes continually dart around the room in hyper vigilance. Or maybe not. Maybe this is his normal survival mode.

"I love my mom but she is crazy. Especially when she is high or drunk. She beats me with belts, extension cords or anything she can get her hands on. I'm the oldest so I always hide my little brother and sister until she passes out or leaves. Please, please, please tell me I don't have to go back home with her! I just can't take it anymore. I have told my family and other people how she is, but no one ever believes me. They just say I'm a spoiled kid and that's why I'm always in trouble with her" Desperation and panic roll off of Micah in waves, almost a viable presence.

"Micah," I said, as I gently placed my hand on his shoulder, "I need you to calm down, okay? I am going to go into the courtroom now and see the Judge. Can I tell the Judge what you told me? Do you want to be present in the courtroom?"

He suddenly became deadly still and stared at me. "Wait," he said as a look of wonder crossed his face. "You mean you believe me? You don't think I just made all this up?"

It almost takes my breath away to realize what this child has endured. After looking at the physical evidence that corroborates his story, all I can think about is that no child should have to live through the things he has survived. And not just survived himself, but protected his younger brother and baby sister from the worse of the abuse.

"Yes, Micah," I softly said. "I believe you. And you know what else I believe - that you are an incredibly brave boy and a great brother. " I saw tears well in his eyes. I could tell that he was thinking of his brother and sister as he squares his shoulders. Suddenly, his hands were no longer shaking as he looked me in the eye and said, "I can do this. I have to for my little brother and sister. Yes, I want to be in the courtroom, and you can tell the Judge what I told you."

Learn more about Speak Out For Justice!, how to apply, and guidelines by visiting
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2022 CALOGERO JUSTICE AWARD



Hon. Ivan L.R. Lemelle
United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Calogero Justice Award recipient Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle was appointed in 1984 to serve as a U.S. magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. In 1998, President Clinton appointed him to U.S. District Judge with unanimous consent of the Senate. He assumed senior judge status in 2015. In his 48 years of judicial service, he expresses appreciation for members of the bench, bar and community who promote diversity, equity, inclusion and access to justice, especially for marginalized and underserved persons. He has been involved in several professional and community organizations, including the Federal Judicial Center's Advisory Committee

for the Guide to Judicial Management of Cases in Alternate Dispute Resolution; president of the U.S. 5th Circuit District Judges Association; president of the Loyola College of Law Thomas More Inn of Court; Federal Bar Association New Orleans Chapter Board of Directors; trustee on the American Inns of Court Foundation Board; and member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Diversity in the Judiciary and its CoLap Commission.

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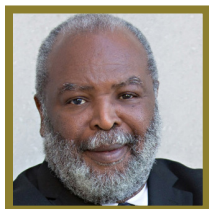


Andrea Beauchamp Carroll
LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Distinguished Professor Andrea Beauchamp Carroll is the associate dean for Student & Academic Affairs and the Donna W. Lee Professor of Family Law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Before joining the LSU Law faculty, she clerked for Judge W. Eugene Davis of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and worked as an associate at the Dallas law firm of Baker Botts, LLP. In 2003, she returned to LSU Law, where she teaches and writes about family law, community property and property. She is active in law reform in Louisiana as a member of the Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute and the Institute's Property, Children's Code

and Adult Guardianship Committees. She has led successful legislative reforms in the areas of domestic violence, child relocation, spousal support, surrogacy and community property rights.

2022 DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY



Leo C. Hamilton
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Distinguished Attorney Leo C. Hamilton, a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., practices in the areas of labor and employment law, administrative law, constitutional law and governmental relations. He earned his JD degree in 1977 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He has served as vice president of the Louisiana State Law Institute, president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and president and board member of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. He was a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

2022 DISTINGUISHED JURIST



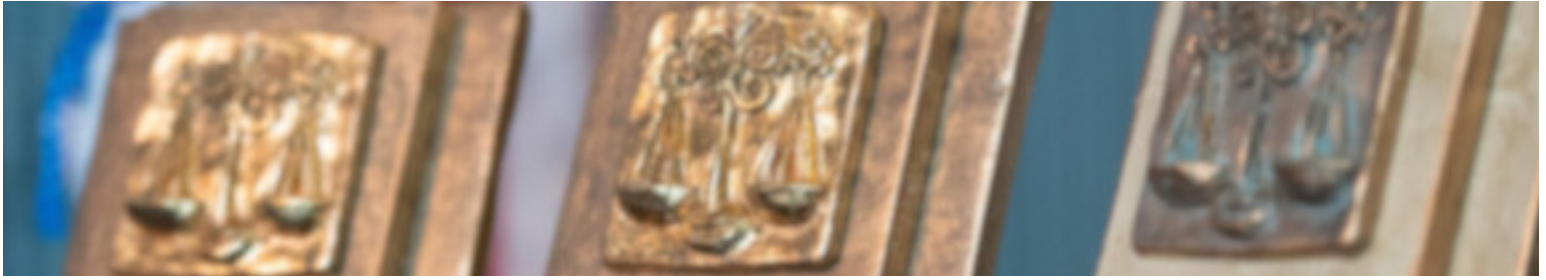
Hon. Richard T. Haik, Sr. (Ret.)
United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana

Distinguished Jurist Richard T. Haik, Sr. served as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in Lafayette from his appointment in 1991 until his retirement in 2016. He served as chief judge from 2002-09. He received a BS degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and his JD degree in 1975 from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. He was elected as a state court judge in the 16th Judicial District Court in 1984, after practicing law in his hometown of New Iberia. As a trial judge for 30 years, he conducted countless settlement conferences, with the ability to broker amicable settlements in the most

complex matters. He now has a mediation practice, through his of counsel position at Morrow, Morrow, Ryan, Bassett & Haik and as a mediator with Perry Dampf Dispute Solutions.



AWARDS



2023 PRESIDENT'S AWARD



David E. Verlander III

The 2023 President's Award was given to David E. Verlander III in recognition of his outstanding support, volunteer service, dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the LBF from 2022-23 LBF President Alan G. Brackett during the Annual Fellows Membership Meeting on Friday, April 21.

Verlander, with the Law Offices of McLeod Verlander in Monroe, has been a LBF Fellow since 1995. He served on the Grants Committee and has been a member of the Northeast Community Partnership Panel for many years and currently serves as chair. This year, he was instrumental in leading the effort to activate the Northeast Louisiana Bar Foundation to establish an organized pro bono project in collaboration with the 4th Judicial District Bar. He is supporting the LBF mission to preserve, honor, and improve our system of justice by funding, developing or otherwise promoting efforts which enhance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system, and advance the reality of equal justice under the law.

2023 CURTIS R. BOISFONTAINE TRIAL ADVOCACY AWARD



Henry C. "Hank" Perret, Jr.

Perret 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; he has selected Lafayette Parish Bar Foundation to receive the \$1,000 stipend to be donated in his name.

He has engaged in the private practice of law in Lafayette for more than 40 years with a concentration on commercial litigation and general business matters. He has guided clients in the purchase and sale of hundreds of companies in numerous industries and had the pleasure of representing numerous law firms in their business and litigation concerns. His trial experience includes lawsuits involving contractual rights, corporate, banking, unfair trade practices, environmental, trusts, employment, and insurance issues.

He was a founding member of the Community Foundation of Acadiana, Miles Perret Cancer Services, and Crossroads Catholic Bookstore and has chaired the boards of the Louisiana State Board of Ethics, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Ascension Day School, and St. Mary Mother of the Church Parish Council.

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.

2023 HORN BLOWER AWARD



Louisiana Supreme Court

The 2023 Horn Blower Award was given to the Louisiana Supreme Court in recognition of outstanding support and leadership in promoting the mission to advance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system, and advance the reality of equal justice under the law by 2022-23 LBF President Alan G. Brackett. Chief Justice John L. Weimer, Justice Piper D. Griffin, and Justice James T. Genovese accepted the award on behalf of the court.

POP UP TOUR



The LBF Pop Up Tour is a comprehensive outreach initiative covering 9 regions across the state. Its primary objective is to provide valuable insights into the operational framework of the LBF, shed light on the escalating demand for civil legal aid, and how the LBF is trying to meet these needs. This tour serves as a crucial platform for fostering public understanding and engagement.

This year, in partnership with the Kids' Chance Scholarship Program and Kids' Chance Awareness Week, we invited scholarship recipients to speak on behalf of their experiences with the LBF.



Photos from left to right: Southwest-- Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient, Jennifer "Dani" Trombatore and LBF President, Deidre Deculus Robert. Acadiana-- Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient, Tyran Nogess and LBF President, Deidre Deculus Robert. Capital Area-- Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient, Dereck Trouard. Northshore-- Billy Dutel. Orleans-- Hon. Ivan L.R. Lemelle. Bayou Region-- Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice, John Weimer, LBF President, Deidre Deculus Robert, and LBF Board Member, Charles C. Bourque. Central-- LBF Vice President, Hon. John C. Davidson (Ret.). Northwest-- LBF President, Deidre Deculus Robert, Kids' Chance Scholarship recipient, Christina Martin, Adrienne D. White, Hon. Marcus L. Hunter. Northeast-- Adam Cossey

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To learn more about becoming a Fellow and helping underserved communities overcome economic barriers to justice visit, www.RaisingTheBar.org/fellowship.

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“In my personal and professional life, I try to live the mission of the Louisiana Bar Foundation each and every day! As the primary funder of civil legal aid, and more particularly, by providing support and representation in legal deserts such as St. Martin Parish, the LBF is a pivotal partner in improve our system of justice. The family court process could not function without the community partnerships that the LBF funds and for that reason, the LBF and its partners is an essential part of providing families with rapid resolution in these highly-emotional but vastly important cases. ”

Maggie Trahan Simar



“The Louisiana Bar Foundation plays an integral part of our legal system by providing the necessary means to individuals who otherwise would not be able to advance their legal action in a court of law. The Foundation further gives civil litigants the opportunity to receive equal justice and representation to all people. By supporting the Louisiana Bar Foundation, we are assisting civil litigants regardless of background the chance at getting to the podium in the courtroom.”

Hon. Roger Hamilton

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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. He moved to Alexandria in 1992 and continued his private practice in the areas of commercial litigation, general defense work, personal injury, and domestic law. In November 2004, he was elected Ninth Judicial District Judge in Rapides Parish.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 608,164	\$ 713,561
Investments	23,277,348	12,570,284
Contributions receivable	164,733	328,650
Other receivables	1,026	726
Prepaid expenses	22,144	16,079
Promises to give	108,782	10,000
Property and equipment, net	6,405	-
Operating right-of-use assets	<u>291,204</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 24,479,806</u>	 <u>\$ 13,639,300</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES:</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 106,472	\$ 64,660
Grants payable	6,948,142	4,073,656
Operating lease liabilities, net	<u>291,204</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>7,345,818</u>	 <u>4,138,316</u>
 <u>NET ASSETS:</u>		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	-	(3,716,101)
Board designated:		
Operating reserve	10,912,773	8,077,412
Endowments	<u>1,169,503</u>	<u>1,023,207</u>
 Total without donor restrictions	 <u>12,082,276</u>	 <u>5,384,518</u>
With donor restrictions:		
Purpose restricted:		
Donor designated	4,319,875	3,426,591
Endowments	<u>731,837</u>	<u>689,875</u>
 Total with donor restrictions	 <u>5,051,712</u>	 <u>4,116,466</u>
 Total net assets	 <u>17,133,988</u>	 <u>9,500,984</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u>\$ 24,479,806</u>	 <u>\$ 13,639,300</u>

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