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Louisiana Legal Community Works to Improve Access to Justice

Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Fellows volunteer to strengthen communities in Louisiana, helping families facing non-criminal civil legal challenges. Hon. John C. Davidson (Ret.), the 2024-25 president of LBF, has appointed Fellows to chair the nine Community Partnership Panels (CPP) and LBF standing committees and subcommittees. Davidson said, "Our volunteers are the lifeblood of this organization. Our mission to ensure access to justice remains paramount, and together, we can continue to make a significant impact in the lives of those in need."

CPP chairs are Roya Boustany, Acadiana; Hon. Vanessa Guidry-Whipple, Bayou Region; Mark Barbe, Capital Area; Allie Nowlin, Central; Hon. Bernadette D'Souza, Greater Orleans; Stacie Guice, Northeast; Patricia Bonneau, Northshore; Allison Foster, Northwest; and Hon. Cynthia Clay-Guillory, Southwest. [Click here for more info on LBF CPP's.](#)

Committee chairs are Chuck Bourque, Communications and Education; Hon. John C. Davidson (Ret.), Development; Adam Cossey and Brooke Tigchelaar, Development Subcommittee-Gala; Maggie Simar, Development Subcommittee-Membership; Adrienne White, Diversity Equity & Inclusion; Hon. John C. Davidson (Ret.), Executive; Mike Mestayer, Finance; Deidre Robert, Governance; Edmund Giering, Grants; Dave Ernest, Grantee Audit & Training; Mike Mestayer, Investment; and Hon. John C. Davidson (Ret.), Nominating. [Click here for more info about LBF committees.](#)

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.