



LOUISIANA BAR
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2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending June 30, 2024



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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





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WHO WE ARE

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.

WHAT WE DO

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.

Through grants, we provide services that go to the very heart of the health, safety, and security of many of our citizens and their families.

WHY WE DO IT

While every American has a constitutional right to an attorney in criminal matters, when it comes to civil matters, access to an attorney is not a fundamental right.

With more than 1.7 million people in Louisiana who are potentially eligible for free civil legal aid and the second highest poverty rate in the country, there is an immense necessity for assistance.

We are here to close this gap in our justice system and ensure equal justice and representation for all.

OUR VISION

We are champions for justice, inclusivity, and equality. Our vision is to ensure that all Louisiana citizens regardless of their background or income level have access to civil legal services that they need.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Deidre Deculus Robert, 2023-24 LBF President



It has been an honor and privilege to serve as the 30th president of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. I am proud to be a Fellow of an organization that brings members of our profession together, maximizing our efforts to better the profession, our communities, and ourselves.

Thank you to all of our Fellows for your time, talent, and treasure. If you are not an LBF Fellow, I invite you to join us.

For more than 30 years, this organization has been a vital source of funding for civil legal aid, supporting vulnerable citizens in crucial aspects of their lives. Addressing the challenges posed by rising poverty levels and decreasing funding for civil legal aid is indeed a crucial mission.

This fiscal year, we awarded more than \$12 million in grants for social justice initiatives. These funds, along with countless volunteer hours, allow the LBF to continue its commitment to ensuring that Louisiana's civil justice system is truly accessible.

In addition to a 24% increase in annual sustaining grants this year, the board and staff worked on plans for the responsible use of increased funding. The board approved the following initiatives in January:

- \$1,560,000 for a one-time salary staff bonus to Acadiana and SLLS staff – for all LSC staff.
- We awarded Lagniappe Law Lab \$125,000 for a project to place self-service kiosks in courthouses in all 64 parishes; kiosks provide access to the Lagniappe Law Lab resources including legal information, referrals to legal aid programs and access to standardized court forms.
- \$5 million for a future home for the LBF.
- \$4 million to establish LBF Civil Legal Aid Fellowships at the law schools; the fellowships will be designed to enhance interest in civil legal aid careers and build a pipeline of attorneys. The first one will be at Loyola Law School.

Throughout this year, we have worked hard cultivating partnerships and building new relationships with like-minded organizations. We had the privilege of collaborating with the LSBA for various events this year, working together to train our leadership, extend a warm welcome to new bar members, engage with the justice community, and impart valuable insights to law students about the significance of civil legal aid. This partnership plays a pivotal role in advancing our shared mission of ensuring civil legal aid for all by expanding our collective impact.

We traveled across the state to visit with our counterparts on our Pop Up Tour. Our goal was to meet them where they are and to bring the foundation to them. We met with local lawyers, grantees, judges, shared a meal, and gained meaningful insight into their regional needs.

We also had a great meeting with the Louisiana Supreme Court and shared our vision to ensure access to equal and fair representation of the poor in Louisiana. We thank the Louisiana Supreme Court for their continued support.

We continue to work with the State of Louisiana through an agreement with the Office of the Louisiana State Treasurer. This partnership enables LBF to secure funding for legal representation of children in child protection cases and adult civil legal services to the indigent. We expanded our relationship with the state in July with an agreement with the Louisiana Housing Corporation LBF receives funding for education, counseling, and direct representation of impoverished citizens in matters of title clearing (homeowner foreclosure), foreclosure prevention, mediation, and mortgage loan modifications.

I firmly believe that each of these partnerships and collaborations, among many others, constitutes the very foundation of our success.

Some other highlights of this year include:

In partnership with Lagniappe Law Lab, launching the **Justice Bus**, a mobile, rolling legal resource that brings civil legal services through virtual self-help tools and physical resources to those who need them the most.

Providing a one-hour professionalism CLE to attendees of the **Pop Up Tour** through 9 regional events highlighting civil legal aid, increasing client needs, and rural legal deserts.

Holding two **Past Presidents Advisory Council** luncheons allowing for many LBF past presidents to engage in current activities.

Operations is leading the efforts to move all LBF software to cloud-based systems creating a digital office and managing our current staff, the largest to date.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

Deidre Deculus Robert, 2023-24 LBF President

In addition, our committees have been working hard, achieving many great successes contributing to a year of great advancement.

The **Communications and Education Committees** work to create and design content and messaging, and focus 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.

Speak Out for Justice! Focus on Civil Legal Aid continues to engage content creators who develop a public awareness-focused or research-focused project to increase understanding of the need for civil legal aid.

The **Oral History program** added several new interviews to the online collection.

The **Development Committee** worked on **Membership and Lifetime Giving** with focus on outreach opportunities to expand our membership and increase engagement. The **Gala** continues to be the highlight and culmination of the Foundation's year-round efforts.

My Community Cares Committee is dedicated to the work of MCC, a community-driven neighborhood-based approach to preventing child abuse and neglect in Louisiana. In the 2023-24 fiscal year, the committee recommended funding for 5 full-time attorneys fully dedicated to the work of MCC handling cases in the categories of domestic violence and family law, public benefits, consumer health and protection by providing legal representation, advice, and expertise to families before moving into the DCFS system.

The **Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee** partnered with K. Allen Consulting to perform a DEI audit to better understand the landscape of DEI within the organization, particularly as it pertains to how the organization engages with its members. While membership was the primary focus of the audit, the KAC team also interacted with staff, board members, charter Fellows, grantees, and the entire LBF membership base throughout the process.

The **Finance Committee** is diligently involved in compliance reviews of the IOLTA Program. Additionally, the committee is vigilant in monitoring cash flow, steadfast in establishing and maintaining appropriate reserve allocations, and remains committed to the ongoing development and implementation of optimal financial practices.

The **Governance Committee** oversees the ongoing review of existing policies, governing documents, and insurance coverages for the organization. The committee conducted the second Board self-assessment designed to engage members in the process of measuring its effectiveness. The committee is also reviewing and approving the revised employee handbook.

The **Grantee Audit and Training Committee** worked to satisfy grant award audit stipulations requiring in-person team review of grantee administration and operations and provided civil legal aid network training aimed at strengthening grantee management. The committee facilitated annual Grantee Board and Staff Training focusing on financial audits, board responsibilities, board engagement and review of bylaws. To maximize participation, the sessions were held over two-days and on-line.

The **Grants Committee** reviewed grant applications and made recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to the disbursement of available grant funds. Annual compliance reporting and review continued throughout the year.

The **Investment Committee** provides oversight and management of nearly \$30 million in assets. The managed funds are split between Hancock Whitney Trust/Asset Management and Crescent Wealth Advisors.

Serving as the LBF President, I am reminded how practicing law is more than a job or even a career, it's a privilege. And I believe there's a responsibility that goes with that privilege, and that's to give back to our profession and the people who need protection but who aren't being served. For me that is the essence of serving the LBF.

Thanks to all of you who contribute to the important work of the Bar Foundation. It has been my great honor to be a part of this dynamic organization.

— Deidre Deculus Robert
2023-24 LBF President



2023-2024 LEADERSHIP



OFFICERS

PRESIDENT, Deidre Deculus Robert

Robert is the Director of State Operations for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. She previously served as the USDA State Director of Rural Development – Louisiana. Robert served as the executive counsel for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. She has also served as general counsel for the Southern University System and deputy director of the Litigation Division of the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office. Robert obtained her B.A. from Louisiana State University and her law degree from Southern University Law Center, where she serves as an adjunct professor.

VICE PRESIDENT, Hon. John C. Davidson

Davidson received his undergraduate and law degrees from LSU. He is a 1988 graduate of the Paul M. Hebert Law School where he was Order of the Coif (an honor awarded to the top 10% of the graduating class), a member of the Louisiana Law Review, and inducted into the Paul M. Hebert Hall of Fame. He was in private practice until his election as a district court judge for the 9th Judicial District Court in November 2004. He retired in September 2023.

TREASURER, Edmund J. Giering IV

Giering serves as general counsel to the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and his practice emphasizes corporate law & governance, corporate, real estate & complex gift transactions, risk management, and nonprofit & tax-exempt organizations. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1990, a Juris Doctor degree from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1994, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the LSU E.J. Ourso College of Business in 2005.

SECRETARY, Michael J. Mestayer

Mestayer is a solo practitioner in New Orleans, where he handles a broad range of litigation, including admiralty, product liability, and complex civil matters. He received his B.S. from L.S.U. and his J.D. from Tulane University Law School. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Tulane School of Law where he teaches Solo and Small Firm Practice

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Grants awarded in April 2024.
Funding period July 1, 2024-July 30, 2025.

2024-25

\$ 14.6 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 \$133.3 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.

Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$20,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$30,000

Adult Civil Legal Aid Services **\$1,000,000**

For the provision of adult civil legal services within the state's civil justice system.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$500,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$500,000

Building Capital Development **\$281,831**

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

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$50,000
Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$50,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$5,750
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$33,500
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$44,577
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$48,004
The Wellspring Alliance for Families	\$50,000

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	\$2,109,853
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$975,000

Children's Legal Services **\$400,000**

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	\$25,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$50,000
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$75,000
Disability Rights Louisiana	\$60,000
First Grace Community Alliance	\$65,000
Louisiana Center for Children's Rights	\$55,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (Education)	\$20,000
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (Immigration)	\$10,000
T.E.A.M.S.	\$40,000

Domestic Violence Programs **\$1,500,000**

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	\$50,000
Chez Hope, Inc.	\$125,000
D.A.R.T (Domestic Abuse Resistant Team)	\$72,925
Faith House, Inc.	\$115,000
Family and Youth Counseling Agency, Inc.	\$27,000
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana	\$150,000
Family Violence Program of St. Bernard	\$50,000
Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse	\$26,000
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy	\$95,000
Oasis A Safe Haven	\$50,000
Project Celebration, Inc.	\$129,000
Project SAVE	\$133,075
Safe Harbor	\$60,000
Southeast Spouse Abuse Program	\$115,000
The Haven, Inc.	\$125,000
The Wellspring Alliance For Families	\$177,000

Kids' Chance Scholarships **\$67,000**

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 **\$275,000**

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

Baton Rouge Bar Foundation	\$55,000
Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center	\$35,000
Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge	\$55,000
Emergency Legal Responders	\$10,000
Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education	\$57,500
Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division	\$12,500
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany	\$50,000

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	\$2,585,580
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$2,414,420

Year Ending June 30, 2024

Loan Repayment Assistance Program \$65,740

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. Recipient identities are kept confidential.

Louisiana Housing Corporation Grants \$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	\$50,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$54,400
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$118,933

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 \$672,520

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	\$110,265
Disability Rights Louisiana	\$75,000
Frontline Legal Services, Inc.	\$60,000
Innocence Project New Orleans	\$20,000
Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana	\$100,000
Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights	\$28,400
NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare	\$79,200
St. Frances Cabrini Immigration Law Center	\$50,000
STARC of La., Inc.	\$10,000
The Ella Project	\$16,000

Pro Bono Projects \$1,350,000

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	\$211,000
Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc	\$97,710
Lafayette Bar Foundation	\$145,000
Northeast Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$124,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$205,000
Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$128,290
The Pro Bono Project	\$439,000

Pro Hac Vice \$102,790

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 Grants \$570,000

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

Lagniappe Law Lab	\$320,000
Louisiana Appleseed	\$250,000

Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants \$475,650

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 2023-24 fiscal year totaling \$225,000.

Acadiana	
AVEC Les Enfants	\$5,000
Chez Hope	\$20,000
Bayou Region	
CASA of Terrebonne	\$9,000
Chez Hope	\$16,000
Capital Area	
Chez Hope	\$15,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services	\$10,000
Central Region	
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$13,500
Children’s Advocacy Network	\$10,500
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
Greater Orleans	
First Grace Community Alliance	\$8,000
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center	\$2,500
The Pro Bono Project	\$1,500
Jefferson Children’s Advocacy Center	\$12,500
Northeast	
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation	\$4,000
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
Northeast Louisiana Bar Foundation	\$12,000
The Wellspring	\$8,000
Northshore	
Family Promise of St. Tammany	\$5,000
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
NAMI of St. Tammany	\$9,000
The Pro Bono Project	\$10,000
Northwest	
Gingerbread House	\$10,000
Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP)	\$1,000
Project Celebration	\$3,000
Shreveport Bar Foundation	\$3,000
TEAMS	\$3,000
Volunteers for Youth Justice	\$5,000
Southwest	
Family and Youth Counseling Agency	\$25,000

Louisiana Bar Foundation
Kids' Chance
Scholarship Program
 Educating Children of Injured Workers

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.

THE KIDS

\$38,000 Awarded in 2023-2024

Sarah from **Lake Charles** attends Lamar University. Sarah's father was severely injured on the job after being struck in the back by a vendor pushing open a cooler, hitting him. This led to severe mobility issues and many years in a wheelchair.

Blake from **Houma** attends Southeastern Louisiana University. Blake's father, a pilot, died in a helicopter crash.

Emma from **Baton Rouge** attends Louisiana Tech University. 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. A truck making a wide turn, came into her father's lane, hit him, then backed over him, and left the scene.

Tyran from **New Orleans** attends the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Tyran's dad died while working when his car plunged from the 5th floor of a parking garage.

Skyler from **Baton Rouge** attends The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Skyler's mother became permanently disabled while lifting a very heavy object at work. She suffered torn back muscles, bulging discs and nerve damage.

Eston from **Patterson** attends Nicholls State University. His mom, a teacher, was assaulted by a student while trying to stop a fight. This resulted in massive blood clots in her lungs, neck surgery, 3 level fusion, and surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff. This permanently disabled her.



"Thank y'all so much for everything and the opportunity to achieve this degree!!!! I will make y'all proud this semester."

—Blake Ledet



FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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. Every spring lawyers, judges, and professors gather from across the state to support the LBF mission and recognize the Distinguished Jurist, Attorney, Professor, and Calogero Justice Award recipient. Proceeds raised will help strengthen the programs we support and services we provide.



2023 HONOREES

Recognition is 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.

2023 DISTINGUISHED JURIST

Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote

United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana



Hon. Elizabeth E. Foote serves as a United States District Court judge for the Western District of Louisiana with her duty seat in Shreveport. Appointed by Justice John Roberts, Beth serves on the Judicial Security Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Until her appointment to the bench in June 2010, Beth was a partner in The Smith Foote Law Firm, LLP, in Alexandria, where she had been engaged in active practice since 1979. Beth received her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University with college honors, her Masters of Arts degree from Duke University, and her law degree from the LSU Law Center.

She is a frequent CLE speaker. She has served as an Adjunct Professor at the LSU Law Center in the area of Appellate Advocacy and as an instructor on motion practice in the law school's "intersession" program. Beth was the first woman to serve as an officer in the Louisiana State Bar Association when she served as Treasurer. She has also served on the LSBA Board of Governors and the House of Delegates. She has chaired numerous committees for the LSBA and was presented with the 1994 President's Award for outstanding service in the area of Continuing Legal Education. Beth's service to the bar culminated in the office of LSBA President from 2008-2009. In her new home of Shreveport, she has served as the 2011 chair and 2013 co-chair for the Shreveport Bar Association CLE Committee and as an officer in the Booth-Politz Inn of Court. Beth is married to W. Ross Foote, a partner in a mediation and arbitration firm, whom she met on their first day in law school.

2023 DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY

Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr.

Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips



Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr. is Of Counsel at Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips in Baton Rouge where he has practiced since graduating from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1983, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Louisiana Law Review and elected to Order of the Coif. Skip also served as Managing Partner of Taylor Porter for nine years. He is a past president and member of the Louisiana Bar Foundation Board of Directors and currently serves on the grants and governance committees. Skip is a member of the Council of the Louisiana Law Institute and is the immediate past chair of the Board of Directors of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations. He and Colleen are the proud parents of two children and grandparents of three.

2023 HONOREES

2023 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

John K. Pierre
Southern University Law Center



Chancellor John K. Pierre has devoted his career to molding lawyer leaders and being a champion of innovation. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern University in 1980, a master's degree in tax accounting from Texas Tech University in 1982, and a juris doctor degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1985.

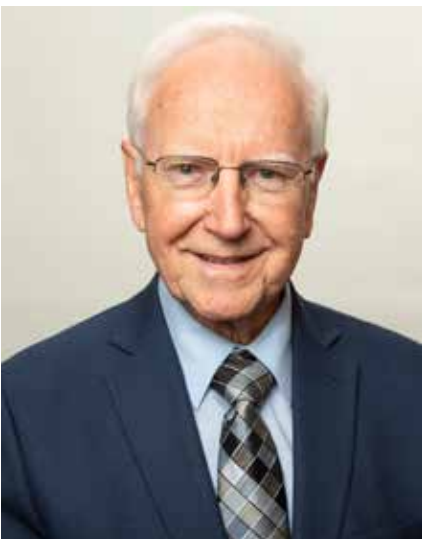
After graduating from law school, from 1986 to 1990, Pierre served his country as a Judge Advocates General Corps Officer, or JAG, for the United States Army. In 1990, his next assignment led him to the classroom as he began serving as a faculty member at the Southern University Law Center. In 2006, he transitioned to a leadership role within the institution becoming the vice chancellor of institutional accountability and the evening division. Currently, he has been serving as the Law Center's chancellor since 2016.

Pierre has earned numerous awards for his leadership, innovative strategy, and tireless efforts within the legal and professional realm, including Educator of the Year from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and Ten Most Dominant HBCU Leaders from The HBCU Campaign Fund.

The Calogero Justice Award is named in honor of Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. who was elected to the Louisiana Supreme court in 1972. Calogero was sworn in as Chief Justice in 1990 and served on the Court for 36 years. At the Annual Fellows Gala the Louisiana Bar Foundation honors an individual or organization for a significant contribution to the Louisiana justice system.

2023 CALOGERO JUSTICE AWARD

Bernard E. Boudreaux, Jr.
Jones Swanson Huddell, LLC



Bernard Boudreaux has been an associate with the law firm of Jones Swanson and Huddell LLC since 2013. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and his J.D. degree from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1961. Upon graduating from Law School he entered the U.S. Air Force as an attorney in the Judge Advocate Generals Department wherein he immediately began trying courts-martial. While in the Air Force he served as an adjunct professor for Ohio University.

He was an adjunct professor for eight years at the LSU Law School. Professor Cheney Joseph and he gave many CLE lectures on criminal law and then he co-authored a book published by West Publishing Company, *Sentencing Guidelines Manual*. He served for decades and continues to serve on the Louisiana State Law Institute and on its committee to enact the Louisiana Code of Evidence during which time he spent immeasurable hours working with Professors George Pugh, Robert Force and Gerald Rault, the authors of the Evidence Code, which became law in 1988.

LBF POP UP TOUR

The LBF Pop Up Tour is a comprehensive outreach initiative covering 9 regions across the state. The 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.



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Baton Rouge Bar Foundation
BlinkJar Media
Blue Williams, LLP
Bohrer Brady
Bourgeois Bennett CPAs & Consultants
Caddo Parish Juvenile Court
Cadence Insurance
Case Of St. Tammany inc DBA Lowry-Dunham, Case & Vivien
Chaffe McCall, LLP
City Court of Baker
City Court of Crowley
City Court of Minden
City Court of Port Allen
City of Shreveport Municipal Court
Committee to Elect Daniel Ellender Judge
Committee to Re-Elect Judge Ray Steib
Court of Appeal - Fifth Circuit
Court of Appeal - First Circuit
Court of Appeal - Fourth Circuit
Court of Appeal - Second Circuit
Court of Appeal - Third Circuit
Creative Planning Retirement Services
Crescent Wealth Advisors of Raymond James
Crowell & Owens
Daigle Fisse & Kessenich
Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon & Edwards
Decuir, Clark & Adams LLP
Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP
DF Jackson & Associates
Eighth Judicial District Court
Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish
Federal Bar Association, Lafayette-Acadiana Chapter
Fishman Haygood, LLP
Fourth Judicial District Court
General Reinsurance Corporation
Gordon McKernan Injury Lawyers
Gouaux Law Firm
Gravel Investigations, LLC
Greenbaum Breuer and Associates, APLC
Guglielmo, Lopez, Tuttle, Hunter & Jarrell
Hancock Whitney
Hartwig Moss Insurance Agency
Healthsystems
Herman, Herman & Katz, L.L.C.
Hightower Law Firm
Hinshaw & Culbertson
Hudson, Potts & Bernstein, L.L.P.
Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court
Jones Walker LLP
Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison, LLC
Kathleen Moore Vick Foundation
Kean Miller, LLP
Kids' Chance of America, Inc.
Kinchen, Walker, Bienvenu, Bargas, Reed & Helm LLC
LaFargue
Lafayette Bar Foundation
LaPorte, CPAs & Business Advisors
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Law Office of Peyton B. Burkhalter
Law Offices of Pius A. Obioha & Associates
Louisiana State Bar Association
Louisiana Supreme Court
Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporation
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
Lundy Lundy Soileau South
Lunsford Baskin and Priebe PII
Marguerite L. Adams & Thomas K. Foutz Fund
Marsh & McLennan Companies
McGlinchey Stafford
Money Hill Golf & Country Club
Morrow, Morrow, Ryan, Bassett & Haik
Mouledoux Bland Legrand & Brackett, LLC
Naomi and Larry Orlansky Donor Advised Fund
NCCI Holdings, Inc.
Neblett, Beard & Arsenault
New Iberia City Court
O'Bryon & Schnabel, P.L.C.
Olinde Family Fund
Orleans Parish Civil District Court
Orleans Parish Criminal District Court
Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
Paula A. Ates & Associates
Pettiette, Armand, Dunkelman Woodley Byrd Cromwell, L.L.P.
Phelps Dunbar, LLP
Pipes Miles Beckman
Porteous, Hainkel and Johnson LLP
PS Advisory LLC
Roman Catholic Church
Rome, Arata & Baxley, LLC
Salesforce
Schexnayder Mediation Services
Second Judicial District Court - Claiborne Parish
Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert
Sigler, Arabie & Cannon
Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfean, LLP
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
St. Martin & Bourque
Staines, Eppling, & Kenney
Stone Pigman Walther & Wittmann, L.L.C.
Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, L.L.P.
The Barnett Company
The Claiborne Firm
Tulane University Law School
United Way of Southeast Louisiana
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LOUISIANA INTEREST ON LAWYERS TRUST ACCOUNTS PROGRAM

PRIME PARTNERS AND ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS (As of June 2024)

STATEWIDE PRIME PARTNER BANKS

LBF's IOLTA Program is a unique and innovative way to increase access to justice for individuals and families living in poverty. Without imposing taxes on the public or incurring costs for lawyers or their clients, the interest earned on specific funds in lawyers' trust accounts is used to fund civil legal aid and support improvements in the justice system.

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.

Chase

Hancock Whitney

First Horizon
(formerly Iberia Bank)

Regions Bank

LOCAL PRIME PARTNER BANKS

Bank of Oak Ridge (Oak Ridge)
Bank of Sunset & Trust Co. (Lafayette)
Bank of Zachary (Zachary)
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)
Commercial Capital Bank (Delhi)
Community First Bank (New Iberia)
Concordia Bank & Trust Co. (Vidalia)
Crescent Bank & Trust (New Orleans)
Cross Keys Bank (Monroe)
Esquire Bank (New York, NY)
Exchange Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)
Farmers State Bank & Trust (Church Point)
Fidelity Bank (Metairie)

First Castle Federal Credit Union (Covington)
First Federal Bank (Lake City, FL)
First Federal Bank of Louisiana (Lake Charles)
First Guaranty Bank (Hammond)
First National Bank of Benton (Benton)
First Guaranty Bank (Hammond)
First National Bank of Benton (Benton)
First National Bank USA (Boutte)
Franklin State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)
Gibsland Bank & Trust (Gibsland)
Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)
Guaranty Bank & Trust (Southaven, TX)
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)
Liberty Bank & Trust Co. (New Orleans)
Marion State Bank (Marion)
Merchants & Farmers Bank & Trust Co. (Leesville)
Origin Bank (Ruston)

Patterson State Bank (Patterson)
Peoples Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)
Simmesport State Bank (Simmesport)
Southside Bank (Tyler, TX)
The Bank (Jennings)
The Cottonport Bank (Cottonport)
Vermilion Bank & Trust Co. (Kaplan)
Washington State Bank (Washington)
Winnsboro State Bank & Company (Winnsboro)

Year Ending June 30, 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Louisiana Bar Foundation

June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 610,607
Investments	38,052,633
Grants receivable	1,081,284
Prepaid expenses	36,696
Promises to give	27,750
Property and equipment, net	5,056
Operating right-of-use asset	<u>193,897</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$40,007,923</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 97,348
Grants payable	9,837,138
Accrued payroll liabilities	156,372
Other liabilities	21,395
Operating lease liabilities, net	<u>193,897</u>
Total liabilities	<u>10,306,150</u>
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	
Board designated	
Operating reserve	23,524,385
Endowments	<u>1,897,456</u>
Total without donor restrictions	<u>25,421,841</u>
With donor restrictions	
Purpose restricted:	
Donor designated	4,119,683
Endowments	<u>160,249</u>
Total with donor restrictions	<u>4,279,932</u>
Total net assets	<u>29,701,773</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$40,007,923</u></u>

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