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2026 Louisiana Bar Foundation President's Award

(New Orleans, Louisiana) The 2026 President's Award was given to George D. "Dave" Ernest III in recognition of his outstanding support, volunteer service, dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) from 2025-26 LBF President Edmund Giering during the Annual Fellows Membership Meeting on Friday, April 17.

Ernest is a shareholder at Hurlburt, Monroe, and Ernest in Lafayette. His diverse practice focuses on defense casualty litigation. He has been a Fellow since 2016 and has been a champion for the Bar Foundation ever since. He has served on numerous committees, the LBF board, and chaired the Grantee Audit & Training Committee. His commitment to the Grantee Audit & Training Committee has helped ensure strong oversight, accountability, and excellence in grantee operations.

President's Award Caption-

2025-26 President Edmund J. Giering IV presents the President's Award to George D. "Dave" Ernest III at the LBF Annual Meeting. Pictured L-R: Giering and Ernest. (Photo by Patrick Niddrie)

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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.