

# 17 LSBA Members Recognized for Volunteer Work with Citizen Lawyer Awards

**S**eventeen Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members received Citizen Lawyer Awards in 2015-16.

The Citizen Lawyer Awards, previously known as the Crystal Gavel Awards, recognize individual attorneys and judges who have made significant volunteer contributions in their communities. Award recipients have performed volunteer work out of a sense of duty, responsibility and professionalism.

The LSBA wishes to acknowledge these 17 unsung heroes and heroines from across the state. The list of community projects undertaken by these LSBA members is extensive. Here are a few highlights for each of the award recipients. (For 2015-16, no nominations were received from District 2.)

## District 1

### **Hon. Joyce C. Lobrano, New Orleans**

Hon. Joyce C. Lobrano, a judge on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, is a founder of the Plaquemines Community C.A.R.E. (Counseling, Assessment/Advocacy, Resources, Education) Center Foundation, Inc., a nationally recognized non-profit center providing quality-of-life-enhancing services (legal, behavioral and mental health). Her care center model is also being used in St. Charles Parish. Judge Lobrano also is a founding member of Eden House, a non-profit organization offering housing, food, medical and dental services, therapy, education and job training for women who have survived lives of prostitution, violence and addiction, often victims of human trafficking. She co-authored a White Paper for the Louisiana Senate on the issue of the human trafficking of minors in Louisiana, and she participated on the Legislature's Human Trafficking Minors Working Group. She also has implemented Project L.E.A.D. (Legal Enrichment And Decision-making) for fifth graders and Project L.A.W. (Legal-thinking, Awareness and Wellness of spirit, mind and body) for ninth graders.

### **Kim S. Sport, New Orleans**

Attorney Kim S. Sport founded Jefferson Dollars for Scholars, which has awarded more than \$15 million in summer camp and college scholarships to 4,500 students in the Jefferson Parish Public School System. A three-time cancer survivor, Sport, in 2010, launched "Breastoration," a philanthropic partnership to assist and educate women contemplating surgical options following a diagnosis of breast cancer. She collaborated with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to draft the 2012 breast cancer treatment alternatives brochure, mandated by state law to be given by physicians to every woman diagnosed with breast cancer. During the 2014 legislative session, Sport drafted five domestic violence bills, among them, to help women immediately divorce their abusers, to provide punitive damages for physical and mental injuries caused by a family member and to increase criminal sanctions for domestic abuse and violations of protective orders. All bills passed unanimously and were signed into law in May 2014.

## District 3

### **Hon. Douglas J. Saloom, Lafayette**

Hon. Douglas J. Saloom, a judge for Lafayette City Court, has volunteered countless hours to the Lafayette Bar Association, civic and professional organizations and schools. He presented free CLEs for Acadiana area attorneys on the Legislature's changes to expungement laws and prepared materials on the topic to the Lafayette Parish Public Law Library. He helped create a pro se expungement clinic program. Clinics are held at the Lafayette Bar Association using videoconferencing equipment donated by the LSBA. Judge Saloom is an advocate for public safety and use of automobile safety belts, particularly the "I Click It! Cross My Heart" Program, which reached 8,000 children in Lafayette. He also was involved in creating a traffic program to help prevent fatigued and impaired driving. A frequent

guest speaker at schools, he has addressed more than 20,000 students since 1995 on topics of judicial impartiality and the impact of drunken driving.

## District 4

### **Homer E. Barousse, Jr., Crowley**

Attorney Homer (Ed) Barousse, Jr. has made contributions in the legal and extralegal arenas. An attorney for 50 years, he has participated in the administration of ethical complaints against attorneys on behalf of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. He also has represented attorneys with complaints that have been filed against them. Whenever there is a community event, Barousse is present. More likely than not and without any fanfare, he financially contributed to the event.

### **Derrick D. Kee, Lake Charles**

Attorney Derrick D. Kee is president of the V.I.S.A. (Vision, Integrity, Structure and Accountability) Coalition, a community organization working to build bridges of success for future generations through education, expungements and civic engagement. V.I.S.A. has organized a "Parade to the Polls" event to encourage voter turnout in local elections. More than 300 people attended the event, with the tagline, "It doesn't matter who you vote for, just come vote with us!" V.I.S.A. also sought and was awarded grant funding to provide free expungements for 15 people whose records were preventing them from achieving gainful employment.

### **Hon. David A. Ritchie, Lake Charles**

Hon. David A. Ritchie, a judge for the 14th Judicial District Court, was recognized for his continued dedication to the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section (YLS). He served as a presiding judge for the Louisiana State Bar Association's mock trial tournament in Lake Charles. He also has worked closely with the Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation to provide greater access to the justice system for members of the local community.

## District 5A

### **Preston J. Castille, Jr., Baton Rouge**

Attorney Preston J. Castille, Jr., as president of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., assisted in the establishment of the Louis A. Martinet Foundation and the foundation's pro bono and mentoring programs. As president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and Foundation in 2011, he assisted in the creation of the Bar's Junior Partners Academy, an award-winning mentoring program for elementary and middle school students. He chaired the Capital Area Legal Services Corp. board of directors and assisted in the organization's transition to Southeast Legal Services Corp. In 2012, as president of the Southern University Laboratory School, he helped the school avoid closure because of funding deficits and worked to secure state capital outlay funding for building improvements. In 2013, he joined the New Schools for Baton Rouge board of directors, a group focusing on improving the quality of K-12 education in the Baton Rouge area.

## District 5B

### **Lila Tritico Hogan, Hammond**

Attorney Lila Tritico Hogan has been an inspiration to Hammond area attorneys for her work in domestic violence and family law. She is a former president of the Mayor's Commission on the Needs of Women and drafted its Sexual Abuse Manual. She also serves with the Southeast Spouse Abuse Program as an organizer, trainer and drafter of protective order forms. She is a member of the the Southeastern Louisiana University Family Counseling Advisory Committee and the LSU Family Law Seminar Planning Committee. Since 2011, she has been involved with both the national organization and the state chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

### **Hon. William J. Knight, Covington**

In 2012, Hon. William J. Knight founded the 22nd Judicial District Court's Reentry Court Program and worked to pass legislation that granted authority for a pilot program of a Risk-Needs Assessment procedure. The Reentry Court gives nonviolent felony offenders the tools needed to become produc-



tive members of the community. Through the program, participants learn a vocational skill and obtain a GED, if necessary. For participants who have returned to probation, Judge Knight holds weekly staffing sessions with treatment providers, case managers, and representatives from the District Attorney's and Public Defender's offices. He also organizes trips to Angola for community members and prospective employers interested in the program. Judge Knight has been actively involved with CASA, the Youth Services Bureau, the Franklinton Area Economic Development Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, Upward Community Services, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, the National Cancer Society, the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Washington Parish Junior Livestock Program.

### **Alan A. Zaunbrecher, Covington**

Attorney Alan A. Zaunbrecher serves on the President's Council of the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. The President's Council hosts a single major fundraiser each year to help make the Center's services available to anyone, regardless of the ability to pay. In 2012, he was co-chair of the Bench, Bar and Badge Project, in which members of the legal community built a Habitat for Humanity house. He participates in the Real Men of St. Tammany Annual Gala, which raises funds to support women and children who are the victims of domestic violence. He also

volunteers with the Southeast Louisiana Legal Services North Shore Pro Bono Project.

## District 6

### **Hon. Dee D. Drell, Alexandria**

Hon. Dee D. Drell, a judge for U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana, received the Leah Hipple McKay Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. He has devoted many pro bono hours to help individuals suffering from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. He also counseled the Central Louisiana AIDS Support Services and AIDS Law of Louisiana, Inc. He served on the boards of the Family Mediation Council of Louisiana and the Rapides Parish Indigent Defender Board. He also was a member of a state task force on racial and ethnic fairness in the courts and is an active member of Kiwanis International.

### **Paul J. Tellarico, Alexandria**

Attorney Paul J. Tellarico, recognized for his outstanding pro bono work, volunteers for nearly every event hosted by the Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project. He also regularly accepts cases from the Project. He is a volunteer for the Child in Need of Care (CINC) Program, and he volunteers with the Self-Help Desk at the Rapides Parish Courthouse. He participates in free legal clinics coordinated by the Central Louisiana



# LSBA 50-, 60-, 70-Year Members Recognized at Midyear Meeting

**M**ore than 180 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members who have reached half a century and beyond in their professional careers were honored

during the LSBA's Midyear Meeting in January in New Orleans. During the reception, the honorees received certificates presented by LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham. The honorees also posed

for photos with Cunningham, Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson and Associate Justice John L. Weimer. The following Bar members were recognized.



Among the 50-year Louisiana State Bar Association members attending the reception were, front row from left, Hon. Oswald A. Decuir, Dr. Jack C. Castrogiovanni (60-year member), Richard S. Derbes, Charles R. Whitehead, Jr., James M. Field, Sr., Hon. John W. Greene, Samuel P. Love, Jr., Kenneth W. Campbell, Dominick J. Scandurro, Jr., John P. Everett, Jr. and D. Scott Brown. Standing from left, Lee R. Miller, Jr., Maurice C. Hebert, Jr., Henry A. Bernard, Jr., C. Jerome D'Aquila, Charles Emile Bruneau, Jr., Raymond G. Sexton, John I. Hulse IV, Kenneth F. Sills, William J. Luscy III, Stephen A. Stefanski, Hon. Herman C. Clause, Joseph N. Marcal III, Robert P. Charbonnet, Joseph R. McMahon, Jr., Andrew M. Weir, Joseph J. Weigand, Jr., Wallace H. Paletou, Charles W. Dittmer, Jr., Albert J. Derbes III and Philip deV. Claverie, Sr. *Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.*

## 50-Year Honorees

These LSBA members were admitted to the Bar in 1966.

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|   | Carl E. Cooper ..... Monroe                 | Bobbie J. Duplantis ..... Lafayette          |
|   | Robert M. Cordell ..... Lafayette           | Hon. Stanwood R. Duval, Jr. .... New Orleans |



Among the 60-year Louisiana State Bar Association members attending the reception were, front row from left, Alvin W. LaCoste, Dr. Jack C. Castrogiovanni, Hon. Thomas P. McGee, Joan A. Danner and Thomas A. Casey, Sr. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

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## 60-Year Honorees

These LSBA members were admitted to the Bar in 1956.

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## 70-Year Honorees

These LSBA members were admitted to the Bar in 1946.

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 Betty G. Ratcliff ..... Baton Rouge  
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 Guyton H. Watkins ..... New Iberia

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The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) honored Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, center, with the establishment of an annual award in her name. On hand for the March 4 announcement at the LSBA's ninth annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession in Baton Rouge were, at left, attorney Roderick A. (Rick) Palmore, with Dentons US LLP and the conclave's keynote speaker; and LSBA President Mark A. Cunningham. The "Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Trailblazer Award" will be presented annually at the LSBA's Annual Meeting to a recipient who demonstrates a unique blend of experience, skills and accomplishments which translate into successful diversity and inclusion efforts.

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Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., announces that Brooke C. Tigchelaar has been elected a member in the firm's New Orleans office.

Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, L.L.P., in Baton Rouge announces that Michael S. Walsh has been elected to partner. Also, Scott M. Mansfield, Lauren K. Rivera and Kelley R. Dick, Jr. have joined the firm as associates.

Ziegler & Lane, L.L.C., in Lafayette announces it has changed its name to **Matthew D. Lane, Jr.**, L.L.C., and its website address to [www.MatthewLaneLaw.com](http://www.MatthewLaneLaw.com).

## NEWSMAKERS

Brent B. Barriere, a partner in the New Orleans office of Fishman Haygood, L.L.P., has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**Henry L. Klein**, a New Orleans attorney, was sworn in on Feb. 22 as an active member of the bar of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He also is a member of the bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and a member of the Federal Bar Association Chapter for the District of Columbia.

Steven J. Lane, managing partner of Herman, Herman & Katz, L.L.C., in New Orleans,

was named to the board of directors of Louisiana Appleseed.

Louisiana Attorney General Jeffrey M. Landry announced his division directors — Elizabeth Baker Murrill, civil; Brandon J. Fremin, criminal; Christopher B. Hebert, gaming; Renee Free, public protection; and Sonia Mallett, risk litigation.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards named Juana Marine-Lombard as commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control. Also, Matthew F. Block is executive counsel, Erin Monroe Wesley is special counsel, and Julie Baxter Payer is deputy chief of staff for communications, legal and special projects.

The New Leaders Council's Louisiana Chapter announced its 2016 Fellows, including New Orleans attorneys Evan J. Bergeron, Michelle D. Craig, Victor M. Jones and William C. Snowden.

Dwight D. Poirrier, an attorney in Gonzales, was elected chair of the board of directors for the Ascension Economic Development Corp.

**E. Fredrick Preis, Jr.**, senior partner in the New Orleans office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., was elected chair-elect of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce and chair-elect of the American Red Cross Southeastern Louisiana Division. He also was named chair of the National Legal

Committee for Leading Age Long Term Care Association and was named by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization to the eight-member commission on Labor Law Legal Specialization.

Robert J. Roux was appointed executive counsel for the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

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Attending the Lafayette Bar/Acadia Bar Red Mass and Opening of Court were, from left, Acadia Parish Bar officers, Secretary-Treasurer Scott J. Privat, President William J. Casanova and Vice President John Michael Stefanski.



The 21st Judicial District Bar Association and the Florida Parishes Inn of Court hosted their fourth annual December CLE New Orleans Study Break on Dec. 11-12, 2015. Lynn Luker, a diversity seminar facilitator, discussed "Professionalism and the Age Gap." The 1st Circuit Court of Appeal judges presented a roundtable discussion, from left, Judge Ernest G. Drake, Jr., Judge William J. Crain, Judge Page McClendon and Judge Wayne Ray Chutz.



New Louisiana State Bar Association admittees were introduced during the Baton Rouge Bar Association's annual Opening of Court, Memorial and New Member Ceremony Jan. 27. Also, senior members of the Bar were recognized and deceased members were memorialized. Attending, from left, Rolando R. Urbina, president of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.; new admittee Adrian Carter Ross; and Quintillis K. Lawrence, commissioner of the 19th JDC.



The Baton Rouge Bar Association's (BRBA) annual Opening of Court, Memorial and New Member Ceremony was Jan. 27. Robert H. Hodges, second from left, has practiced law for 65 years and was one of several lawyers honored. Also attending were, from left, Linda Law Clark, Amy C. Lambert and Robert J. Burns, Jr., all 2016 officers of the BRBA board of directors.



The Jefferson Bar Association celebrated its annual court opening and installed its 2016 officers on Jan. 22. Attorney Mickey S. deLaup, third from left, was installed as president. On hand for the event were, from left, Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) President Mark A. Cunningham; former LSBA President S. Guy deLaup; and former LSBA President Richard K. Leefe.



The New Orleans Chapter of the Association for Women Attorneys installed its 2016 officers at the Annual Dinner Meeting in January. Ashley M. Liuzza, far left, was installed as president. Other officers are Hillary Barnett Lambert, vice-president; Sharonda R. Williams, treasurer; Kelly E. Barbier, corresponding secretary; and Megan S. Peterson, far right, recording secretary. The chapter also presented the AWA Michelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award to Katharine M. (Katie) Schwartzmann, third from left, co-director of the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center. Also attending was Prof. Jane L. Johnson, director of experiential learning at Tulane Law School.