

President's Message

The Giving Season

By 2019-20 President Amanda W. Barnett

Soon we'll be busy shopping for holiday gifts, spending time with family and friends, eating delicious food, and, hopefully, reflecting on the spirit of the season — giving. As the end of the year approaches, our personal and professional to-do lists grow increasingly long. Please remember to put the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) on your list this year.

The LBF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) entity organized under the state of Louisiana. As the largest state funder of civil legal aid, the LBF supports non-profits throughout Louisiana that provide free, civil legal rep-

resentation to the indigent, law-related education to the public, and administration of justice projects.

Civil legal aid helps people solve critical, life-changing problems. It provides free legal assistance to those who would otherwise go unrepresented. The help provided by civil legal aid programs supports the American core value of equal access to justice.

The LBF provides an opportunity for



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all lawyers to play a part in ensuring that every Louisiana citizen has equal access to the justice system. By working together, we can continue to provide free civil legal aid to Louisiana's most vulnerable citizens.

Take the time during this busy holiday season to reflect on the blessings in your life and consider a tax-deductible gift to the LBF. Make your gift online at: www.raisingthebar.org/YearEnd. Or mail directly to the LBF at Ste. 1000, 1615 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70112. For more information, contact Development Director Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

Scholarship Applications Available Online for LBF Kids' Chance Program

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (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. This year, the LBF awarded \$55,500 to 16 students to help with their education. Since 2004, the program has awarded 306 schol-

arships totaling \$719,000.

Scholarship applications for the 2020-21 school year are available online on the LBF's website, www.raisingthebar.org. Application deadline is Feb. 17, 2020.

Students who may qualify for a Kids' Chance Scholarship but who are not of college age should register with Kids' Chance of America: Planning for the Future online at: <https://www.kidschance.org/planning-for-the-future/>.



The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) received a check for \$29,000 from the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. (LWCC). The LWCC hosted the 16th annual Kids' Chance Golf Tournament on Sept. 23, 2019, and donated all proceeds to the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program. From left, LBF Kids' Chance Committee Chair Matthew R. Richards; LWCC Senior Vice President and Chief Claims Officer Paul D. Buffone; and LBF President Amanda W. Barnett.

Sponsors Sought for the LBF's 34th Annual Fellows Gala

The Louisiana Bar Foundation will celebrate the 34th Annual Fellows Gala Friday, April 3, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave., New Orleans.

Recognized during the gala will be Distinguished Jurist Robert H. Morrison III, 21st Judicial District Court; Distinguished Attorney Marcus V. Brown, Entergy Corp.; Distinguished Attorney Mary Terrell Joseph, McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C.; and Distinguished Professor John

M. Church, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Sponsorship levels are Pinnacle, Benefactor, Cornerstone, Capital, Pillar and Foundation. Individual tickets to the gala are \$200. Young lawyer individual gala tickets are \$150. To read more about sponsorship levels or to purchase tickets, go to: www.raisingthebar.org/gala.

Sponsorship opportunities for 365 Days of Justice, an interactive fundraiser featuring each day of the year, are also available.

For more information on the 365 Days of Justice or the gala, contact Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

Discounted rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans Thursday, April 2, and Friday, April 3, 2020, at \$259 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(800) 233-1234 and reference the "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or go to: www.raisingthebar.org/gala. Reservations must be made before Friday, March 13.