

President's Message

Make Plans to Attend the 30th Anniversary Gala on April 8

By President H. Minor Pipes III

Make plans to attend the 30th Anniversary Gala on Friday, April 8, as we honor the 2015 Distinguished Jurist Sarah S. Vance, Distinguished Attorneys Judy Y. Barrasso and Herschel E. Richard, Jr., Distinguished Professor Alain A. Levasseur and Calogero Justice Award recipient The Family Justice Center of Ouachita Parish. Other highlights of the evening include live music from Shamarr Allen and the Underdaws, a Kendra Scott jewelry pull, dinner and live auction. Become a sponsor or purchase your tickets today. Visit our website for more details, www.raisingthebar.org.

With the installation of our new officers at the Gala, my term as president will come to an end. One of my goals this year has

been to increase Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) membership. Membership in the LBF is a statement of commitment to fairness and equal access for all in the justice system. LBF members are judges, lawyers and law professors whose professional, public and private careers demonstrate their dedication to the improvement of the administration of justice.

Members of the LBF are referred to as Fellows. Benefits of Fellowship include committee participation; invitations to



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special events and meetings; participation in annual nominations for Louisiana's distinguished jurist, attorney and professor awards; recognition of one's contribution to the profession; association with an organization directly impacting the legal profession; and alliance with the Foundation's mission.

I believe every member of the Bar should be a Fellow and I invite you to join us. Become a FELLOW. Make a DONATION. Volunteer your TIME.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the LBF. Special thanks to my Board, Executive Committee, Fellows, the LBF staff and everyone who has supported the LBF during my term.

Sponsors Sought, Tickets Available for LBF Annual Fellows Gala

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2016 Gala Co-Chairs*

Sponsorships and tickets are still available for the Friday, April 8, Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) 30th Anniversary Gala at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Ave. The gala begins at 7 p.m. A patron party will be held prior to the gala.

Support this fundraising event by becoming a sponsor. Proceeds help strengthen the programs supported and provided by the LBF. To review sponsorship packages, go to: www.raisingthebar.org/gala2016/.

Individual tickets are \$150. Young lawyer individual tickets are \$100. Ticket reservations can be made by credit card at the website. For more information, contact Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or laura@raisingthebar.org.

We would like to thank the Gala Committee — Board Liaison Charles C. Bourque, Jr.; and members Kristin L.

Beckman, Francisca M. Comeaux, Michael B. DePetrillo, Timothy B. Francis, Charles F. Gay, Jr., Joseph I. Giarrusso III, Lauren E. Godshall, Steven F. Griffith, Jr., Jan M. Hayden, Colleen C. Jarrott, Amy C. Lambert, Adrian G. Nadeau, Brooke C. Tigchelaar, Laranda Moffett Walker, Anthony M. Williams, Sharonda R. Williams and Justin I. Woods.

Acknowledgment also goes to the Past Presidents Honorary Committee members David F. Bienvenu, Elwood F. Cahill, Jr., Leo C. Hamilton, Suzanne M. Jones and Patricia A. Krebs.

Discounted rooms are available Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 8, at \$229 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1(888)421-1442 and reference the "Louisiana Bar Foundation" or go to www.raisingthebar.org. Reservations must be made before Monday, March 14.

LBF Annual Fellows Membership Meeting is April 8

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Annual Fellows Membership Meeting will begin at noon on Friday, April 8, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. This luncheon meeting is an opportunity for Fellows to be updated on LBF activities and to elect new board members. The President's Award will be presented and recognition will be given to the 2015 Distinguished Honorees and the Calogero Justice Award recipient.

All LBF Fellows in good standing will receive an official meeting notice with the Board slate and a committee selection form in early March. For more information, contact Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.