

President's Message 'Tis the Season

By 2018-19 President W. Michael Street

As we reach the end of the year, we get preoccupied with shopping, holiday parties, travel plans and cooking delicious food. Don't overlook the spirit of the season — Giving. The ultimate motivation of any charitable gift should always be that you support the mission and vision of that particular organization.

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) funds civil legal aid and promotes access to justice. A gift to the LBF demonstrates your belief in our mission and will help strengthen the programs we support, the services we provide, and the more than 70 grantees we help to fund. Please support the work of the LBF and make your investment in access to justice. Working together, we can

meet the legal needs of our state's most vulnerable people.

With your support, the LBF is able to help people solve critical, life-changing problems:

- ▶ Women who are victims of domestic violence.
- ▶ Children who need a stable home or special education.
- ▶ Elderly whose economic security or health care is in jeopardy.
- ▶ Consumers impacted by improper lending practices.
- ▶ Workers denied lawful wages and



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benefits.

- ▶ Disabled people denied opportunities.
- ▶ Immigrants who work the lowest-wage jobs without benefits or contracts.
- ▶ Communities devastated by natural disasters.

During this busy holiday season, our personal and professional to-do lists grow increasingly long. Please remember to put the LBF on your list this year and consider a tax-deductible gift.

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. If you have any questions, contact Development Director Laura Sewell at (504)561-1046 or email laura@raisingthebar.org.

LBF Presents Students with Kids' Chance Scholarships

The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) presented checks in September to five of the 15 Kids' Chance Scholarship Program recipients for the 2018-19 school year. The checks were distributed before the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp. (LWCC) golf tournament in Baton Rouge. All proceeds from the tournament were donated to LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program.

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LBF Kids' Chance Committee co-chairs Matthew R. Richards and Sherry A. Watters addressed the golfers and scholarship recipient families and presented mock checks during a lunch prior to the tee-off.

The Kids' Chance program provides scholarships to dependents of workers who are permanently and totally disabled or killed in a work-related accident compensable under a state or federal Workers'

Compensation Act or Law.

Online applications for the 2019-20 school year are available online. The deadline to apply is Feb. 18, 2019.

For more information about the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program, contact Dennette Young at (504)561-1046 or email dennette@raisingthebar.org. Or visit the website, raisingthebar.org/programs-and-projects/kids-chance-scholarship-program.

Attorney Input Sought for Louisiana Civil Legal Navigator Project

Are you an attorney experienced in family, housing or employment law? The Louisiana access to justice community needs your help!

To improve accessibility, effectiveness and efficiency of legal services in Louisiana, the Louisiana Bar Foundation is spearheading an effort to adopt an integrated civil legal aid service delivery portal that leverages artificial intelligence with experienced subject matter contributors. The project, derived from a Legal Service Corporation pilot program, aims to direct

Louisiana's under-served communities to the most appropriate resources within the civil legal network.

Attorneys experienced in family, housing and employment law are needed to help generate user interviews and to collect and classify legal information and resources.

For more information on the project and ways to get involved, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/lalegalnavigator>. For questions, email Amanda Brown, amanda@raisingthebar.org.

Louisiana Bar Foundation Welcomes New Fellows

The Louisiana Bar Foundation announces new Fellows:

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