

## News Release

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### **Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Appoints Committee and Community Partnership Panel (CPP) Chairs**

**Lafayette-Hon. Sylvia Cooks** with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in Lafayette will serve as chair of the LBF Acadiana CPP. The LBF has established nine regional chapters throughout Louisiana that identify areas of need for LBF funding. The Jock Scott CPP Grant Program is designed to foster collaborations, respond to arising community needs outside of the regular grant process and encourage local involvement in the designation of grant funds.

**Lafayette-Frank Neuner, Jr.** an attorney with Laborde & Neuner in Lafayette, will serve as chair of the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Administration/Banking committee. The IOLTA Program is a unique partnership between the banking and legal communities that enhances the LBF's ability to meet the growing need for free civil legal services to the poor. This committee reviews non-compliance and participation in this program and recommends policy as needed.

**Lake Charles-Hon. David Painter** with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals in Lake Charles will serve as chair of the LBF Southwest CPP. The LBF has established nine regional chapters throughout Louisiana that identify areas of need for LBF funding. The Jock Scott CPP Grant Program is designed to foster collaborations, respond to arising community needs outside of the regular grant process and encourage local involvement in the designation of grant funds.

**Lake Charles-Drew Ranier**, an attorney with Ranier, Gayle & Elliot, LLC in Lake Charles, will serve as chair of the LBF Governance Committee. This committee ensures effective and equitable governance of the Foundation.

*Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) entity organized under the state of Louisiana. As the largest state funder of legal aid, the LBF supports programs providing free legal services for the poor in all 64 parishes. Since 1989, the LBF has distributed more than \$40 million throughout Louisiana to help address the legal needs of indigent citizens, provide a basic understanding of the law, and assist with improvements to the justice system.*

*The LBF exists to preserve, honor and improve our system of justice by funding, developing or otherwise promoting efforts which enhance the legal profession, increase public understanding of the legal system and advance the reality of equal justice under the law.*

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