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Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Appoints Committee Chair

Mathile Abramson, an attorney with Cook, Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman in Baton Rouge, will serve as chair of both the LBF Budget/Investment Committee and the LBF Grants Committee. The Budget/Investment committee oversees the management of LBF Funds. The grants committee makes recommendations to the Board on the disbursement of LBF funds. Ms. Abramson also serves as the 2009-10 LBF Treasurer.

Paul Buffone, with Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC) in Baton Rouge, will serve as co-chair of the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Committee. Kids' Chance is a program that provides educational scholarships to the children of workers who have been seriously, catastrophically, or fatally injured in a work related accident.

Karleen Green, an attorney with Phelps Dunbar in Baton Rouge, will serve as chair of the LBF Development Committee. The Development Committee works to provide funding of the annual operations budget, endowment, major gifts and special projects.

Darrel Papillion, an attorney with Walters Papillion Thomas Cullens LLC in Baton Rouge will serve as co-chair of the LBF Annual Gala Committee. The Gala is held every spring in conjunction with a silent auction and is in honor of the Distinguished Jurist, Attorney and Professor.

E. Jane Sherman, an attorney in Baton Rouge will serve as chair of the LBF Capital Area Community Partnership Panel (CPP). The LBF established eight regional chapters throughout Louisiana. These chapters function as the Community Partnership Panels (CPP) identifying new areas of need for LBF funding. The CPP Grant Program is designed to foster collaboration, respond to arising community needs, especially outside of the regular grant process and to encourage local involvement in the designation of grant funds.

The Louisiana Bar Foundation 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. Since 1989, the LBF has awarded more than \$35 million in grants to Louisiana non-profit organizations.

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