

# News Release

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## **Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Appoints Committee Chairs**

**Marc Amy**, with the Louisiana Court of Appeal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit in Abbeville, will serve as chair of the LBF Governance Committee. This committee ensures effective and equitable governance of the Foundation.

**Timothy Maragos**, an attorney with John Ortego & Associates in Lafayette will serve as chair of the LBF Acadiana 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.

**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.

**Hon. David Painter**, with the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal in Lake Charles, will serve as the chair of the LBF Southwest 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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