President’s Message
Amanda W. Barnett

Soon we’ll be busy shopping for holiday gifts, spending time with family and friends, eating delicious food, and hopefully reflecting on the spirit of the season – Giving. As the end of the year approaches, our personal and professional to-do lists grow increasingly long. Please remember to put the LBF on your list this year.

The LBF provides an opportunity for all lawyers to play a part in ensuring that every Louisiana citizen has equal access to the justice system. By working together, we can continue to provide free civil legal aid to Louisiana’s most vulnerable citizens.

Please take the time during this busy holiday season to reflect on the blessings in your life and consider a tax deductible gift to the LBF. Make your gift online at www.raisingthebar.org/YearEnd, or use the enclosed card and envelope.

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

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The Boisfontaine award is given to a Louisiana attorney who exhibits long standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and upholds the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants, and all counsel. Nominations should include nominee’s name, contact information, a brief written statement on the background of the nominee, as well as reasons why the nominee is proposed as the award recipient. For a list of past award recipients go to raisingthebar.org/about-us/awards.

Nominations must be postmarked or received by Monday, February 10, 2020.

Nominations should be returned to:
Attn: Dennette Young
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Louisiana Bar Foundation
34th Annual Fellows Gala
Friday, April 3
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Celebrating the 2019 Honorees

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Discounted rooms are available Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3, 2020 at $259 a night. To make a reservation, call the Hyatt at 1-888-233-1234 and reference Louisiana Bar Foundation or go to www.raisingthebar.org. Reservations must be made before Friday, March 13.

To become a sponsor, go to raisingthebar.org/gala. For more gala information, contact Danielle J. Marshall at 504-561-1046 or danielle@raisingthebar.org.
Grants

Grant applications for 2020-2021 Annual/Sustaining and Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) funding are currently being accepted online at raisingthebar.org. Annual/Sustaining grant applications are due Monday, December 2, 2019 by 4:30 p.m. The deadline for submitting LRAP applications is Friday, February 7, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.

#GivingTuesday is December 3

We have two days for getting deals - Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On #GivingTuesday, we have a day for giving back. Be a part of the national giving movement and support the LBF on Tuesday, December 3!

LBF Awards Students with Scholarships

In September, the LBF presented checks to four of the Kids’ Chance Scholarship Program recipients before the Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Corporation golf tournament in Baton Rouge. All proceeds from the tournament were donated to LBF Kids’ Chance Scholarship Program.

Applications for the 2020-21 school year will be available online Monday, December 2, 2019. The deadline to apply is Monday, February 17, 2020.

For more information contact Dee Jones 504-561-1046 or dee@raisingthebar.org or visit our website LAkidschance.org.

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2019 Fellows Class

As of 10/29/19

2020 Annual Fellows Events

Fellows will be updated on LBF activities and local projects and initiatives. Recognition will be given to Class of 2019 Fellows, 20 year Fellows, and Community Partnership Panel members.

Save the Date for your area event!

Northeast reception January
Northwest breakfast April 22
Central luncheon April 22
Southwest luncheon April 28
Acadiana breakfast April 29
Capital Area luncheon April 29
Greater Orleans breakfast May 13
Bayou Region luncheon May 13
Northshore luncheon May 14