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It is my pleasure to report to you on the activities of the LBF and an amazing year.

As many of you know, the responsibility for meeting the legal needs of Louisiana’s poor falls on a network of nonprofit, civil legal aid organizations who serve our poorest citizens. The LBF is dedicated to funding civil legal aid through these organizations. In 2017, we awarded more than $6.7 million in grants for social justice initiatives to address the civil legal needs of indigent citizens, provide a basic understanding of the law and assist with improvements to the justice system. The Board approved $3.8 million in annual, sustaining grants for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

As part of the LBF’s commitment to strengthen grantee board leadership and the Louisiana civil legal aid network, the LBF began hosting board training for grantees several years ago. The 2017 training focused on two important initiatives:

1. The importance of the ongoing collection of economic impact outcomes; Last year we unveiled the findings of the Economic Impact and Social Return on Investment Analysis. Nearly 40 civil legal aid organizations providing services in 2016 participated in the Analysis. We found that for every $1 invested in Louisiana’s legal aid services, these programs deliver $8.73 in immediate and long-term consequential financial benefits. The programs provided assistance in 26,437 legal matters consisting of over 100 types of civil legal problems.

The Analysis shows that dollars spent on Louisiana’s civil legal aid providers are well spent and deliver unmistakable economic results to the state. In partnership with the Access to Justice Commission, we are working to obtain a constant and sustainable income stream for our civil legal aid network. This is a priority for the LBF. It is our hope that the Analysis will help us better educate the public on the value of civil legal aid and will lead to restored funding of civil legal services to Louisiana’s most vulnerable citizens.

2. An upgrade to the new, statewide case management system, fully funded by the LBF. The upgrade will offer many improvements and efficiencies that include: online intake, online volunteer attorney participation, online client case status check, blast email capability to volunteer attorneys, attorney fee and costs package, online client satisfaction survey, and text reminders to clients. We started this project in May 2017, and I’m delighted to share that we launched the upgraded case management system this month, converting the key providers of civil legal aid on the new system.

We also implemented a new, user-friendly online grants management system in 2017 that makes it easier for grantees to submit applications, populate and summarize data, and submit electronic reports. I have been fortunate to audit several of our grantees, and through this process, have learned that some organizations provide more effective services at a better cost. Providing our grantees with direction and support is important. It validates the LBF mission and gives our supporters confidence in the work we do.

If you haven’t viewed our new website, I encourage you to go to raisingthebar.org and check out our new look. We have done a full redesign of the website, logo and tagline. The design is based on current, leading technologies incorporating the fundamentals of civil legal aid and funding. The website has a clean, modern look and includes photos, stories and videos highlighting women, children, families, the disabled and the elderly showing the tremendous, life-changing impact of civil legal aid. The website features a Fellows Resources section where members can stay up to date with their contact information, make a donation and RSVP for meetings and events.

We have incorporated social media as a means to keeping grantees, Fellows and the public updated on the civil legal aid work being done across the state. You can like us on Facebook, visit our Twitter page and view our YouTube channel – all links are at the bottom of the homepage.

We received national grants in 2015 and 2017 funded by the Public Welfare Foundation to engage and educate the broader philanthropic community about the value of supporting civil legal aid and integrating civil legal aid services throughout their work. Through partnerships with the Louisiana community foundations and the LBF Community Partnership Panels, we are introducing community foundations to our grantees and working with these foundations to support civil legal aid.

A successful outcome of this initiative includes the collaboration of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and Louisiana Appleseed on Flood Proof, a project that provides free legal services to eligible homeowners living in East
Baton Rouge, Ascension and Livingston parishes whose homes were flooded in the devastating August 2016 flood.

In 2017, we added a seat on the LBF board for a representative of the Louisiana philanthropic community to deepen our relationship with the community foundations and enhance our ability to work together on key civil legal aid initiatives. I would like to thank Edmund Giering with the Baton Rouge Area Foundation for serving as the first Philanthropic Community At Large designee on the LBF Board.

In October, we held the first meeting of the newly formed Past Presidents Advisory Council. This group was formed to engage LBF past presidents and utilize their institutional knowledge and leadership abilities. Also in October, the LBF engaged Brent Henley of The Pyramid Group to conduct a strategic planning with the board and staff. The leadership outlined a detailed plan to evaluate and maximize resources and outcomes for future years, find more sustainable forms of income to support civil legal aid initiatives and current grantees, and to better fund the legal services corporations. Goals for 2018 include:

1. Create a membership drive plan that would collaborate with LSBA for their endorsement and joint event attendance; and remove the nomination requirement to become a new Fellow;
2. Create a capital campaign for operations support;
3. Create a marketing and branding campaign;
4. With the ATJ Commission funding committee, obtain new legislative appropriation and transfer the Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid to the funding committee;
5. Enhance the grantee outreach program to include online audits, onsite visits and operation policy review.

To keep up with the growing need for civil legal aid services and diversify beyond IOLTA income, the LBF identified new funding sources over the past 10 years, as follows:

**The Child in Need of Care Program** (CINC) – The LBF began serving as administrator for the Louisiana Supreme Court’s Child in Need of Care Program in 2009. Through this program, we are able to sub grant more than $2 million annually to the legal services corporations. Last fiscal year, the program provided representation to 2,729 children, made 12,812 court appearances on their behalf, and participated in 863 family team conferences.

**Cy Pres** - The Louisiana Supreme Court adopted Rule 43 naming the LBF a permissible recipient of Cy Pres funds and the only organization specifically identified in the rule in 2012. Since that time, the LBF has received nearly $90,000 in Cy Pres funds.

**Pro Hac Vice Fees** - The LBF and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board entered into an agreement regarding the increase of pro hac vice fees in 2015. The increased funds are directed to the LBF and then awarded to the legal services corporations. The funds generated $126,400 in 2017.

**Unidentified Funds** – In 2016, the Louisiana Supreme Court adopted an amendment to the Rules of Professional Conduct to help lawyers properly dispose of unidentified funds in their IOLTA accounts for at least one year and after diligent effort to document them as belonging to a client. The unidentified funds are remitted to the LBF for funding of civil legal services. The funds generated more than $81,000 last fiscal year.

**Bank of America** – The LBF received funds from the U.S. Department of Justice Bank of America Settlement in 2016 and is using the funds for increased grant awards, prioritizing direct legal services over a three year period.

Finally, at the end of 2017, we began to see positive movement in the Federal Fund Target Rate (FFTR), which directly impacts Louisiana IOLTA revenue. In March, the FFTR reached a new range of 1.50 – 1.75%. At this time, LBF staff is conducting annual, rate compliance review with all eligible financial institutions participating in the Louisiana IOLTA Program. Our efforts so far will result in a confirmed net increase of approximately a half million dollars in IOLTA revenue, possibly up to $1.5 million annually, in total. This revenue outcome means that as we phase out Bank of America funding, available the last 3 years for grants, we should be able to maintain funding levels for the providers, barring any unforeseen economic events.

In closing, I would like to give a special thanks to the amazing LBF staff and the LBF Board, who remain passionate and committed to making equal access to justice a reality in the State of Louisiana. It has been a humbling experience to interact with and engage the civil legal aid community in Louisiana. I could not be more proud of the phenomenal work being done. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.
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Dona K. Renegar, a partner in the law firm of Veazy Felder & Renegar LLC in Lafayette, received the prestigious LBF President’s Award from 2017-18 LBF President Valerie Briggs Bargas. The President’s Award was given to Renegar in recognition of her outstanding support, dedication and advancement of the mission and goals of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

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Patrick S. Ottinger, a partner in the law firm Ottinger Hebert, L.L.C. in Lafayette received the 2018 LBF Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. The award was presented at the Louisiana State Bar Association’s Annual Meeting in June. Ottinger received this award in recognition of his long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants, and all counsel. Ottinger received a plaque and $1,000 has been donated in his name to The Lafayette Bar Foundation.
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- Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett
- Phelps Dunbar LLP
- Taylor Porter

**Capital**
- Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
- Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, LLC
- Blue Williams, L.L.P.
- The Boyle Family, In Memory of Ernest Boyle, Jr.
- Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.
- Broussard & Hart, LLC
- Hon. Sylvia R. Cooks / Louis A. Martinet Legal Society Greater Lafayette Chapter
- Federal Bar Association - Lafayette/Acadia Chapter
- Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith
- Hancock Whitney Bank
- Huber Slack Law Firm
- Irwin Fritch Urquhart & Moore LLC
- Jones Walker LLP
- LSU Law Center
- Morrow, Morrow, Ryan, Bassett & Haik
- Red River Bank
- Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, L.L.C.
- Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn
- Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann
- Judge & Mrs. Max N. Tobias, Jr.

**Foundation**
- 22nd JDC Bar Association
- Abrams & Lafargue
- Paula A. Ates & Associates, LLC
- Hon. Jerry A. Brown
- Hon. Christopher J. Bruno
- Retired Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.
- Chaffe McCall, L.L.P.
- Linda Law Clark - DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP
- Cunard Law Firm
- Carver Darden
- Honorable and Mrs. John W. deGravelles
- Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, L.L.C.
- Gouaux Law Firm
- Marvin Gros, Attorney
- Maury A. Herman - Herman, Herman & Katz, LLC
- Russ M. Herman
- IBERIABANK
- Hon. Brian A. Jackson
- Camille R. Jackson
- Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison, LLC
- Suzanne M. Jones
- Patricia A. Krebs
- Lafayette Bar Association & Foundation
- Lasky Murphy LLC
- Frank A. Milanez, APLC
- New Orleans Martinet Legal Foundation, Inc.
- O’Bryon & Schnabel
- Drew and Shelia Ranier
- Larry & Jane Shea
- Dr. Stephen L. & E. Jane Sherman
- Hon. Raymond S. Steib, Jr.
- Thomson Reuters
- Judge & Mrs. Glynn F. Voisin
- Wagar Richard Kutcher Tygier Luminais, LLP
- Watson McMillian & Street
- Ta-Tanisha T. Youngblood - Youngblood Law Firm, LLC

**Special Recognition**
- FOX 8
- Republic National Distributing Company
- Kendra Scott
- Strawn Productions
# Funding

**$6.7 Million for Social Justice Initiatives 2018-19**

### Annual/Sustaining Funding

$3,716,456

### Building Capital Development

$100,000

Awards grants up to $25,000, on a matching basis, to current grantees with the purpose of assisting in the acquisition of an office building and/or property.

- Innocence Project New Orleans $25,000
- Metro Centers for Community Advocacy $25,000
- Shreveport Bar Foundation $25,000
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services $25,000

### Children’s Legal Services

$125,000

Helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development.

- Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge $8,000
- Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans $21,000
- First Grace Community Alliance $11,000
- Louisiana CASA Association $7,000
- Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights $25,000
- T.E.A.M.S. $36,000
- The Advocacy Center $17,000

### Domestic Violence Programs

$500,000

Essential services provided by these agencies are shelter, 24-hour crisis line, legal services, education of domestic/dating violence, and establishing collaborative relationships with law enforcement, judges, clerks of court, and prosecutors.

- Beauregard Community Concerns $37,097
- Chez Hope, Inc. $76,400
- D.A.R.T. of Lincoln $33,734
- Faith House, Inc. $36,081
- Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana $14,613
- Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse $22,703
- Metro Centers for Community Advocacy $38,520
- Oasis $21,379
- Project Celebration, Inc. $38,520
- Project SAVE $39,491
- Safe Harbor $15,408
- Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment (SAFE) $15,408
- St. Bernard Battered Women’s Program, Inc. $24,075
- The Haven, Inc $36,495
- The Wellspring Alliance For Families $50,076

### Law-Related Education

$100,000

The LBF awards grants to entities for law-related educational programs benefitting children and/or the public.

- Baton Rouge Bar Foundation $25,000
- Baton Rouge Children’s Advocacy Center $13,000
- Catholic Charities - Diocese of Baton Rouge $1,000
- Court Watch NOLA $3,000
- Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School $1,000
- Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights $5,500
- Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education $35,000
- LSBA Diversity Committee $1,000
- LSBA Young Lawyers Division $5,500
- Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany $10,000

### Legal Services Corporations

$2,100,000

Eligible programs are funded by the LSC federal agency and provide civil legal services to the indigent in each parish of the state.

- Acadiana Legal Service Corporation $1,061,563
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services $1,038,437

### Loan Repayment Assistance Program

$56,456

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program provides forgivable loans of up to $5,000 per year to attorneys working at an organization supported by the LBF. Recipients identities are kept confidential.

### Other Legal Service Providers

$350,000

Through staff attorneys and paralegals, these programs provide legal services of a special nature such as mental health and child advocacy mediation.

- Catholic Charities Diocese of Baton Rouge $28,958
- Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans $39,458
- Catholic Charities of North Louisiana $40,000
- Frontline Legal Services, Inc. $46,458
- Innocence Project New Orleans $90,000
- Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights $11,458
- NO/AIDS Task Force dba CrescentCare $13,333
- Southwest Louisiana Law Center $18,335
- St. Frances Cabrini Immigration Law Center $50,000
- The Ella Project $12,000

### Pro Bono Projects

$350,000

Often operated by the local bar association, these projects utilize the local private bar to handle cases for the poor pro bono in many legal areas.

- Baton Rouge Bar Foundation $70,000
- Lafayette Bar Foundation $68,900
- Shreveport Bar Foundation $46,700
- Southwest Louisiana Bar Foundation $24,900
- The Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc $29,500
- The Pro Bono Project $110,000

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Grants awarded in April 2018. Funding period is July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.
Self-Represented Litigants Programs $24,000
Help increase access through self-help centers and kiosks.

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services $9,000
The Pro Bono Project $15,000

Child in Need of Care $2,240,000
The Children’s Legal Services grant program helps to provide legal assistance to needy children in areas of law which affect their safety, well-being, and future development. Annual grants are available to: organizations providing direct legal representation of children, in matters ranging from delinquency to access to special education, mental health, and foster care services; organizations engaging in impact litigation and/or systemic legal reform efforts on behalf of children; organizations that provide lay advocacy for children in legal proceedings; and organizations that assist with the administration of justice with respect to children.

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation $1,590,000
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services $650,000

Special Program and Project Funding $445,150
Collaboration with justice community stakeholders providing umbrella support services to several or all civil legal aid providers.

Access to Justice Commission $30,000
Access to Justice Fund Grants $40,000
ATJ Community Conference Training $5,000
Civil Legal Aid Network Portal $75,000
LouisianaLawHelp.org and Probono.net $12,650
Louisiana Appleseed $95,000
Oral Histories $2,000
Pelican Center for Children and Families $123,500
Statewide Case Management System $62,000

Scholarships, Fellowships, and other funding projects $233,500
Kids’ Chance Scholarships $50,500
Scholar-in-Residence $3,000
Fellowships $180,000

Discretionary Funding $135,000
Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel Grants
Nine Community Partnership Panels act as regional chapters of the Foundation. These panels identify needs in their community and fund efforts to address those needs. Grants are awarded throughout the year. Grants listed are as of April 2019.

Acadiana
Louis A. Martinet Society $3,500
The Extra Mile $10,825
LBF Oral History Project $675

Capital Area
Louisiana Health Equity $10,730
LBF Oral History Project $4,270

Bayou Region
CASA of Lafourche $5,000
CASA of Terrebonne $5,000
The Haven $5,000

Central
Teen Court of Avoyelles $6,500
Children’s Advocacy Network $6,755
LBF Oral History Project $1,745

Greater Orleans
CrescentCare $3,500
Justice and Accountability Center $3,500
Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association $7,000
Pink House $1,000

Northwest
Acadiana Legal Service Corporation $4,500
Pine Hills Advocacy Center $10,000
LBF Oral History Project $500

Northshore
Children’s Advocacy Center-Hope House $9,000
Family Promise of St. Tammany $2,500
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services $3,000
LBF Oral History Project $500

Northeast
Project Reclaim of Minden $3,000
Volunteers for Youth Justice $10,000
LBF Oral History Project $1,575

Southwest
BeauCARE $14,225
LBF Oral History Project $730

Louisiana Bar Foundation
Access to Justice Commission
A statewide coordinated approach to assure continuity of policy and purpose in the collaboration between the private bar, the courts, and the civil justice community to further the goal of assuring that Louisianans regardless of the economic circumstance have access to the justice system.

Children in Need of Care (CINC)
The CINC program provides free legal representation to Louisiana children in foster care in partnership with the Louisiana legal service corporations, the Louisiana Department of Child and Family Services and the Louisiana Supreme Court. As administrator, the LBF provides governance and oversight of the funds and ensures program and financial compliance.

Fellows Class Project
In partnership with Louisiana Appleseed, the Fellows Class Project Series is a way for new Fellows to become involved and be a part of the LBF mission.

The 2017 Fellows Class Project focus on the Legal Service Corporations (LSC) Liaison Project. The LSC Liaison Project will educate communities throughout Louisiana about the importance of LSCs and how the recent decline in state and federal funding, in addition to Louisiana’s high poverty, place our already challenged civil legal aid system in crisis.

Fellows Program
The Louisiana Bar Foundation membership, referred to as Fellows, consists of judges, lawyers and academia whose professional, public and private lives demonstrate their commitment to ensuring access to the justice system for all.

Fellowships (Child Welfare, General, Rural)
LBF will administer funds for civil legal aid fellowships at LBF supported legal service corporations providing services in the state. Fellowships are recognized by the LBF as one of the solutions to the civil legal aid crisis in the state necessary to fully serve all Louisianas households in poverty by retention of young attorneys doing public interest work.

IOLTA - interest on lawyer’s trust accounts
The IOLTA Program is the result of a unique partnership between the banking and legal communities. The interest earned on these trust accounts is disbursed by the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) to Louisiana’s largest civil legal service programs, pro bono programs, battered women shelters, and numerous other community organizations that provide civil legal assistance to Louisiana’s low-income citizens.
**Kids’ Chance Scholarship Program**
Provides scholarships to the children of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal Workers’ Compensation Act or law. Since 2004, the program has awarded 290 scholarships totaling $664,100.

**Louisiana Appleseed**
Louisiana Appleseed is part of a network of public interest law centers in the U.S. and Mexico dedicated to building a just society through legal, legislative and institutional structural reform. Louisiana Appleseed asks top private practice lawyers, corporate counsel, law schools, civic leaders and other professionals to commit pro bono time to address problems at their root causes, producing practical, systemic solutions to effect change.

**Oral History**
The Education Committee produces a continuing series of oral histories. The series is a part of the Committee’s plans to systematically broaden the LBF’s work to preserve the history, culture, and flavor of Louisiana Law. The goal is to put into place a system for regularly recording oral histories of retiring judges, bar leaders and other legal personalities. These video presentations will then be available for use in classrooms, Continuing Legal Education seminars and other venues to preserve, honor, and improve our system of justice. We have over 100 Oral Histories online.

**Pelican Center**
Nonprofit organization that serves as a comprehensive education and training resource to support effective practice among legal and other professionals serving Louisiana’s most vulnerable children and families.

**Scholar-in Residence**
Intended to enhance the LBF’s overall educational program, and to support legal education in Louisiana by bringing the practicing bar and Louisiana’s law schools closer together. The Education Committee reviews applicants and makes a recommendation to the board. The S-I-R term is for two years and includes a $7,500 stipend. During these two years the scholar shall produce an academic work suitable for the intended LBF purpose. The S-I-R can be a professor, lawyer, law school dean, from the general public including teaches writers and other scholars.

Christopher K. Odinet from Southern University Law Center, and Melissa Lonegrass from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center are the current SIR. They will produce a comprehensive work on the public records doctrine in Louisiana.

**Secret Santa**
Project of the LSBA/LBF Community Action Committee, this project pairs needy children with local attorneys who buy presents from the kid’s holiday wish list. Some of the wishes are as simple as clothes, a toy truck or a doll.
The Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program

Prime Partners
Prime Partners are financial institutions that are committed to ensuring the success of the IOLTA program and increased funding for legal aid.

Prime Partner Banks in your area:
- Bank of Sunset & Trust Co. (Lafayette)
- Basile State Bank (Eunice)
- Caldwell Bank & Trust Co. (Columbia)
- Citizens Progressive Bank (Columbia)
- Citizens Savings Bank (Bogalusa)
- Community First Bank (New Iberia)
- Crescent Bank & Trust (New Orleans)
- Esquire Bank (New York)
- Exchange Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)
- Farmers State Bank & Trust (Church Point)
- Fidelity Bank (Metairie)
- First Bank & Trust Co. (New Orleans)
- First Castle Federal Credit Union (Covington)
- First National Bank of Benton (Benton)
- First National Bank USA (Boutte)
- Franklin State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)

Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)
Gulf Coast Bank (Abbeville)
Gulf Coast Bank & Trust (New Orleans)
Hibernia Bank (New Orleans)
Hodge Bank & Trust Co. (Hodge)
Lakeside Bank (Lake Charles)
Marion State Bank (Marion)
Merchants & Farmers Bank & Trust Co. (Leesville)
Midsouth Bank, N.A. (Lafayette)
Origin Bank (Ruston)
Patterson State Bank (Patterson)
Pedestal Bank ( Houma)
Peoples Bank & Trust Co. (New Roads)
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The Union Bank (Marksville)
Vermilion Bank & Trust Co. (Kaplan)

Statewide Prime Partner Banks:
- Capital One
- Chase
- IberiaBank
- Regions Bank
Eligible Institutions

Eligible institutions are financial institutions that meet the standards of the eligibility requirement as defined by IOLTA Rule 1.15. They are committed to the success of the IOLTA program and support legal aid.

American Bank & Trust Co., Inc. (Covington)
American Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)
Anthem Bank & Trust (Plaquemine)
BancorpSouth (Baton Rouge, Monroe, Shreveport)
Bank of Abbeville & Trust Co. (Abbeville)
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. (Crowley)
Bank of Erath (Abbeville, Delcambre)
Bank of Gueydan (Gueydan)
Bank of Louisiana (New Orleans)
Bank of Montgomery (Montgomery)
Bank of Ruston (Ruston)
Bank of St. Francisville (St. Francisville)
Bank of Winnfield & Trust Co. (Winnfield)
Bank of Zachary (Zachary)
Beauregard Federal Savings Bank (DeRidder)
Business First Bank (Baton Rouge)
Campus Federal Credit Union (Baton Rouge)
Catahoula Bank (Jonesville, Jena)
Citizens Bank & Trust (Mandeville)
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)
Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Vivian)
Citizens National Bank, N.A. (Bossier City)
City Bank & Trust Co. (Natchitoches)
Commerce Community Bank (Oakgrove)
Community Bank of Louisiana (Mansfield)
Concordia Bank & Trust Co. (Vidalia)
Cross Keys Bank (Tallulah)
Delta Bank (Ferriday)
Farmers-Merchants Bank & Trust Co. (Breaux Bridge)
First American Bank & Trust (Vacherie)
First Federal Bank of Louisiana (Lake Charles)
First Guaranty Bank (Hammond)
First National Bank in DeRidder
First National Bank Arcadia (Ruston)
First National Bank of Louisiana (Crowley)
Florida Parishes Bank (Hammond)
Gibsdland Bank & Trust (Gibsdland)
Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (Delhi)
Hancock Whitney (Gulf Coast Area)
HomeBank, N. A. (Lafayette)

Home Federal Savings & Loan (Shreveport)
Homeland Federal Savings Bank (Columbia)
Investar Bank (Baton Rouge)
Jackson Parish Bank (Jonesboro)
JD Bank (Jennings)
Jefferson Financial Credit Union (Harvey)
Jonesboro State Bank (Jonesboro)
Landmark Bank (Clinton)
Liberty Bank & Trust Co. (New Orleans)
MBL Bank (Minden)
MC Bank & Trust (Morgan City)
Metairie Bank & Trust Co. (Metairie)
Mississippi River Bank (Belle Chasse)
Mutual Savings & Loan Association (Metairie)
Plaquemine Bank & Trust Co. (Plaquemine)
Rayne State Bank & Trust Co. (Rayne)
Red River Bank (Alexandria)
Resource Bank (Covington)
Richland State Bank (Rayville)
Sabine State Bank (Many)
St. Landry Bank & Trust Co. (Opelousas)
St. Landry Homestead, FSB (Opelousas)
South Lafourche Bank (Larose)
South Louisiana Bank (Houma)
Southern Heritage Bank (Jena)
State Bank & Trust Co. (Golden Meadow)
Synergy Bank (Houma)
Tensas State Bank (Newellton)
The Bank (Jennings)
The Evangeline Bank & Trust Co. (Crowley, Ville Platte)
The First National Bank of Jeanerette (Jeanerette)
The First, A National Banking Association (Iberville)
United Community Bank (Gonzales)
Washington State Bank (Washington)
Winnsboro State Bank & Trust Co. (Winnsboro)
Xplore Federal Credit Union (Formerly Shell Credit Union, New Orleans)

(as of June 30, 2018)
Kids’ Chance awards scholarships to children of Louisiana workers killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident compensable under a state or federal workers’ compensation act or law. In the 2017-18 academic year, $59,000 in Kids’ Chance scholarships were awarded to 18 deserving students.

**2017-18 Kids’ Chance Scholarship Recipients**

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<td>Alesha Widcamp</td>
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Golf Tournament Benefits LBF Kids’ Chance Program

The Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Corporation (LWCC) held its annual golf tournament September 2017 donating all proceeds to the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids’ Chance Scholarship Program. At a ceremony prior to the golf tournament, LBF Kids’ Chance presented mock checks to scholarship recipients and a certificate of appreciation was presented to LWCC.

The LBF Kids’ Chance Scholarship Program received $30,000 from the LWCC, proceeds from its 14th annual golf tournament. From left LBF Kids’ Chance Committee Co-Chair Michelle Sorrells; LWCC President and CEO Kristin Wall; and LBF President Valerie Briggs Bargas.

LBF President Valerie Briggs Bargas and LBF Kids’ Chance committee Co-Chair Michelle Sorrells, from left, presented a Kids’ Chance scholarship to recipient Darein Rixner and his mother San Rixner

2017 LWCC Golf Sponsors

Gold Sponsor
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HUB Enterprises
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Thomson Smith & Leach Ins. Group
Gov. John Bel Edwards proclaimed the week of November 13-17, 2017 as Louisiana Bar Foundation Kids’ Chance Awareness Week.

The Kids’ Chance Committee prepared Kids’ Chance care packages for the 2017-18 scholarship recipients. Care packages were composed of gift cards, snacks, and company swag from our donors. Several law firms supported Kids’ Chance Awareness week, buy hosting dress down days and pizza parties.

Baton Rouge Bar Association Workers’ Compensation Section Hosts Kids’ Chance Fundraiser

The Baton Rouge Bar Association’s (BRBA) Workers’ Compensation Section raised more than $8,000 at their 8th annual fund raiser for LBF Kids’ Chance. The theme was “Roaring 20’s Jazz Brunch”. They served shrimp ’n grits, chicken ’waffles, praline bacon, quiche, beverages and had a chocolate fountain dessert station. Special drink cups featured a Champagne fountain, bottomless Mimosas and Bloody Mary’s. The evening included music, games with prizes including “Best 1920’s costume”. The BRBA Workers’ Comp Section has donated more than $46,000 to the LBF Scholarship Fund since 2011.

Thank You

2017-18
Kids’ Chance Fund Donors

Law Office of Alan Berger
Alan Brackett
Dudley Dubossier
Kids’ Chance of America
Samantha Laramore
National Council on Compensation Insurance
O’Bryon & Schnabel
Phelps Dunbar New Orleans

For more information on Kids’ Chance or to find out how you can make a donation to the Kids’ Chance Scholarship Fund, contact Dennette Young at (504) 561-1046 or dennette@raisingthebar.org or visit www.raisingthebar.org/kidschance.
# Louisiana Bar Foundation

## Statements of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2018   2017

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