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The celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the LBA Family Law Section.

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Robert Kallam

Dear LBA members,

What is the Lafayette Bar Association and what purpose does it serve? Have you been asked this question before or perhaps have you asked this very question? Well, the Board(s) of the Lafayette Bar Association has been working hard over

the last few years to update and develop our strategic plan that will guide our association over the next 3 years. As part of this process we have adopted a "Home Base" message that is a very simple and easy to read sentence that answers the very question posed above: "We (ie, The Lafayette Bar Association) are lawyers helping lawyers aid the profession and our community through education, networking, charitable endeavors, and access to civil justice."

One of my goals during my term as President of the bar association is to spotlight those members

of our bar who work tirelessly to serve our community with charitable, philanthropic and civic endeavors. The survey I prepared and circulated to the membership was very informative as I indicated in my last message. However, we would really like to spotlight those members who go above and beyond with these endeavors and whose work allows the community to experience first hand the generosity and caring nature of our bar members.

To this end and in preparation for our next Promulgator, I would ask that you contact me by email (robert.kallam@keanmiller.com) or phone/text (337.280.9365) to "nominate" a member of our bar that is worthy of such recognition. As I have said before, the community at large (for the most part) knows what lawyers do in the courtroom or conference room. However, it is our job to let the community know what our members do in our neighborhoods, churches, parks, museums, civic organizations, schools and elsewhere to serve our community. This is part of our "Home Base" message and strategic plan. Please help me share this great news!

Thank you and if I can assist you in any way or if you just have ideas or issues that impact our members, please reach out to me.



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The first quarter of 2023 flew by and before we know it, school will be out and summer will be here! I hope you have plans for some R'n'R soon to recharge and enjoy the great outdoors. Mock Trial Chairs Reed Kreger Ellis and Kevin Ellis did a great job planning and organizing this year's event. It is not an easy task to take on but they handled it meticulously. Thank you to our volunteers who served as presiding judge, scoring judges, and timekeeper. We can always count on our members to lend a hand!

Another highly successful Birdie with the Bar Golf Tournament is in the books thanks to the efforts of chairs Jason Matt and Chris Ortte along with committee member Logan Landgrave. We had fantastic sponsor support and had 30 teams participate in the tournament. Rain threatened to interrupt play a couple of times during the afternoon but we lucked out and all teams were able to complete play. Congratulations to our first place teams, Barczyk Spine & Joint (net score) and Completeful #2 (gross score).

The Last Appointment social co-sponsored by the Young Lawyer Association and the Bar Association on March 23 at Hideaway on Lee had a great turnout! Thank you to our sponsors: Lafayette Bone and Joint Clinic; NeunerPate; Barczyk Spine & Joint; Recovery ChiroMed; Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith; and Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon & Edwards.

Thank you, also, to all of our members who have renewed 2023 dues. We are grateful to you for helping us to meet our goals of member retention and new memberships.

We had an awesome turnout at the Tequila Law CLE on Thursday, May 4 at the Bar office. Presenters Jonathan Jarrett and Jason Matt



Pam Landaiche

discussed tequila law and provided a tequila tasting.

Our annual Running in Heels CLE geared toward female attorneys will take place on Friday, May 12, 2023. The agenda and speakers are being finalized now and will be published on our website soon. As with all of our events, look for updates in the weekly blast, the Lafayette Bar website (lafayettebar.org) and be sure to follow us on social media.

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT
ROYA BOUSTANY

The Young Lawyers have been hard at work this spring. We are blessed to say that our Community Service Committee had a very successful food drive. Thanks to our members we collected a generous portion of spaghetti sauce and noodles. We are proud to say that we also delivered a check for \$1,000 to Catholic Charities of Acadiana, a nonprofit so near and dear to all our hearts. It is only because of members like you that we are as successful with these projects.

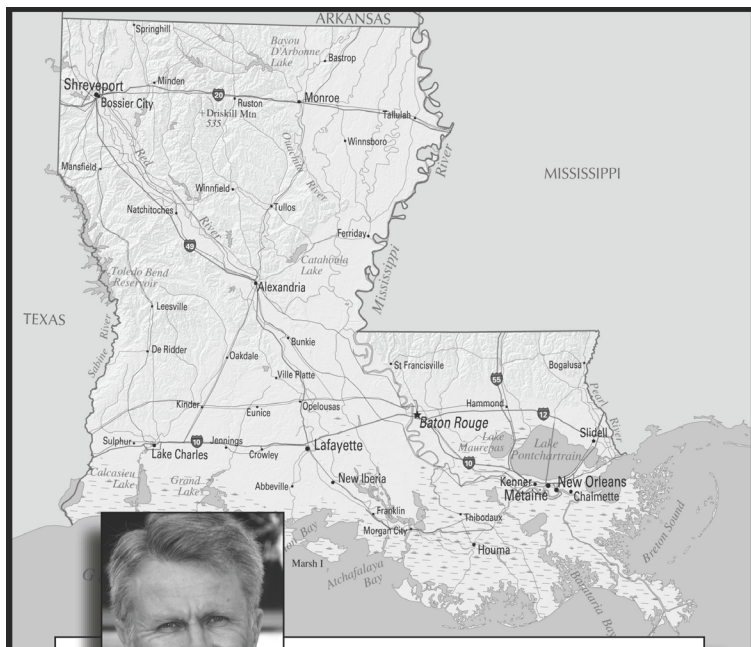
On March 23rd, our Social Committee hosted in partnership with the Lafayette Bar Association Board of Directors a "Last Appointment" social at the Hideaway on Lee. It was a perfect way to kick off the springtime, and we grateful for all of you for attending. It was heavily attended by all members of the bar association and a grand time was had by everyone! Our social co-chairs Jeremy Garcia and Sarah Simmons did a tremendous job putting this event together! Thank you to our awesome sponsors of the event! Our platinum sponsors Lafayette Bone and Joint, Inc. Our gold sponsors Barczyk Spine & Joint, Neuner-Pate, and our silver sponsors law firm Davidson Meaux Sonnier McElligott Fontenot Gideon & Edwards; and law firm Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith, and Recovery

ChiroMed. We are grateful for your support of the Young Lawyers Section and the Lafayette Bar Association.

Finally, and with great pleasure I can tell you all about the success of the Young Lawyers Division Conference which took place on Friday, March 31st at Harrah's in New Orleans. The Lafayette Young Lawyer's Section showed up in a spectacular way. Myself, along with Jami Ishee, J.P. Graf, and Alfred Boustany, III presented Jury Selection: Tips & Tricks from All Sides of the Bar. We had several Lafayette Young Lawyers who were named Top 40 Under 40. The inaugural Top 40 award is given to Louisiana's top young lawyers who have made exceptional contributions to the legal profession and their community. Congratulations to Katelyn Bayhi, Roya Boustany, Reed K. Ellis, Kenny Hebert, Phillip Smith, and Ambrose Stearns.

We are also pleased to announce that our President-Elect Jami Ishee was the winner of the Honorable Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award. If you know Jami, then you know her amazing contributions to our community and to our profession. We are so proud of her and wish her congratulations!

Please be on the lookout for summer social! It is TBA, but we are working hard on making our summer social successful and well attended.



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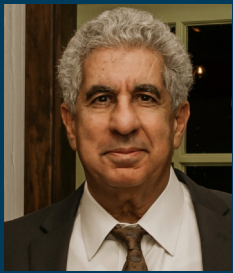
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A report of the Lafayette Bar Foundation, provided by Foundation Chair Gregory Tonore



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I hope everyone is having a great spring. I introduced myself in the last article in The Promulgator as the new Bar Foundation board chairman. My term will last two years. Serving as my vice chairman will be Dean Cole, and as treasurer Kenny Oliver. In addition, the other members of our board are Dave Ernest, Blake David, Tommy Hightower, Jonathan, Jared, Miles Matt, Kyle Gideon Glen Edwards, Maggie Simar, Shannon Dartez, Robert, Kallam, and Lindsey Meador. Pam Landaiche is our Executive Director and Marilyn Lopez is our Pro bono Director. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank John Swift, Jack, McElligott, and Karen King who are exiting the board for their fine service on the board. We appreciate them volunteering their time and services to make the foundation a better place.

This past month I attended a seminar, put on by the Louisiana Bar Foundation, which described the duties and obligations of board members and the fiduciary relationship we have with the Bar Foundation as well our members and the public we serve. It was quite informative and the seminar was videoed and distributed to all attendees. All members of the Bar Foundation board, as well as members of the Bar Association board, have received a copy of the seminar. Executive Director, Pam Landaiche attended a seminar on diversity equity and inclusion hosted by the Louisiana Bar Foundation. She distributed that video to all members of both boards. I know that each member of the respective boards are reviewing these seminars to better understand their obligations and duties to boards they serve, as well as the public.

The Bar Foundation's duties include providing free legal services to individuals that are unable to afford legal

services well as providing counsel on call, free legal seminars, birth certificates, as well as other legal forms to the public. We are a nonprofit 501 (C) (3) corporation. We can receive tax free donations from our members and the public. The board has an obligation to keep the Foundation in good financial standing.

The Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section recently hosted the Birdie with the Bar Golf Tournament at the Wetlands. I, along with the other attendees, had a wonderful time participating in the event. The food was outstanding, and the weather was great for an afternoon of golf. A big thank you to all of the sponsors who came out and supported this worthwhile charitable event, as well as to our staff who worked tirelessly to organize this event along with the young lawyers. It was an outstanding day for all, and we thank all of those who supported this event.

A duty of the Bar Foundation is to maintain and improve the Bar Association building. The building is used for mediations, depositions, and conferences throughout the year. Each year we host Mardi Gras for members to participate in food and festivities as well as other social events for our members. Both the Bar Foundation and the Bar Association boards conduct their meetings at the Bar Association building as well as sections of these respective organizations. The Bar Foundation as well as the Bar Association are constantly striving to improve our services for our members and the public and we look forward to serving you in the future.

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AN UPDATE FROM THE FAMILY LAW SECTION

BY MANDI BUCHER

Here's To 25 Years! On March 25th, with the help of some amazing past presidents and our wonderful bar association staff, we lifted our champagne glasses and toasted our amazing Family Law Section, as it has been 25 years since our section was created.

For those of you who do not know, our Section is named in honor of the late Paula K. Woodruff, one of the initial proponents behind the section's creation and a major champion of justice in the family law arena. Our purpose has been to provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas and concerns leading to the improvement of the practice and substance of family law; aid practitioners in the development of skills and resources for the practice of family law; promote the continuing education of the family law attorney; foster a mutually cooperative relationship with courts handling family law matters; and foster a high standard of ethical conduct, civility and professionalism by all attorneys who participate in the family court system. We continue to strive to live up to these ideals, and it has benefited the practice of family law immensely over the last 25 years.

Throughout the year, we offer several CLEs with food and drinks at a largely discounted rate of \$25 for our members. Our presenters have included and will continue to include hearing officers in both the 15th and 16th JDCs, judges from the family law divisions of the 15th JDC, the 15th JDC commissioner, as well as juvenile jurisdiction, general jurisdiction, and appellate court judges. Additionally, we bring in family law specialists, law professors, mental health professionals, CPAs, and other specialists in other areas of law that intertwine with family law for our CLEs. We also have several incredibly

fun social events and celebrations throughout the year, as well as joint CLEs with various other licensed professionals. If you are interested in joining our section, please contact me or our executive bar association liaison, Katie Blanchet.

Section members: May 8th, which will be our annual meeting to vote on officer and committee slates, budget, meeting dates/times for next year, and bylaws, followed by CLE on forensic accounting and community property. Cheers to many more years of incredible events and making cherished memories. I look forward to seeing you all in the near future!

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Springing into Spring

By: Jessica C. Krosgard

Spring is here! And Spring cleaning helps us welcome the new season. This seasonal tradition stands for a thorough deep cleaning of your entire home and/or office – from top to bottom. A thorough clean-up includes areas you do not clean on a regular basis, such as beneath carpets and furnishings, on top of bookshelves, windows, file cabinets, and closets.

Reducing stress can be achieved by simplifying the things around you that compete for your attention. Getting organized at work and home supports mental health. Spring is an ideal time to invest in your health and well-being.

Achieving a work/life balance is easier when there is organization in the spaces you spend most of your day. Studies have shown that being organized and creating compartments enhances your ability to focus. By removing clutter and getting rid of messes, we help our brain focus on the current task. A messy environment with too much stimulation can make

it difficult for the brain to process information. The easier it is to access something needed, the calmer and more productive we become by creating a system that works for us.

Whether it's color-coordinating, labeling, minimizing, or taking inventory- organizing work and home environments refreshes productivity, enhances job satisfaction, and boosts the morale. It is suggested to begin with one task at a time, and observe how you feel after one area is organized. Enjoy your process, so it isn't daunting. Have fun. Remember, it's not just about cleaning; it's also about reorganizing for a more efficient system where everything has a place. As we organize our spaces, we create a clean slate, make room for a new perspective, and prepare for a restful Summer.



8 Restaurants with Patio Seating in Lafayette

By Katie Blanchet

If you're anything like me an outdoor patio is a must on a pretty day. Lately, I have been struggling to find a unique outdoor experience in Lafayette.

I have gathered 8 options for you so that you don't have to think before you eat next time.

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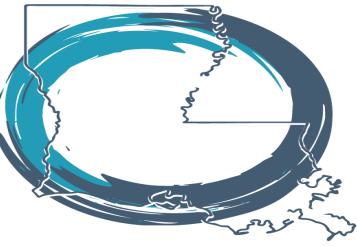
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Broussard & David recently welcomed new attorneys, John S. Alford and Emily C. Borgen, to their growing personal injury law firm. The firm has also announced their expansion by adding an office in Covington, LA which will be managed by Alford. Prior to joining Broussard & David, Alford gained significant trial experience as an Orleans Parish Assistant District Attorney before shifting focus to personal injury. Alford represents clients in both Louisiana and Mississippi. Prior to joining the firm, Borgen attended Duke University School of Law and clerked for the Hon. Eugene Davis of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Borgen has over ten years of experience in both personal injury and civil defense litigation.

If you have any significant life events you would like your fellow Lafayette Bar Association members to know about, such as births, promotions, new hires, deaths, etc., please email katie@lafayettebar.org. We'd love to spotlight you and/or your friends, family, and colleague in our section, "The Grapevine."

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The Lafayette Bar Association's Family Law Section celebrated their 25th Anniversary on March 21, 2023 at the Lafayette Bar Association office. This event highlighted and honored the hard work of everyone who has served as president of the Family Law Section in the past 25 years. A champagne toast was held to honor the section, which was attended by 20 of the Past Presidents in attendance as well as the current Board and section members.

The Family Law Section was first formed in 1997 when a small group of family law attorneys began meeting informally to discuss the formation of a family law section of the Lafayette Bar Association. The Section was officially formed when a set of by-laws was proposed by the group and adopted by the Lafayette Bar Association in September of 1997. The late Paula Kobetz Woodruff was instrumental in the formation of the Section and in promoting improvements to the judicial system, as well as increasing the competency of attorneys who practiced family law. Shortly after Paula's untimely death in October of 1998, the members unanimously voted to name the section in her honor. The mission statement of the Paula K. Woodruff Family Law Section is as follows: It shall be the mission of the Paula K. Woodruff Section of the Lafayette Bar Association to foster civility, professionalism and legal competency among its membership, to improve the legal system in general with a particular emphasis on increasing the system's sensitivity to the special needs of families and children, and to promote a system of specialized family courts in the Fifteenth Judicial District and in the State of Louisiana. True to its mission, the Section has had a dramatic impact on the Fifteenth Judicial District Court and on the judicial system as a whole in the State of Louisiana. By entering into a working partnership with Judges Ronald D. Cox and Phyllis M. Keaty in 1999, the Section proposed sweeping amendments to the Fifteenth Judicial District's Local Court Rules. These amendments were presented to all of the sitting judges in the District, who after making some minor revisions, had the foresight and wisdom to unanimously adopt the new rules. The Paula K. Woodruff Family Law Section is one of the largest and most active family law section in the State. Currently, the Section has approximately 100 members from Lafayette, Vermilion, Acadia, St. Martin, St. Mary, Iberia and St. Landry Parishes. The Section sponsors a number of activities throughout the year.

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