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ON THE COVER

In this 2023 December issue of the Promulgator you can take a closer look into our 2023-2024 Lafayette Bar Association President, Lindsay Meador Young.

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JAN 5 RED MASS

St. John the Evangelist
12:00 PM
Reception to follow at the Cathedral
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FEB 13 MARDI GRAS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lindsay Meador Young

Dear Fellow Members of the Lafayette Bar Association:

First, let me say thank you to each of you for your tremendous support in my entering this position as President for 2023-2024. I am more than excited and am always here to help any of you in any manner that I can. We must, without a doubt,

recognize Robert Kallam for his unwavering leadership and time given during his presidency last year. He leaves very large shoes to fill.

I also want to express how grateful I was to see so many of you at our annual Christmas party. It is always a pleasure to catch up with colleagues on family and work especially this year at The Room at Corner Bar.

As we look forward to the coming months, I want to encourage you each to join us for CLE by the Hour with our many dates in December which is our primary fundraiser

for the LBA. This program is second to none thanks to the planning of our board members and bar staff. Also, please mark your calendars for the 2023 Red Mass which will be held on January 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. A reception will immediately follow generously hosted by Broussard, David & Moroux. In an effort to unify our membership, I ask that each of you invite the young lawyers in your firm along with those who may not find time often to attend LBA events. The goal this year is to share more with all of our members, and this is the perfect opportunity to begin to do so.

Finally, a continued reminder that the 2024 Bench Bar Conference will be held at The Grand Hotel Golf Resort and Spa in Point Clear, Alabama from August 22-24. It will assuredly be filled with fun, friends and family time.

As we continue in this holiday season, I hope that each of you take time to enjoy your family, friends and colleagues to the fullest. I am of the humble opinion that we are very lucky to have the chance to do what we do day in and day out with the most important thing that we do being serving others. Let's commit to serving not only the community but each other in this coming year with kindness, support and perseverance.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!



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2023... the year of ALL of the things! We saw record setting numbers at last year's CLE by the Hour, and it is looking like 2023 will have strong numbers as well. All events throughout the year saw great support and attendance – socials, Golf Tournament, Bench Bar, Court Opening, Clay Shoot, Installation of Officers, and the Christmas Party. The inaugural Bench Bar Quarterly Lunch Series was a big hit for all who had the opportunity to participate.

ALSO... we had a literal fire. Fortunately, the damage from the fire was contained to only the kitchen, and the disruption to business was minimal. I'd like to give a huge shout out to Miles Matt, Greg Tonnore, Dave Ernest, Dean Cole and Kenny Oliver for their hard work ensuring that the rebuild process was top-notch and efficient!



Pam Landaiche

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fabulous sponsors who we can always count on for support of our events. You see their names mentioned throughout our social media posts, event marketing, and the pages of this magazine. Please be sure and acknowledge them when you see them.

I am also grateful to all of our Mediation Center clients, and our loyal mediators, Greg Voorhies and David Cook, for their support of our Bar Association every year.

Bishop Deshotel has announced that the 2024 Red Mass will take place on Friday, January 5 at Noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, followed by a luncheon in the Cathedral Center. The luncheon is made possible due to the generosity of Broussard, David & Moroux.

I am looking forward to 2024 and all of the promises a new year brings. Hope. Joy. Peace. Love. I wish these things and more for you.



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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT
JAMI ISHEE

As we reflect on the past year—our accomplishments, life milestones, our shortcomings, our new relationships and the old—I challenge each of you to adopt a new year aspiration. What do you aspire for? Courtesy, respect, and grace toward myself and my peers are some that come to mind. A healthier lifestyle and mindset are some others. If a healthy lifestyle is your new year aspiration, the Young Lawyers Section will be hosting a health and wellness event within the first few weeks of January that you can use to kick start this journey. The event will include a workout for all skill levels that can be replicated at home and will provide instruction on a cool down and stretches that can be done at home or at your desk, targeting problem areas for those who sit at work for the majority of the day (that's us!). A social with snacks and drinks will follow. We hope to see you there!

If a deeper involvement in your community is one of your aspirations, then the Annual Mock Trial competition held in February is a great way to give your time and talents to the community. Volunteer to be a judge or timekeeper for the local high school students who aspire to become lawyers just like you! A deeper involvement in the Lafayette Bar Association may be another aspiration of yours. If so, please join the Young Lawyers Section in our monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month. The Young Lawyers Section

has a lot of new and exciting things on the horizon for 2024, so please keep a look out for our announcements in the LBA emails.

In 2024 may we always be grateful for the past, find joy in the present, and remain excited for the future.



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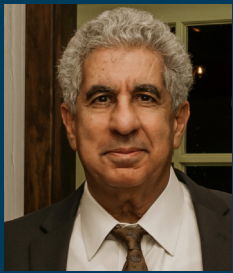
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A report of the Lafayette Bar Foundation, provided by Foundation Chair Gregory Tonore



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I hope you all are having a wonderful holiday season. Here at the Bar Foundation, we've had a lot of excitement. Approximately four weeks ago we had a fire in the kitchen which caused extensive damage to the building. Fortunately, Dave Ernest was across the street when the fire occurred and was able to secure the building and assist the fire department along with Pam Landaiche, our Executive Director. It's been quite a busy time for Pam and Miles Matt, another board member, who led us in obtaining and overseeing a contractor to get the building back up and running before the CLE programs started on December 5. I'm pleased to report that Pam, Miles, and myself have been able to get the building back in shape for the December CLE programs. Although, not yet fully completed, we are about 85% near completion. The restoration would not have occurred without Pam and Miles taking on the lead role in restoring the building. We appreciate their effort and hard work along with all of the staff in assisting with the project. The fire and restoration project caused us to revisit our insurance coverage with State Farm and, while we had sufficient coverage for this fire, we did increase the coverage for the building and contents going forward. Rest assured, should there be another fire or property damage to the building or contents, we are fully insured.

One of the duties of the Bar Foundation is to not only provide legal services to those in need but also to maintain the Bar Association/ Foundation building. Before the fire we upgraded the security camera system, installed a bankers security window at the front desk, and upgraded the sound system as well as projection system in the conference room. As to future projects next year we will be upgrading the outdoor patio. Additionally, we are looking at the cost of upgrading the windows in the conference room to reduce the noise from outside as well as other improvement projects. The Louisiana Bar Foundation started a grant

program for capital improvements in 2022. We were successful in receiving a capital improvement grant last year and have applied for a grant for the upcoming year to defray the cost of future capital improvements.

You may have seen in The Promulgator a new initiative we are starting here at the Bar Foundation called "Adopt a Month of Service with the Lafayette Bar Foundation for 2024". Skill base volunteering is so important as it tackles systemic change to make a lasting impact. This is why we are asking firms to pick one month of the year and agree to volunteer your time and talents with the Lafayette Bar Foundation. The Bar Foundation is asking firms (solo, small, medium, and large) to adopt a month of service for the new year. A month of service is a unique opportunity for firms to bring their workforce together to create meaningful impact through employee volunteering. Some of the voluntary opportunities will include but are not limited to our Counsel On Call, H.E.L.P. Programs, giving a free informational seminar to the public, accepting ALSC cases, and volunteering at St. Joseph's Diner. As a thank you for your month of service the Bar Foundation will promote your firm on our social media pages, in The Promulgator, and on flyers. Feel free to contact Marilyn Lopez here at the Bar Foundation for more information. The Christmas season is a holiday for giving. We humbly ask that you consider giving of your time and treasure to the Lafayette Bar Foundation to make our community a better place for those who are less fortunate.

Before closing, I would like this to thank Pam, our Executive Director, the Bar Association/Foundation staff, and all of our wonderful volunteers for all of the hard work you have given our organizations over this past year. Have a happy holiday season and a great new year.

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FAMILY LAW SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT

CLAIRE EDWARDS

The Family Law Section is honored to be included in the November 1st swearing in ceremony, and we are very pleased with Lindsey Meador Young's leadership.

In keeping with the efforts of this year regarding focus on family law as a specialty of the legal community, I'd like to offer some tips for friends and family of divorcing or child custody related litigants. Just like Mr. Kallam said on November 1, 2023, lawyers are seen as leaders in our community. When our friends and family hear what we have to say, they are more inclined to trust or believe it than they would a non-lawyer's advice about litigation.

First of all, clients are going to get the best results from their family law attorney when they ask the right questions (and there are no wrong questions!). They need to be prepared to sit through a one-hour appointment, where they may need to divulge very difficult personal circumstances. Many, if not all, family law attorneys, are happy to offer advice and answer questions the litigant may have. We're lawyers, after all, and we have opinions to share! The litigant should be prepared to ask about retainer fees and court costs. This is not as simple as a contingency fee agreement (not that it's super "simple" to do that ;)). The client needs to be clear whether it's a refundable trust deposit, whether it's a flat fee, or some other circumstance. The client needs to be clear whether the attorney is billing at a .1/hr or .25/hr or other arrangement. Finally, court costs! While many corporations barely blink at a \$450 filing fee, this is a huge expense for a family, especially a family splitting from dual income to two singular incomes and two separate homes. Whether the retainer includes court costs or whether the client is responsible to pay \$450 directly to the clerk of court is important to the client's confidence and expectations moving forward in a family law case.

Second, potential clients need to be prepared to talk about their children with the family law attorney. As

any of us parents who are not going through litigation can testify, parenting in 2023 is tough. Some of the things we expected to be in place (cheaper mortgages, cheaper health insurance premiums, 12% payoff in stock market) that we remember from our childhood are not in place right now. Further, the federal laws like 401(k), IRA, HSA accounts, to name a few, are complex to divide. Parents' work schedules and leave opportunities must be considered when handling upcoming child schedule changes. Clients and potential clients must also be prepared to adjust a child to a new routine (as any parent who has endured the beginning of school has experienced). Finally, there are difficult circumstances family law attorneys are well attuned to handle such as domestic violence and, one step lower but still incredibly impacting, when one parent isn't a "reasonable person" by court standards.

Third, if a non-family law attorney gets the opportunity to talk with a potential litigant before they hire a family law attorney, it is important to illustrate the distinction between assets/debts and income/expenses. Why? Because spousal support is essentially the court's regulation of a couples' income and expenses while community property focuses only on assets and debts. As a result, those clients who are most able to digest this distinction between having a mortgage at all versus owing a certain sum each month will have a smoother court experience.

By offering these insights and tools to our friends and family, we strengthen the support system for those facing the challenging journey of family law proceedings. The legal community's dedication to providing valuable guidance and clarity in these matters will continue to make a significant impact on the lives of those we assist.

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LINDSAY MEADOR YOUNG

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By Mandi Bucher Borne

In 2015, as a young lawyer, I meekly introduced myself to one of the most intimidating attorneys I had come across in my short 2 years of practicing law. She was fierce, prepared, and on a mission to do great things. Little did I know, some 8 years later, I would have the distinct pleasure of introducing to her to you as our new Lafayette Bar Association President. Her name is Lindsay Meador Young.

Throughout the years, I have had the unique opportunities to engage with Lindsay, in the beginning it was in her role as a junior partner at her firm Galloway Johnson, where my husband had just been hired on as an associate, then professionally as she served as opposing counsel on family law cases and served with me on various sections and committees of the LBA, and now, not only a colleague, but one of my dearest friends. I can personally attest that Lindsay will undoubtedly go above and beyond to lead our local bar to great things over the next year. Lindsay is a truly a one-of-a-kind lawyer. She works tirelessly to zealously advocate for her clients, her community, and her colleagues. She is uniquely attuned to the needs, desires, and struggles of our community and her clients, as well as the lawyers she practices with. She is always willing to provide a listening ear, a second perspective, and advice, and she is always setting new goals for herself.

She is the absolute perfect person to ensure that the relationship with the bar association and the judiciary continues, and she will ensure that the community in which we live continues to benefit from our bar association services. And, most impressively, she will do all of this while also doing the same while raising a bright-eyed boy, supporting her husband, and working at her firm. While she tells me “she’s far from perfect,” and I’m still not sure when she sleeps, she manages to perfectly balance the mom-wife-work-community service life, all while being an amazing friend to so many.

A native of Lafayette and graduate of ESA, Lindsay has spent countless years serving our community and working tirelessly in a traditionally “man’s world” to create a specialty area within her firm for family law issues. While doing so, she also served on various committees to ensure pro bono access to legal assistance for those who simply couldn’t otherwise afford it. Lindsay is a compassionate woman, who loves every aspect about giving to our community and celebrating life. There is no doubt in my mind that Lindsay is committed to continuing the LBA’s tradition of serving to the people of Acadiana. Lindsay has dedicated her practice to helping people through the toughest times in their lives, not only in her private practice, but also on a pro bono basis as well. Not only does Lindsay take the time assist on cases pro-bono, but she constantly encourages others to do the same.

She has spent countless hours advocating and bettering our pro-bono programs at the LBA to help those who need us most but aren't fortunate enough to be able to pay for legal services, and I know Lindsay will continue to keep pushing, promoting, and assisting LBA in these amazing projects.

Now, you may be wondering how Lindsay and I can be on opposing sides of a case and continue to be friends outside of the practice of law, as this question has been asked by several other attorneys practicing in other areas, non-lawyer friends and colleagues, and even my husband. The answer is simple: I appreciate and cherish good people. To know Lindsay is to love Lindsay, and also to appreciate Lindsay. When representing opposite parties on the same case, we are able to work together to assist families going through the toughest parts of their lives to resolve their differences amicably and cost-effectively. I can always count on her to help resolve difficult issues that arise throughout the litigation. I know she will come prepared and put forth her client's positions in a noncombative manner, but I know also listen and absorb the facts and legal arguments of both sides to reach practical, reasonable and logical decisions that will push the families we work with towards a better tomorrow, for themselves and for more importantly, for their children, without unnecessarily running up costs or fueling already inflamed emotions of the parties and witnesses involved. I can always count on her to approach the case from an objectively reasonable position. Most importantly, I know that she will always have my back.

Over the last couple of years, on my better days, when I am able to take time off of work, I can count on Lindsay to jump at any opportunity to take our kids to the zoo, take a mini-mom's trip get-away, enjoy the sunshine and outdoors or bond over a glass of wine while talking anything but legal talk. But, more importantly, on my worst days and in times of uncertainty, it is Lindsay who has been, and will always be, there to provide me with listening ear and offer guidance and support in any possible way she can. This has been the case from the inception of meeting her, before we became friends, when she and I were just "colleagues," and she was my husband's boss. Lindsay is a large reason behind why I am still able to grind through the practice of family law on a daily basis, even when times are tough, and she makes my life better, as she does with every person she has the pleasure of meeting.... And meeting people is definitely always a pleasure for her. Lindsay doesn't meet a stranger, and she is always instantly there for anyone in need. It is the combination of all of Lindsay's character traits described above and her self-less dedication and passion to serve others that Lindsay will undoubtedly utilize on a daily basis while serving as your President of the LBA.

We thank all past and present board members for their years of service to the LBA, and we are ready for this new year, which is filled with excitement and hope for the future. Looking forward to the future, I want to congratulate Lindsay for her appointment to serve our fellow attorneys, the LBA, and our community. To Lindsay's husband Lucas and their son Carson, we thank you for sharing your amazing wife and mom. On behalf of Lindsay's friends, her firm, colleagues, and the entire family law section, we are happy to share Lindsay Meador Young as she commences her year-long journey to serve you as this year's Lafayette Bar President!





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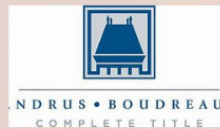
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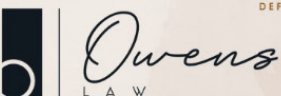
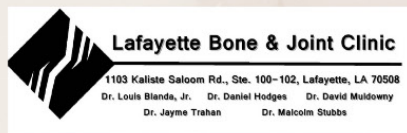


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January 5, 2024
12:00 PM

St. John the Evangelist

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February 13, 2024
LBA Office



MOCK TRIAL

February 24, 2024



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March 8, 2024
The Wetlands



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LBA Holiday Party

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The Family Law Section hosted their annual holiday party on Saturday, December 9th. The entire section was asked to join in and kick off the holiday season with their fellow FLS members.



On Saturday, December 16th, The Lafayette Bar Foundation participated in the annual birthday celebration for Jesus, honoring the homeless and impoverished in Acadiana. Attorney Dyan Schnaars and Director of Pro Bono Services Marilyn Lopez helped the area's homeless apply for a certified copy of their birth certificate.



Now in its 60th year of existence, the LADC: Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel held its annual Board and Young Lawyers' Section Awards dinner in New Orleans. There were 19 deserving nominees this year - all with impressive accomplishments and accolades, both professional and personal.

The recipient of this year's Frank L. Maraist YLS award was presented to Ross Roubin.

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