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ON THE COVER

In this 2024 August issue of The Promulgator we cover our 2024 Hall of Fame, YLS Pickleball Tournament & Clinic, 2024 Clay Shoot Tournament, and many more events!!
Enjoy the photos from our 2024 Hall of Fame Gala on pages 10 - 11.

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OCT 11- PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Lafayette Pickleball Club

OCT 18 - CLAY SHOOT

Wilderness Gun Club

OCT 23 - LUNCH & LEARN CLE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members of the Lafayette Bar Association:

This has been a summer of change. We held the Bench Bar Conference at The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama for the first time and I am happy to report it was a success! The speakers, food, location and attendance were incredible. I appreciate the hard work of the LBA staff and the Bench Bar Committee led by Jonathan Woods in making this event the best one yet.

On another note, as many of you know, Pam Landaiche has accepted the position as the Court Administrator for the 15th Judicial District Court. She has served this association for many years and is leaving us in the best position we have ever been. Pam is leaving behind a qualified and positive team. She will be missed more than she knows.

Finally, my term as President is quickly coming to an end. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve. At the beginning of this year, my hope and goal was to unify the various sections of the association and we have done this. Attendance at events this year has been attorneys of all ages, experience, and practices. Also, for the first time, on November 13, 2024, we are installing all of our incoming presidents at the same time – Stuart Breaux (Lafayette Bar Association), Lesley Beam (Family Law Section), Kenny Hebert (Young Lawyers Section), and Dean Cole (Lafayette Bar Foundation). I look forward to more collaborations and networking with everyone.

Please never hesitate to call on me if I can be of help or assistance in anyway. I do not remember a time in my practice when the Lafayette Bar Association, and all of its members, did not make me a better lawyer and person.

Lindsay Meador Young
President, LBA; 2023-2024



Lindsay Meador Young

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welp.... If you read my August column, you know that August marked my five-year anniversary with the Lafayette Bar Association and Foundation. For a while, I envisioned this as my retirement job and would have been very happy to serve as the Executive Director of this great organization for many years to come. But an opportunity to use my skills, knowledge, and relationships to serve in another capacity came along, and I feel compelled to move on.

It has been an honor to serve as your Executive Director and I cherish the friendships I have formed and the work I have accomplished. In my new role as Court Administrator for the 15th JDC, I hope to continue those friendships, build new ones, and add to my skillset.

Thank you to the presidents, executive committee and board members, section chairs, and event chairs whom I have had the distinct pleasure of serving alongside. I have learned a great deal from my time here. Throughout the challenges of Covid - including low membership renewal numbers, a slow return to in-person events, and the associated budget strains, staff turnover in key positions more than once, and a literal fire in the bar building, I feel like I am leaving the Association in a better position than when I started my role as Executive Director. Financially, the last few years of CLE by the Hour have been highly profitable, as have been Bench Bar, and the Golf Tournament. Our grant funding from the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Acadiana Legal Services has steadily increased, helping to continue the programs and services offered to the community. Thanks to the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Building Capital Development grant program, we have been able to upgrade the AV system in the conference room, install new security cameras around the building, build a new patio covering which completely covers the patio area, and purchase new conference room tables and chairs.



Pam Landaiche

Staff-wise, I am leaving you in great hands! They will carry on upcoming events with the continuity and professionalism you have come to expect. If you have not already met our latest hire, events / membership coordinator Bailey Moyer, please make an effort to stop by and meet her. Bailey is a consummate professional and will take care of the events and member services of the Bar.

I hope support for the many events and programs of the Association and Foundation will continue to grow. Please also continue to support the efforts of the Young Lawyers section – they are the future of this organization and they are destined for greatness.

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT
JAMI ISHEE

The young lawyers section's first coffee and conversations social was a great success! We want to thank everyone who stopped by for their morning cup, and solicit suggestions for where our next coffee conversation should take place. Since the Young Lawyers Section aims to cultivate truly well-rounded professionals, we have a few upcoming events offering more opportunities to build comradery, but while also raising funds to support the bar association's pro bono efforts and also sharpening your sportsmanship –a skill needed whether you are in the courtroom, or not. Please sign up for our first pickleball clinic and tournament on October 11th and Clay Shoot on October 18th. The pickleball clinic offers first-timers lessons on what this new sport is all about, and a separate clinic will be offered for those who are already

well versed. Free play and tournament courts will be running, and snacks and drinks will be available for all of the onlookers. After pickleball, experience the remote nature setting of the Wilderness Club, with wonderful food, company, door prizes, and hopefully a first-place prize that awaits your team at this historical bar association event. We can't wait to see you all soon.

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE

A report of the Lafayette Bar Foundation, provided by Foundation Chair Dean Cole



“What goes around comes around” and “Time flies” are worn-out idioms that a lawyer would usually avoid. However, as I take the Chair of the Board for the Lafayette Bar Foundation, for the second time, they are unusually appropriate. When I served as President of Lafayette Bar Association in 2004, we for the first time created a separate board of directors for the Lafayette Bar Foundation. We did this as a measure of good governance and to facilitate what we anticipated would be the eventual purchase of a building to house the Lafayette Bar Foundation and Lafayette Bar Association. It's hard to believe that 20 years have passed (time flies) and that I have returned to chair the Foundation. (What goes around comes around). I am proud of the way the Lafayette Bar supports the community. We have one of the most vibrant local Bar Foundation in the state and it will be my privilege to serve as Chair this year.

October is a particularly exciting month for the Bar Foundation because national pro-bono week begins October 19th and ends on October 25th. The celebration is an opportunity to connect pro bono providers and attorneys across the nation and show the incredible difference that pro bono lawyers make to our nation, to our system of justice, to our communities, and most of all to the clients they serve.

We have numerous opportunities during the week for each of us to make a difference. On Saturday October 19th LVL will provide free wills to veterans and their spouses at the Lafayette Bar office. On October 21st is Go Casual for pro bono day where employees of law firms can wear jeans by donating \$5.00 to the Bar Foundation. On October 23rd, Jonathan Jarrett on our Board will be providing a free Lunch and Learn CLE for volunteer attorneys. If you have not yet volunteered but agree to take a pro bono case in

the next six months you can attend for free. On October 24th we will providing civil legal advice to the public with counsel on call.

The week culminates with the Champions of Justice breakfast and award ceremony at the Petroleum Club. This is a wonderful celebration and tribute to the attorneys who volunteer their time and talents to serve the community. All attorneys are invited to participate in celebrating these amazing attorneys.

I also encourage all of you to consider to participate in the Lafayette Bar Foundation Shoot for Justice Clay Shoot on October 18, 2024 at Wilderness Gun Club on Teurlings Drive. This is a very fun event that provides financial support for the Bar Foundation. Believe me when I say all levels of marksmanship and experience will enjoy the shoot!

LVL is also promoting adopt a month of service - The Foundation is asking firms (solo, small, medium, large) to adopt a month of service. A month of service is a unique opportunity for firms to bring their workforce together to create meaningful impact through employee volunteering with the Lafayette Bar Foundation. Some of the volunteering opportunities will include but are not limited to our Counsel on Call and H.E.L.P. programs, giving a free informational seminar to the public, accepting some ALSC cases, and volunteering at St. Joseph's Diner. As a thank you for your month of service, LVL will promote your firm on our social media pages, in the Promulgator, and on flyers. Please email Marilyn@lafayettebar.org to inform her what month your firm would like to volunteer. We are in need of volunteers for the months of November and December.

Again, it is my honor to serve as Chair of the Lafayette Bar Foundation. I will of course be relying heavily on the hard work, dedication and experience of Marilyn Lopez , our Director of Pro Bono Services and I would appreciate any input about how this organization can better serve the public.



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FAMILY LAW SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT
LESLEY BEAM

As we move into fall, I know many of us are kicking it into full gear with the demands of our careers and the needs of our families – our professional meetings are back up on the calendar, school is back in session, practices, games and rehearsals for our kids and grandkids are filling up our weeks, and we see a bevy of holidays starting to peek up on the horizon. My hope for all of my fellow members of the bar is that we can slow down here and there, take a breath, and find those value-based moments as often as possible. Cheers to a great fall.

As to the family law section, we had a fantastic three-hour CLE at the Bar Association on Friday, August 16, 2024. Speakers for the conference included attorney Jonathan Jarrett and Faith House advocate Victoria Mello, speaking about protective orders, domestic violence, and services provided by Faith House; attorney Gale Luquette presenting on the current status of legislation and jurisprudence on paternity; and attorney and licensed clinical social worker Lauren “Gay” Coleman speaking about court ordered mental health services. We had a great

turn-out for the event and appreciate the efforts of our speakers, and the members of the bar who made it a point to join us. We got a lot of great feedback on the event – which gave even our seasoned veterans new information relative to the practice.

We are really excited to co-host Steven Bradley with the AFCC at the Bar Association on November 15, 2024. Steven will be presenting a two-hour CLE on Artificial Intelligence and Recent Technology and Its Impact on the Legal World. The section will have our half-hour section meeting at 12:30 pm, and then the CLE will begin at 1 pm. Steven gave a jam-packed one-hour presentation at Bench Bar last month which was not only incredibly informative, but left many of us wanting to hear more. Topics included some of the latest tech in stalking and tracking; creation of deepfakes (videos and texts, for example); and privacy and security concerns for our clients and ourselves. The November CLE will be a similar, but more advanced CLE on the same topic, which will be pertinent not just to members of the family law section, but to all members of the Lafayette Bar. We hope you will join us!

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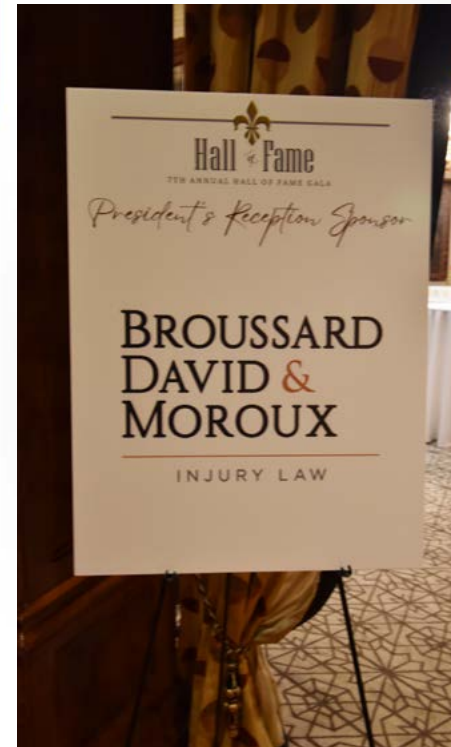
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A total of 6 outstanding attorneys have been chosen for induction into the Lafayette Bar Association Hall of Fame for the Class of 2024. The honorees were celebrated in a Hall of Fame induction ceremony and gala held in their honor on September 25, 2024 at the City Club. The Class of 2024 Inductees include judges and lawyers, men and women, from all types of practices. These 6 men and women have made enduring and exemplary contributions to the legal field, and have inspired and elevated the status of lawyers in the Acadiana community. Their contributions span Lafayette's colorful and storied history, reaching all four corners of our state, and have spread to touch our nation and our world. All of them have left a significant contribution to the Louisiana justice system and the Lafayette Bar Association is proud to honor them!

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The LBA would like to offer our condolences to the families, colleagues, and friends of Arthur "Art" Mouton and Charles "Charley" Hutchens.

Do you have a new member at your firm, a new edition to your family, or just any life updates that you'd like to share? Submit it for The Grapevine and you'll be featured in our next Promulgator!

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024
Wilderness Gun Club



11:30 AM - Registration
12:00 PM - Lunch
1:00 PM - Flight Begins

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AN UPDATE FROM THE LAFAYETTE BAR FOUNDATION

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