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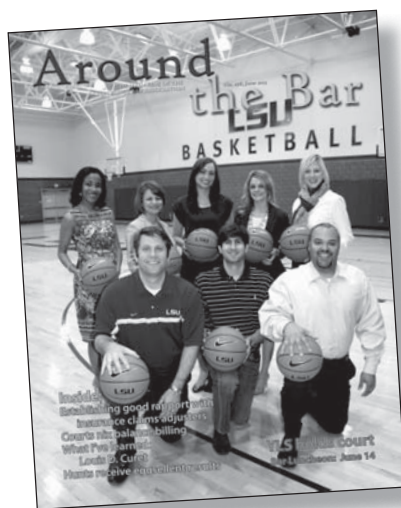
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On the cover:

The June Bar Luncheon, organized by the Young Lawyers Section of the BRBA, will feature LSU Men's Basketball Head Coach Johnny Jones. The luncheon will take place Friday, June 14, 2013, at De La Ronde Hall.

Featured on this month's cover are members of the Young Lawyers Section Council holding LSU basketballs and standing on the LSU basketball practice gym located in the lower level of the LSU Pete Maravich Assembly Center (PMAC) in Baton Rouge, La.

Photographed are (L to R, standing) Chair-elect Laranda Moffett Walker, Past Chair Jamie Hurst Watts, Jodi Bauer, Loren Shanklin, Kara B. Kantrow; (kneeling) YLS Secretary **Scott Levy**, YLS Chair Scotty Chabert and Victor J. Suane Jr.

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Students from Dufrocq Elementary expressed their gratitude during the Easter egg hunts. Paralegal intern Donald Dominick is in costume.



Volunteers (pictured above) hid eggs and assisted with the Easter egg hunts at Dufrocq Elementary Thursday, March 21, 2013. Erik Kjeldsen (standing behind the bunny) chaired this year's Easter Eggstravaganza.

BRBF Easter Eggstravaganza held multiple Easter egg hunts for inner-city school children in March

A total of 21,292 plastic Easter eggs filled with candy were collected this year by the Volunteer Committee for the Easter Eggstravaganza program. Easter egg hunts were held at three inner-city schools March 20-22, 2013. On Wednesday, hunts were held at St. Francis Xavier; on Thursday, March 21, the festivities took place at Dufrocq Elementary; and on Friday, March 22, hunts were held at University Terrace.

In addition, a donation of 5,420 Easter eggs was made to Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge, so that the agency could hold its own hunts for the HIV- or AIDS-affected children they service. Erik Kjeldsen is the chair of this year's committee. Carole McGehee is the staff liaison of the committee. Jeanne Rougeou and Mackenzie S. Ledet are the co-chairs of the Volunteer Committee.

Special thanks to the following companies and firms for their contributions: **Adams & Reese**; Attorney General's Office; Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell Berkowitz, PC; Decuir, Clark & Adams, LLP; First Circuit Court of Appeal; Go Physical Therapy; Harrison Law Firm; Jones

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Southern University Law Center students Cherita McNeal, Cathy Gits and LaClaire Matthews assisted with the the Dufrocq Elementary Thursday, March 21, 2013, Easter egg hunts.

Walker; Kean Miller, LLP; LSU Law School; Maricle & Associates; Ogwyn Law Firm, LLC; Phelps Dunbar; St. Joseph's Academy (*donated 9,382 Easter eggs*); Shows, Cali & Walsh, LLP; Southern University Law Center; Steffes, Vingiello & McKenzie; Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP; Tri Delta Sorority; and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Special thanks to the following individuals who assisted with the year's event: Jesse Bankston, Mittie Bolton, Caroline Bon, Beau Brock, Brian Butler, Christie Chapman, Linda Law Clark, Rebecca Clement, Francisca Comeaux, Renee Crasto, Katie Curet, Donald Dominck, Jennifer Durham, Cathy Gits, Nicole Gould, Katherine Green, Grant Guillot, Carlo Gulina, Felicia Hamilton, Jeannie Hendrickson, Carrie Jones, Laura Kaplan, Ann Kaufman, Sherry King, Erik Kjeldsen, Brad Kline, Travis LeBleu, Mackenzie Ledet, Tina Marshall, Stephanie Marshall, LaClaire Matthews, Michelle Mayeux, Shanda McClain, Cherita McNeal, David Ogwyn, Barbara Parsons, Marsha Patterson, Janice Reeves, Jeff Robert, Jeanne Rougeou, Allison Rovira, Hannah Rovira, Carmen Ryland, Erin Sayes, Alese Scott, Xavier Semien, Susan Severance, Megan Stanford, Gloria Wall, Mac Womack, Kathy Whalen and Mary Ann White.

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Belly Up receives Service to the Public Award

The 2012 Belly Up with the Bar event was nominated for and received the LSBA's Young Lawyers Section Service to the Public Award. Belly Up, an annual cook-off contest that raises funds for the BRBF youth education projects, is one of the annual projects that the Young Lawyers Section of the BRBA sponsors.

This annual cook-off, brewfest and outdoor party with live music by Storywood was held at a new location in 2012: Live Oak Arabian Stables. The new venue provided more space and parking for the event, and gave it western twist. The 14th annual event held Friday, Sept. 23, 2012, was attended by 660 persons. A total of 27 teams competed. Sponsors, ticket sales and a raffle helped to raise \$27,000.

The 2013 Belly Up with the Bar event will be held Friday, Nov. 1, at Live Oak Arabian Stables.

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PRO BONO PROJECT & TEEN COURT REPORTS FOR APRIL

PRO BONO PROJECT REPORT

We would like to thank our Pro Bono Project volunteers for their contributions during April.

The Thirst for Justice solo practitioner volunteer was **Byron Kantrow**. Thirst for Justice volunteers practicing with a firm were **Caroline Bond**, **Beth Everett**, **William Fell**, **Grant Guillot**, **Carrie Jones**, **Megan Stafford**, **Mary Ann White** and **Jacqueline Wilson**, *Shows, Cali & Walsh*; and **Renee Crasto**, **Melissa Grand**, and **Robert Wooley**, *Adams and Reese*.

The Ask-A-Lawyer volunteers were **Jim Austin**, **Adams and Reese**; **Barbara Baier**; **Terry Bonnie**; and **Emily Ziober**.

The Self Help Resource Center attorney volunteers were **Roy Bergeron**, **Brandi Cole**, **Annette Peltier**, **Alex Velazquez**, *Phelps Dunbar*; **Terry Bonnie**; **Ryan Brown**, *Roedel, Parsons*; **Nicolette Colly**, *Louisiana Dept. of Justice*; **Dean Esposito**, *The Law Firm of Ezim & Associates*; **Raveen Hills**, *Hanna Thomas, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services*; **Raushanah Hunter**; **Judy Martin**, *Franciscan Legal Services*; **Tracy Morganti**, *Adams and Reese*; **Lauren Nero**; **Jennifer Gauthreaux Prescott**, *deGravelles, Palmintier, Holthaus & Fruge*; and **Sarah Thigpen**, *LeClere Law Firm*.

The students volunteering with our outreach clinics included **Justin Bello**, **Kathryn Dufrene**, *LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center*; and **Carmen Ryland**, *Southern University Law Center*.

The following volunteers accepted pro bono cases in April: **Samantha R. Ackers**; **Steven Adams**; **Mari Bartholomew**; **Ashley Bynum**, *McGlinchey Stafford PLLC*; **Madeline Carbonette**; **Booker Carmichael**, *Murray & Murray*; **Wren'nel Gibson**; **Shelley Harrison**, *Kean Miller, LLP*; **Joanna Hynes**; **La'Gretta Lazard**; **Gary McKenzie**, *Steffes, Vingiello & McKenzie*; **Jamie Polozola**, *McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC*; **Doreen Taravella**; **Sirena Wilson**, *Murray & Murray*. ■

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TEEN COURT REPORT

Raveen Hills, **Matthew Nowlin**, **Monica Vela-Vick** and **Tavares Walker** served as judges for the April hearings.

JUNIOR PARTNERS ACADEMY

Ten classes of second- through fifth-grade students at Dalton Elementary School and Southern University Lab School learned about contracts through the interactive presentation "Candy Bar Contract." **Steve Carleton**, **Preston J. Castille Jr.**, **Melanie Fields**, **Gail Grover**, **Jamie Gurt**, **Raveen Hills**, **Weldon Hill** and **Wendy Shea** conducted the presentations, along with LSU Law Center volunteers **Emily Kunst** and **Elli McKean**. ■

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