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Special Masters

THOMAS KEASLER FOUTZ | HON. CAROLYN GILL-JEFFERSON (RET.)
You’ve heard me say before that NOBA’s Young Lawyers Section -- guided by the young lawyers in our association -- is one of the most active, visible and important parts of our organization. It’s easy to see why when you look at what they’ve been up to this spring!

Organized by YLS and enjoyed by all, the annual New Orleans Bar and Grille is as much about good deeds as it is good food. At this year’s event, law-firm teams put their culinary skills to the test and battled to have their dishes crowned “Best Local Favorite,” “Most Creative Dish” and other superlative awards. But the real winner of the day was the beneficiary of the event: Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS), a local nonprofit that provides civil legal aid to people in need. As always, the YLS raised a substantial amount of money for SLLS, and everyone who came out for the event enjoyed the festive atmosphere and delicious cooking. Special thanks to the judges who volunteered to play such roles as celebrity bartenders and culinary judges (Bar & Grille photographs on page 6).

Recently, the YLS program, Big Easy Bootcamp (sm), received the American Bar Association’s E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award, which will be presented at the National Conference of Bar Presidents Annual Meeting this summer. NOBA is one of two recipients of this national award, which is accompanied by a cash prize of $3,500. The Gambrell Award judges found that the Big Easy Bootcamp sm was an “exemplary and innovative approach to preparing young lawyers for a life in the law by exposing them to exceptional professional development resources and role models.” The award committee was impressed with the program’s “strong emphasis on processes ensuring compliance with the essential duties of a lawyer, including courtroom demeanor and law practice management.” The YLS founded this program in 2002 and has been enhancing and improving it ever since then. Special congratulations to the NOBA YLS for earning this favorable national recognition for our association.

As for this summer, our YLS continues to offer fun, valuable opportunities for our members - both the young and the more senior. The YLS has already had its very successful Do’s and Don’ts of Summer Clerkships program, which guides and informs law students on how to succeed in their summer positions. They have held and have scheduled more Approach The Bench programs, which offer informal, informative opportunities for lawyers to interact with a jurist at the court. While young lawyers greatly benefit from this interaction, the Approach The Bench events are open to all and welcome our more seasoned attorneys, as well. This is just a snapshot of a few of the many things our YLS is doing. If you are a young attorney, I encourage you to get actively involved in this valuable part of NOBA. If you are no longer a “young” lawyer, I wanted you to know how good our YLS makes our association look.

Chris

Christopher K. Ralston
President

In March and April, our YLS teamed up with the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Society to offer Tornado Relief Legal Fairs to residents of New Orleans East. Residents of those areas were able to come ask volunteer attorneys for such services as free advice, guidance and notarial services. The New Orleans City Council issued a proclamation in recognition of NOBA and Martinet and the legal fairs that our YLS helped organize. The YLS also had a hugely successful legal fair at AARP, which likewise offered free legal guidance to those who could not afford or do not have access to paid representation, our community. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered their time to this ongoing effort.

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Environmental Law Committee
New Orleans’ Climate Action Strategy and Energy Project CLE

Speakers: Linda Bayham, Mayor’s Office of Resilience and Sustainability
Siobhan Foley, Mayor’s Office of Resilience and Sustainability

Date: Thursday, July 13, 2017
Time: Noon - 1 p.m.
Location: NOBA Office, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
CLE: 1 hour of CLE credit
Cost: NOBA Member Discount: $35; Non-Member: $55 (includes lunch)
To Register: Contact the NOBA office at (504) 525-7453 or email Hayley Landry at hlandry@neworleansbar.org.

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Approach the Bench CLE

Featuring The Hon. Paul A. Bonin

The Approach the Bench program provides a forum for lawyers to get to know the local, state, and federal court judges. Judges speak about general topics including practice and procedures, trial practice, motions practice, and more!

Speaker: The Hon. Paul A. Bonin, Criminal District Court

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Location: 2700 Tulane Avenue, 3rd Floor (Courtroom #14)

CLE: 1 hour of CLE credit

Cost: FREE for NOBA Members; Non-Member: $25
     (lunch is not included for this program)

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     Hayley Landry at hlandry@neworleansbar.org.

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Healthcare & Criminal Law Committee
Handling a Criminal Health Care Case in the Eastern of District of Louisiana CLE

Moderator:
Christopher Martin, Chaffe McCall

Speakers:
Walter Becker, Jr., Chaffe McCall
Patrice Sullivan, U.S. Attorney's office - Eastern District of LA
Krista Bradford, Federal Bureau of Investigations

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2017

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Location: NOBA Office, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505

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Bar & Grille Highlights
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Lawdragon has selected Allan Kanner and Conlee Whiteley, of Kanner & Whiteley, L.L.C., as two of the 500 leading lawyers in America. Ms. Whiteley and Mr. Kanner were two of only eight attorneys in New Orleans to receive the award. Ms. Whiteley was one of only 170 women to be included.

Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer is pleased to announce that George “Jack” Casanova Jr. has joined the firm as a tax associate.

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