

# LAFAYETTE BAR FOUNDATION (LBF)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### THE PROJECT:

The Lafayette Bar Foundation pro bono project mission is to provide access to justice for indigent residents in Lafayette Parish. Through the help and support of member's like you LBF is able to help over 700 clients each year through one of its programs.

### Pro Bono PROGRAMS:

- REFERRAL CASES FROM ALSC: LBF accepts approximately 100 cases from Acadiana Legal Services Corporation a year. Most of these cases consist of divorce, custody and child support. Taking one of these cases can be used as a tool for career development and trial experiences.
- PROTECTIVE ORDER PANEL: LBF provides an attorney for clients that are in a domestic violence situation that have filed a TRO, these hearing are held every Monday and Thursday usually starting at 8:30 AM depending which division is hearing the case.
- H.E.L.P. PROGRAM: The volunteer attorney notarizes birth certificate applications and helps obtain birth certificates every Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:30 AM at the Monsignor Sigur Center.
- COUNSEL ON CALL: Volunteer attorneys offer participants a free 15 min. limited legal guidance. The program is held every Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the Lafayette Bar Association.
- PRO SE DIVORCE CLINICS: LBF holds approx. 4 Pro Se Divorce Clinics a year. Attorneys and paralegals volunteer to assist clients in preparing their 103 divorces forms.
- LBF will support you: LBF wants your volunteer experience to be one that gives you satisfaction and fulfillment. We will support you every step of the way through your volunteerism. We will provide you with helpful legal materials and training, our Pro Bono Coordinator, Marilyn Lopez is always on hand to answer any questions. **Also, all cases are covered by professional liability insurance so as a volunteer you are fully protected. CLE credits are available by providing various pro bono services.**

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**Signing Up:** Our Pro Bono Chair, Mrs. Lindsay Meador Young, would like to reach out to our members and encourage you to become a member of the LBF volunteer panel. Becoming a part of the volunteer panel does not obligate you in any way, but signifies that you believe in the cause of Access to Justice and that you support the work done by LBF. Please fill out the information below to sign up.

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**I am interested in the following programs:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> H.E.L.P. PROGRAM       | <input type="checkbox"/> COUNSEL ON CALL        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PRO SE DIVORCE CLINICS |   |

**I prefer to accept referrals in the following areas:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Succession    | <input type="checkbox"/> Support               |
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**Please return this form one of the following ways:**

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