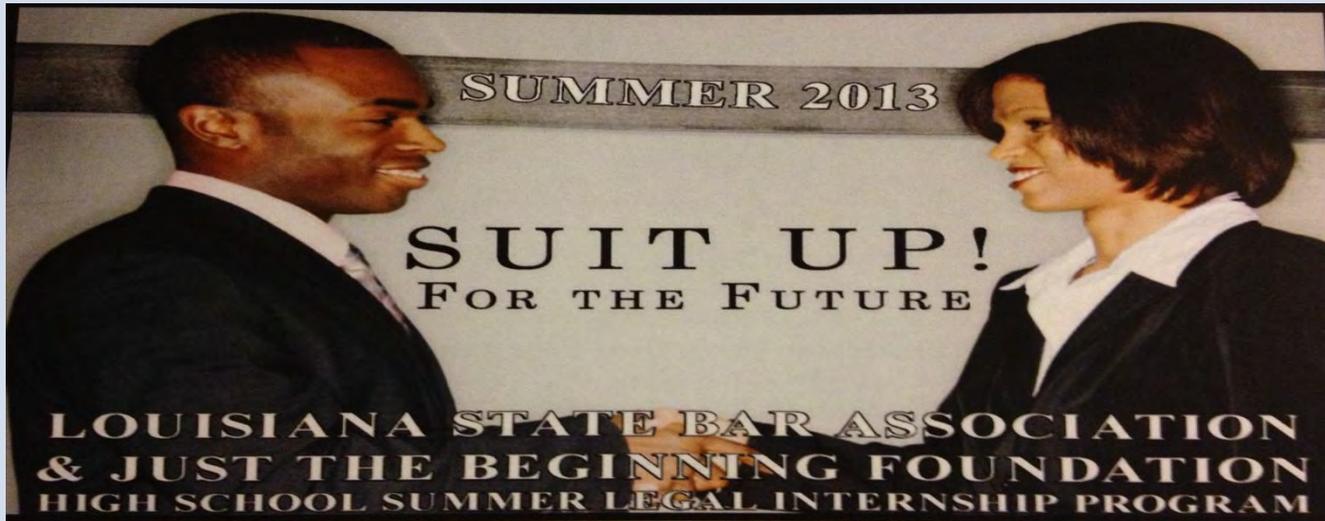

Louisiana State Bar Association's

SUIT UP FOR THE FUTURE

High School Legal Institute & Internship Program



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3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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The Program Details



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WHAT IS SUIT UP?

- *Three-week formal internship program*
- *Coordinated by the LSBA's Diversity Committee*
- *High school juniors, seniors, and recent graduates*
- *Introduces participants to various facets of the legal profession*
- *Provides a taste of law school*
- *Develops the participants' analytical skills, writing, and public speaking*
- *Provides mentoring and networking opportunities*
- *Awards \$250.00 stipends to each student*

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WHAT IS SUIT UP?

- *Components of the Program*
 - *1 week of mock law school*
 - *5 days of field trips (courts, law schools, court museum)*
 - *4 days of shadowing judges or attorneys in law firms/courts (students went to at least to different locations)*
 - *Several lunch time guest speakers*
 - *Workshops with attorneys and judges*
 - *Oral argument in court on the last day before 3 members of the federal and/or state judiciary*



WHAT IS SUIT UP?

Shadowing Experience

- Not given clerical, grunt or busy work;
- Tour the Shadow Mentor's entire office;
- Join Shadow Mentor or other attorneys/professionals in the office on law-related outings (such as depositions, hearings, and trials);
- Attend lunch outings;
- Hear Shadow Mentor's professional journey and advice regarding college and law school;
- Receive guidance for the student's moot court memorandum project; and
- Receive a work space.

WHAT IS SUIT UP?

- *Mentoring*

- Shadowing at law firms or court
- Workshops with attorney volunteers to draft a college application essay and resume,
- Workshops with attorney volunteers to develop critical thinking and writing skills by using a mock fact pattern to draft a legal memorandum to support or oppose a motion to change venue
- Workshops to practice oral argument with attorney volunteers
- Attorney and judge guest speakers share their professional journeys and to provide advice

WHAT IS SUIT UP?

Field Trips

- Trips to view proceedings in the area federal and state district/trial courts
- Tours of Tulane and Loyola law schools
- Day trip to the federal district court, including presentations from pretrial services, the U.S. Marshal Service, the U.S. attorney's office, and law clerks
- Trip to view oral arguments in the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal as well as tours of Louisiana Supreme Court Museum and Louisiana Supreme Court Library
- Day trip to view proceedings in the Criminal District Court for the Parish of Orleans and Orleans Municipal Court, including visits with the Orleans Parish District Attorney and Orleans Public Defender

WHAT IS SUIT UP?

- *Memorandum & Oral Argument*
 - Analyze and draft pleading
 - Prepare 5 minute oral argument before 3 judges in court
 - Handle questions from the judges
 - Request time for rebuttal and do it



Understanding the Rationale



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WHY SUIT UP?



- *Dwindling number of law school applicants*
- *Diminished diverse applicants*
- *No Law-Related Internships In Louisiana*



Implementation



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EVOLUTION OF SUIT UP

2011 – 16 students (5 weeks)

2012 – 16 students (3 weeks)

2013 – 25 students (3 weeks)

*Future – Satellite Sessions in
other cities in LA and
dormitory accommodations*



SUIT UP CLASS 2013



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SUIT UP CLASSES 2011 & 2012



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Collaborations



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COLLABORATIONS

- Area law schools
 - Tulane, Loyola, LSU, and Southern.
- Just the Beginning Foundation
- Louisiana Center for Law & Civic Education
- Law School Admission Council
- Louisiana Bar Foundation
- Minority Corporate Counsel Association
- Several courts
- Several law firms/offices

COLLABORATIONS

7 Supporting Courts:

- Louisiana Supreme Court
- Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans
- Criminal District Court for Orleans Parish
- Municipal Court for the City of New Orleans



COLLABORATIONS

Supporting Shadow Offices

in 2013:

- Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
- Barrasso, Usdin, Kupperman, Freeman & Sarver, LLC
- Brown Sims, PC
- Capital Post Conviction Project of Louisiana
- City of New Orleans Legal Dept
- Entergy Services, Inc.
- Flanagan Partners LLP
- Gauthier, Houghtaling & Williams
- Hon. Ivan L.R. Lemelle
- Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, LLC
- James Carter & Associates, LLC
- Krebs, Farley & Pelleteri, PLLC
- Kuchler Polk Schell Weiner & Richeson, L.L.C.
- Law Office of Clarence Roby Jr., APLC
- Law Offices of Richard J. Fernandez LLC
- Leblanc Butler, LLC
- Liskow & Lewis
- Lynn Luker & Associates LLC
- McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch, LLC
- Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC
- Orleans Public Defenders
- Porteous, Hainkel & Johnson, LLP
- Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC
- Law Office of Ed Shorty
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
- Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C

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COLLABORATIONS

Supporting Shadow Offices in 2011 & 2012:

- Adams & Reese
- Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix
- Blue Williams, LLP
- Brown Sims
- Capital Post Conviction Project of Louisiana
- Christovich and Kearney
- Entergy Services, Inc.
- Gauthier, Houghtaling & Williams
- Hon. Hebert Cade's legal staff, Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans
- Hon. Ivan L.R. Lemelle, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- Hon. Piper D. Griffin, Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans
- Innocence Project of Louisiana

Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, LLC
James Carter & Associates
Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
Law Office of Marion Floyd
Law Office of Clarence Roby Jr., APLC
Leblanc Butler, LLC
Liskow & Lewis
Louisiana Capital Assistance Center
Montgomery, Barnett, Brown, Read, Hammond,
Mintz
Orleans Parish Public Defenders Office
Porteous, Hainkel & Johnson, LLP
Rodney & Etter LLC
Shorty, Dooley & Hall LLC
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C.
United States Department of Housing & Urban
Development

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Feedback & Comments from Student Participants

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- “Out of all the years I have participated in programs throughout the state of Louisiana, this is the best I have seen yet. The Suit Up for the Future Internship has changed my life. Not only did I make lifelong friends, but also I met some of the most successful attorneys in Louisiana, had a true taste of the everyday life of law, experienced the ins and outs of law school, and increased my knowledge, self-discipline and ardor in the fields of law and academics in general,” said Justin A. DiCharia (graduate of St. Paul’s School).
- Theresa Aubert, graduate of Academy of the Sacred Heart, was equally as impressed. “I learned so much about what it takes to be a lawyer through this program. I will never forget my experiences travelling to court and shadowing at the different law firms, and I will always remember the wonderful people I met. I came in with very little knowledge of law and ended knowing it is the right profession for me,” Aubert said.
- “The LSBA Suit Up for the Future program taught me a lot about my strengths and weaknesses,” said Keyerre Chattard, a graduate of Warren Easton Charter. “It opened my eyes to new things and taught me never to give up. Without this program, I’ll be starting college blindsided.”
- Alyndsia Franklin, a graduate of Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies, said, “This program is truly great. It will always have an impact on my life.”



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- “This program has really opened my eyes to the law profession and now I am seriously considering a career in law. I loved the program and hope others get to experience it. I’m thrilled I had the opportunity to be a part of the pilot group.”
- “I liked the many visits to courts and I loved the many connections that I received for later purposes. I most loved meeting the judges.”
- “When I initially came to the program, I knew nothing about the law. Now, I feel like I have a broad overview of the law. Through this program, I feel as if I have gained a general overview on how the law functions and operates. I got to meet many new people, make friends, and gain beneficial contacts. This was an amazing program and I am so glad I got to be a part of it.”
- “This program was an incredible experience for me. I learned so much about the different aspects of law, and what it takes to be a lawyer. This program has inspired me to major in the field I want and to pursue my dreams to become a lawyer.”
- “I loved how we were able to interact with everybody in the legal aspects and were assigned an argument. I love how the rain never stopped our movement. I hope to see more international diversity.”



Financials



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THE BUDGET

- **PERSONNEL**

- Volunteers -- \$0

- **ADVERTISING**

- Posters -- \$200.00
- Flyers/Postcards -- \$1,000.00
- Programs -- \$500.00
- Postage -- \$600.00
- Telephone Calls -- \$160.00

- **FOOD**

- Beverages -- \$200.00
- Catering -- \$3,500.00
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- **OTHER EXPENSES**

- Travel -- \$800.00
- Supplies & Materials -- \$1,500.00
- Stipends for Student Participants (\$250) -- \$6,250.00
- AV Equipment -- \$700.00
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- **TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

- \$15,410.00

- NOTE: The budget is flexible because you can control the amount of the stipends as well as the cost of the food. We served hot plated food; sandwiches could be served to save some money. We took cabs to fieldtrips outside of the business district. The street car would save money.





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Thank you
for your time,
attention, and
participation!!!



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