

Three Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) members received 2012 President's Awards during the Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla. All recipients were chosen by 2011-12 LSBA President James J. Davidson III of Lafayette and were recognized for various services to the Association. Recognized were John E. McAuliffe, Jr., New Orleans; Michael W. McKay, Baton Rouge; and Joseph E. (Buddy) Stockwell III, Mandeville/Baton Rouge.

McAuliffe is an attorney with Frederick A. Miller & Associates where he practices in the field of insurance defense. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of New Orleans and his law degree from Loyola University Law School. He is a member of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel (past president) and the New Orleans Bar Association. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Western and Middle Districts of Louisiana. He currently chairs the LSBA's Public Access and Consumer Protection Committee. He is the New Orleans Bar Association's designee to the board of directors of the Pro Bono Project in New Orleans.

McKay is a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C. He received his law degree in 1974 from Louisiana State University Law School. His practice

focuses on commercial litigation and mediation. He is admitted to practice in all Louisiana state courts, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 5th and 11th Circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a past LSBA president, treasurer and Board of Governors member. He currently serves as chair of the Legislation Committee and is a member of the House of Delegates. He received the LSBA's President's Award in 1997 and the LSBA's Pro Bono Publico Award in 1994, both for outstanding service.

McKay serves as a member of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates, as an associate member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and as a master in the Wex Malone Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is a past president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and a past board member of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Capital Area Legal Services Corporation, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and the Edgewater Kiwanis Club.

Stockwell is the executive director of the Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (LAP), a non-profit corporation that serves the public, the Bar and the profession by assisting, on a confidential basis, lawyers or judges whose professional impairment may stem from alcohol/drug abuse, depression, compulsive gambling, or other mental conditions.



President's Award recipient Michael W. McKay, left, with 2011-12 Louisiana State Bar Association President James J. Davidson III. Photo by Matthew Hinton Photography.

Prior to his tenure with LAP, Stockwell was a solo practitioner in Baton Rouge, focusing primarily on family law and child custody litigation. He earned a BS degree in management from Louisiana State University in 1989 and his JD degree from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1993, where he was a member of the Appellate Advocacy Board and the Robert M. Tullis Moot Court semi-finalist. Prior to accepting the position as LAP's executive director, Stockwell actively served on the LSBA's Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. He has earned 121 hours of accredited study in substance abuse counseling. Over the years, he has been a frequent speaker and LAP monitor and has assisted in interventions involving lawyers and judges.