U.S. District Court Judge Jay Zainey and Mark Surprentant of Adams and Reese, in connection with the LSBA Community Action Committee, have started a new program called SOLACE which stands for Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel-All Concern Encouraged. When you learn of some tragedy occurring to one in your local legal community, you notify Judge Zainey (504-589-7590) or Mark Surprentant (504-585-0213).

The sole purpose of this program is for us as a legal community to reach out in a small, but meaningful and compassionate way to those judges, lawyers, court personnel, paralegals, legal secretaries and their families who experience a death or some catastrophic illness, sickness or injury.

The way our program works is quite simple, but the effects can be significant. We receive notification through the web site, or from local bar leaders and others in the legal community of some tragedy occurring to someone in the legal community.

Our support can range from simply sending a card signed by recognized local and state leaders to the family in need, to providing the family with meals, needed support, assistance with grocery shopping or child care – whatever the situation might warrant.

Through working with you and those close friends of the family, SOLACE then determines what would be the most appropriate expression of support and concern. For more information or if you would like to help with this program, please call Judge Zainey or Mark Surprentant.

Those recipients of SOLACE whom we have already touched have been most appreciative. In addition, those volunteers who have worked with us on this project have experienced a true sense of doing something for one in need.

If you know of any individual or family in need of SOLACE, please email or call one of our representatives below:

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This program has been approved for use throughout Louisiana by the Louisiana State Bar Association's Community Action Committee.


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