

2015 Suit Up for the Future High School Summer Legal Institute and Intern Program *Award Winning Diversity Pipeline Program*

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*Strengthening diversity in the legal profession
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New Orleans, Louisiana*

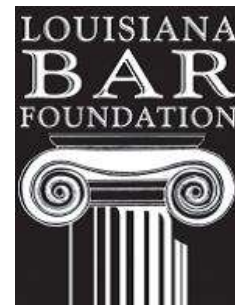


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WELCOME ADDRESS

The Louisiana State Bar Association and the Just the Beginning Foundation are pleased to welcome you to its summer legal institute and internship program. Through this program, we hope to encourage your interest in the law as a profession and inform you about trailblazers in the law who have paved the way to make it easier for you to become a lawyer. We hope to make you work hard, experience life as a law student, as well as stimulate your interest and knowledge of the legal profession.



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About Us



WHO IS THE “LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION”?

The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association is to assist and serve its members in the practice of law, assure access to and aid in the administration of justice, assist the Supreme Court in the regulation of the practice of law, uphold the honor of the courts and the profession, promote the professional competence of attorneys, increase public understanding of and respect for the law, and encourage collegiality among its members.

Through its Diversity Committee, the LSBA is working to assess the level of racial, ethnic, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana; to identify barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds; and to propose programs and methods by which the LSBA can most effectively work to remove those barriers and achieve greater diversity.



WHO IS THE “JUST THE BEGINNING FOUNDATION”?



The Just the Beginning (JTB), a diversity pipeline organization is a multiracial, nonprofit organization comprised of lawyers, judges, and other citizens. It is dedicated to developing and nurturing interest in the law among young persons from various socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds underrepresented in the legal profession and to supporting their continued advancement. JTBF’s long-term goal is to increase racial diversity in the legal profession and on the bench.

Just the Beginning began as a celebration of the Integration of the Federal Judiciary on September 19, 1992, in Chicago, Illinois. The celebratory event entitled, "Just The Beginning - A Celebration of Integration of the Federal Judiciary" honored Judge James Parsons, the first African-American United States District Court Judge, on his retirement after he devoted thirty-one years on the federal bench.

Building on that celebration, the Just the Beginning Foundation offers pipeline programs aimed at introducing, cultivating and supporting underrepresented students as they travel the path towards the legal profession. JTBF's programs include its Middle School Law Camp, Summer Legal Institutes for high school students and judicial externship programs for law school students. JTBF tracks and supports its students from middle school to high school, to college, to law school, and beyond. JTBF partners with a broad and diverse coalition of bar associations, law firms and law schools to put on these programs around the country as well as to sponsor national conferences held every two years in different cities.



“There is no better way to exercise the imagination than the study of the law. No artist ever interpreted nature as freely as a lawyer interprets the truth.”

Jean Giradoux

WHO IS THE “LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION”?



The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) entity organized under the State of Louisiana. As the largest state funder of legal aid, the LBF supports service organizations throughout Louisiana that provide free, civil legal representation to the indigent, law-related education to the public and administration of justice projects. Since 1989, the LBF has distributed \$54.5 million to hundreds of Louisiana non-profit organizations to meet these goals. We serve as the fiscal administrator for the State of Louisiana Child in Need of Care Program which provides free legal representation to all children in foster care and for the Louisiana Supreme Court Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Program.

Each year, the LBF awards grants to more than 70 non-profit organizations that provide access to the justice system and civil legal assistance to Louisiana's low-income citizens. Through grants, we assist women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed, those facing loss of their homes, disaster victims and many others by providing services that go to the very heart of the health, safety and security of many of our citizens and their families.

THE SUIT UP FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAM IS A PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION LAW RELATED EDUCATION GRANT.



*“To laugh often and much;
to win the respect of
intelligent people and the
affection of children...to
leave the world a better
place...to know even one
life has breathed easier
because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.”*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

2015 SUMMER LEGAL INSTITUTE

SCHOLARS

Name	Grade:	School
Taylor E. Austin	12 th	St. Katherine Drexel Preparatory High School
Gerald A. Aviles	11 th	Holy Cross High School
Kayla C. Barthelemy	11 th	South Plaquemines High School
Courtney J. Conerly	12 th	Cabrini High School
Treslyn E. Davenport	12 th	St. Mary's Dominican High School
Borjius J. Guient	11 th	Jesuit High School
Galatia E. Jones	12 th	International High School of New Orleans
Desmond C. LeBlanc	11 th	Warren Easton Charter High School
Emily R. Lema	Graduate	Haynes Academy
Kyree M. Magee	12 th	Lusher High School
DeChanda A. Martin	11 th	Edna Karr High School
Derrick F. Ransom	11 th	Cypress Falls High School
Michaela S. Roussell	11 th	John Ehret High School
Amara D. Stokes	12 th	Haynes Academy
Victoria S. Suazo	11 th	International High School of New Orleans
Alexis M. Turner	Graduate	St. Mary's Dominican High School
Victoria J. Turner	12 th	International High School of New Orleans

2015 Suit Up for the Future

Program Agenda

Week One

Monday, June 15, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30am	Welcome Presenters: Mark A. Cunningham, LSBA President Hon. Karen Wells Roby, Just the Beginning Foundation Members of the Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee LSBA Department of Member Outreach and Diversity
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Program Overview and Etiquette/Introduction of Interns and Externs Miles Edwin Ballard, Intern Ann M Bondoc, Intern Lanette Richardson, Intern Karina Shareen, Intern Elizabeth Whitfield, Extern, Hon. Karen Wells Roby
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Break and Suit Up Photo IDs
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Icebreaker Presenters: Members of Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Introduction of Mock Problem for Oral Argument Members of Pipeline to Diversity & Outreach Subcommittee, Scherri N. Guidry and Kandace R. Hamilton
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Legal Writing Professor Mary Garvey Algero, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Mock Legal Problem Questions and Team Assignments
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
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9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Constitutional Law Professor M. Isabel Medina, Ferris Family Distinguished Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Break
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Social Justice and Alternative Legal Careers Presentation Presenters: Monte Mollere, Director of LSBA Department of Access to Justice Amy E. Duncan, Project Coordinator, LSBA Department of Access to Justice Robert Pearson, Director of Legal Services, LA Civil Justice Center
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	Resume Crash Course Presenters: Suit Up Interns
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation Viewing of 2014 Oral Arguments
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Travel to Field Trip: Orleans Public Defenders Office 2601 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA
9:30 am – 11:00 am	Orleans Public Defenders Office Presentation Presenters: Derwyn Bunton, Chief District Defender John Ackerman, Investigations, Staff Investigator Nate Fennell, Client Services Division, Client Advocate Lindsey Hortenstine, Communications Director
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Travel To Louisiana Bar Center
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Presenters: Adria M. Kimbrough, Attorney at Law Deontrine Green, Rodney & Etter, LLC
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Criminal Law Professor Russell L. Jones, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and a Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Endowed Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Memo and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Thursday, June 18, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Memo and Oral Argument Preparation
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Break
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<p>College and Law School Admission Preparation Workshop (Writing resumes and personal statements)</p> <p>Presenter: Erin Phifer, Director of Career Services and Employer Relations, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University</p>
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Memo and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Friday, June 19, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<p>Arrival and Check-in</p> <p>Submission of Draft of Resume</p>
9:00 am – 9:45 am	<p>Travel to Field Trip: Orleans Parish Criminal District Court (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED)</p> <p>2700 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA</p>
9:45 am – 11:45 am	<p>Orleans Parish Criminal District Court</p> <p>Viewing of Criminal Court Proceedings</p> <p>Presenters: Hon. Tracey Flemings-Davillier, Section B Hon. Camille Buras, Section H</p>
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Presenters: Jason Michael Freas, Johnson, Yacoubian & Paysse, APLC</p>

	Jim Nieset, Porteus, Hainkel & Johnson, LLP Renee Culotta, Frilot LLC
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Innocence Project New Orleans Presentation Presenter: Emily Maw, Director of Innocence Project New Orleans (IPNO) Kia H. Haynes, Staff Attorney, Innocence Project New Orleans
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Memo and Oral Argument Preparation & Shadowing Assignments
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Week Two

Monday, June 22, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Submission of Draft of Legal Memorandum
9:15 am – 9:45 am	Travel to field trip: Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office 619 South White Street, New Orleans, LA
9:45 am – 11:00 am	District Attorney Presentation and Tour Presenters: Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr., District Attorney, Orleans Parish
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Job Shadowing Lunch (Invitation to attorneys, firms, courts, and agencies providing shadowing opportunity)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	College and Law School Admission Preparation Workshop Review of Resume and Personal Statement Presenter: Erin Phifer, Director of Career Services and Employer Relations, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Oral Argument Workshop (How to Deliver an Oral Argument) Presenter: Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Memo and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 23, 2015

8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Shadow Placement Day (Do NOT come to the Louisiana Bar Center!) Go directly to assigned locations.
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Wednesday, June 24, 2015

8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Shadow Placement Day (Do NOT come to the Louisiana Bar Center!) Go directly to assigned locations.
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Thursday, June 25, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in Submission of Final Resume
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Oral Argument Preparation
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch Presenters: Arlene T. McCarthy, Compliance Officer, Office of General Counsel, Loyola University New Orleans Jee Park, Deputy District Defender, Orleans Public Defenders Office Lawrence J. Pichler, Attorney at Law C. Nicole Gaither, Staff Attorney, Southeast Legal Services
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Friday, June 26, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Travel to field trip (walk): US District Court, Eastern District of LA (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED) Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA
9:30 am – 3:00 pm	US District Court Presentation Presenters: Hon. Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge, USDC, Eastern District of Louisiana Jordan Ginsburg, Assistant US Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana Kristina Haley, Space and Facilities, Eastern District of Louisiana Mercedes C. Morno, Law Clerk to Hon. Ivan L. R. Lemelle Britney Nash, Law Clerk to Hon. Karen Wells Roby John B. Stanton, Law Clerk to Hon. Jay C. Zainey Ivy Wang, Law Clerk to Hon. Helen G. Berrigan
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch at Louisiana Bar Center
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Travel to National Labor Relations Board (walk) 600 South Maestri Place, 7 th Floor, New Orleans, LA
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Presentation Presenters:

	Stephen Bensinger, Field Attorney, NLRB New Orleans, LA Kevin McClue, Attorney/Outreach Coordinator, NLRB New Orleans, LA
4:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<i>Travel to Louisiana Bar Center (walk)</i>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<i>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</i>

Week Three

Monday, July 06, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in Submission of Legal Memorandum
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, July 07, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Travel to field trip and Security Check: Louisiana Supreme Court and Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED) 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Viewing of Oral Arguments Presenter: Hon. Max N. Tobias, Jr., Louisiana Court of Appeal
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch and Interaction Presenter: Hon. Max N. Tobias, Jr., Louisiana Court of Appeal
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Introduction to Appellate System Presenter: Hon. Max N. Tobias, Jr., Louisiana Court of Appeal
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Tour of Louisiana Supreme Court, Library and Museum Presenter: Valerie S. Willard, Deputy Judicial Administrator, Louisiana Supreme Court
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, July 08, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Travel to field trip: Tulane University Law School and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law 6329 Freret Street, New Orleans, LA

9:30 am – 11:00 am	Tulane University Law School Presentation and Tour Presenters: Emily Wojna, Asst. Director of Admissions, Tulane University Law School Ronald Scalise, Jr, Vice Dean of Academics, Tulane University Law School
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Travel to Loyola University New Orleans College of Law 7214 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Presentation and Tour (Lunch will be served) Presenters: Tajira J. McCoy, Director of Law Admissions, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Break
1:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Thursday, July 09, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Friday, July 10, 2015

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Final Oral Argument Preparation
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Travel to United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana/Security Check (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED) Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Oral Argument Presentations Presenters: Suit Up Interns
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Oral Arguments Presentation Presenters: Suit Up Interns
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Deliberations by Judges

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>Award Ceremony (Overall impressions of Presentations by Judges, Oral Argument Award, Memorandum Award, Certificates of Completion)</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p><i>Presiding Judges (Morning Session)</i></p> <p>Hon. Daniel E. Knowles III</p> <p>Hon. Ivan L. R. Lemelle</p> <p><i>Presiding Judges (Afternoon Session)</i></p> <p>Hon. June Berry Darensburg</p> <p>Hon. Joseph C. Wilkinson, Jr.</p> <p><i>Members of Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee</i></p> <p>Scherri N. Guidry</p> <p>Kandace R. Hamilton</p>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</p>

FEDERAL FIRSTS

WOMEN JUDGES

In 1934, **Florence Allen**, became the first woman to serve on a U.S. Court of Appeals. She was appointed to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit in 1934.

In 1949, **Burnita Shelton Matthews**, became the first woman to serve on a U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

In 1981, **Sandra Day O'Connor**, became the first woman justice of the United States Supreme Court.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN JUDGES

In 1950, **William Henry Hastie**, became the first African American to serve as an Article III judge and was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

In 1961, **James B. Parsons** became the first African American to serve on a U.S. District Court, appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

In 1966, **Constance Baker Motley** became the first African American woman to serve on a U.S. District Court, when she was appointed to the Southern District of New York.

In 1967, **Thurgood Marshall**, was appointed as the first African American justice on the Supreme Court of the United States.

ASIAN JUDGES

In 1971, **Herbert Choy**, became the first Asian American to serve as a U.S. Court of Appeals judge when appointed to the Ninth Circuit.

In 1975, **Dick Wong** became the first Asian American to serve on a U.S. District Court when he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii.

In 1998, **Susan Oki Mollway** was the first Asian American woman when appointed to that same court (U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii).

LATINO JUDGES

In 1961, **Reynaldo G. Garza** became the first Latino federal judge when appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas and also the first Latino Court of Appeals judge when appointed to the Fifth Circuit in 1979.

In 1980, **Carmen C. Cerezo**, became the first Latina Article III judge appointed to the U.S. District Court for Puerto Rico.

In 2009, **Sonia Sotomayor** became the first Latino American justice to be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

NATIVE AMERICAN JUDGES

In 1979, **Frank Howell Seay** became the first Native American federal judge when he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

In 2014, **Diane Humetewa** became the first Native American woman federal judge when she was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

JTBF MEMBER JUDGES IN LOUISIANA BIOGRAPHIES

CHIEF JUDGE CARL E. STEWART, U.S. FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS



Carl E. Stewart (born 1950) is a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1994, Judge Stewart previously sat on Louisiana's Second Court of Appeal, and served as an accomplished judge, attorney, prosecutor, and professor. Judge Stewart, who has been honored multiple times for his commitment to community service, is the first African-American ever to serve on the Fifth Circuit as it is currently constituted.

IVAN L. R. LEMELLE, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE - RETIRED



On May 13, 1998, President Clinton appointed Judge Ivan L. R. Lemelle to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Immediately prior to his appointment as a United States District judge, Judge Lemelle served for more than a decade as a United States Magistrate judge (1984-1998). His appointment in 1984 made him the first African-American United States Magistrate judge in the Louisiana federal courts.

Judge Lemelle was educated at Xavier University of Louisiana, where he received his bachelor of science cum laude in 1971. He received numerous scholarships to attend Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, where he received his Juris Doctor in 1974.

NANNETTE JOLIVETTE BROWN, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE



Nannette Jolivette Brown is a United States District judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She previously had served in the role of city attorney for the city of New Orleans from May 2010 until becoming a federal judge in 2011. As city attorney, Judge Brown had been responsible for all city contracts and oversaw all legal matters for the city.

Judge Brown received a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1985, and then attended Tulane Law School, where she received a Juris doctorate degree in 1988 and a Master of Laws in Energy and Environment in 1998.

Judge Brown was nominated to fill the seat of Judge Stanwood Duval by President Barack Obama on March 2, 2011. The United States Senate confirmed her by unanimous consent on October 3, 2011. She received her judicial commission the following day. Judge Brown is the first African American female to serve as a district judge on the court.

KAREN WELLS ROBY, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE



Judge Karen Wells Roby is a Federal Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Karen Wells Roby was appointed to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana on October 16, 1998; she took her oath of office on February 22, 1999, and began her service as a federal magistrate judge.

Judge Roby is the Immediate Past President of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, a 600 member organization of United States federal judges and the first African American Woman to serve in this leadership capacity. Judge Roby is also the First African American female to serve on the federal bench in Louisiana. Judge Roby, in addition to helping to coordinate this program, is a speaker and mock trial judge of the Law School Summer School and Intern Program and a Professor at Tulane Law School. She also has traveled to Kenya as a part of the Lawyers Without Borders program and brought U.S. Case Management Best Practices to Magistrates in Kenya.

LOUIS MOORE, JR., U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE - RETIRED



Judge Louis Moore, Jr. served as a federal magistrate judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He was appointed as a federal magistrate judge in 1985. Formerly, Judge Moore was an assistant U.S. attorney and a federal public defender in the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Moore also served as an assistant district attorney and an assistant public defender in Orleans Parish.

A native of Bogalusa, Judge Moore earned a B.A. degree from Southern University and a J.D. degree from Southern University Law Center. Judge Moore was inducted into the SULC Hall of Fame in 2006. His portrait was among the first unveiled for the SULC's Judicial Wall of Fame in 2011.

Judge Louis Moore, Jr. retired after 27 years of service.

RALPH E. TYSON, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE - DECEASED



Ralph E. Tyson (born 1948) served as a United States federal judge. Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Judge Tyson received a B.A. from Louisiana State University in 1970 and a J.D. from Louisiana State University Law Center in 1973. He was in private practice from 1973 to 1988. He served as an Adjunct professor at Louisiana State University Law School from 1989 to 1991. He served as a Professor in the Sociology/Law Enforcement Department at Southern University from 1989 to 1998. He was a judge on the Baton Rouge City Court from 1988 to 1993. He was a judge on the 19th Judicial

District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish from 1993 to 1998. In late 1998 he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. There he served as chief judge from 2005 to 2011.

BRIAN A. JACKSON, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE - CHIEF JUDGE, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA



Judge Brian A. Jackson received his J.D. degree from Southern University School of Law, where he served as the editor-in-chief of the Southern University Law Review, and his LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. Judge Jackson was a member of the U.S. Department of Justice for over 16 years, during which time he practiced law as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, an Associate Deputy Attorney General, and as the court-appointed United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana. In 2002, he entered private practice as a partner at the law firm of Liskow & Lewis, where he practiced in

the firm's commercial litigation section. He also served as chair of Liskow's white collar defense practice group and a member of the firm's board of directors.

On October 29, 2009, President Barack Obama formally nominated Jackson as district judge and the Senate confirmed Judge Jackson on June 15, 2010. On July 25, 2011, upon the death of Chief Judge Ralph E. Tyson, he became Chief Judge of the court. In 2013, Judge Jackson was appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts to serve on the Judicial Resources Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Judge Jackson is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the National Association of Former United States Attorneys, and a member of the Federal Judges Association. He previously served on the admissions committee for the Louisiana Supreme Court, during which time he wrote the examination on Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

Just The Beginning Foundation

Learn more about the JTBF Judicial Externship Program by going to www.jtbf.org.



"It is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive."

Earl Warren

PROGRAM SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



John Ackerman is a Staff Investigator at the Orleans Public Defenders. Mr. Ackerman began his investigative career three years ago in Washington, DC while completing his degree from American University.



Lisa Africk is a partner in Burleson's New Orleans office, where she represents professionals, officers, and directors in complex litigation involving maritime law, construction law, and related insurance coverage issues, as well as employment related issues, and the drafting and negotiation of oil and gas contracts and master service agreements.

Outside of her legal practice, Ms. Africk is actively involved in a number of professional organizations, including the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, and the Tulane Inns of Court. She is a big advocate of mentoring young law students and lawyers and she has been involved in various mentoring and orientation programs with both Tulane Law School and Louisiana State University Law School.

Ms. Africk earned a Bachelor of Arts from Newcomb College of Tulane University, and a Master of Social Work and Juris Doctor from Tulane School of Social Work and Tulane Law School, respectively.



Professor Mary Garvey Algero is the Warren E. Mouldoux Distinguished Professor of Law, and she will soon become the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She directs the Lawyering Program and the Westerfield Fellowship Program. She is the author of *Louisiana Legal Research* and co-author of *Federal Legal Research*, both books published by Carolina Academic Press. She has published articles on issues of federal civil procedure and jurisdiction, the Louisiana civil law system, and the contracts clause and frequently presents on her scholarship and on teaching at professional conferences. She is a former president of the Association of Legal Writing Directors www.alwd.org and has served on the editorial board of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (www.journallegalwritinginstitute.org/).

Professor Algero teaches courses primarily focused on civil procedure, federal courts, legal research and writing, and ethics. She has also taught comparative judicial process at the University of Vienna as part of the Loyola study abroad program. Prior to joining the faculty of the Loyola New Orleans College of Law, she practiced law with the New Orleans law firms of McGlinchey, Stafford, Mintz, Cellini & Lang and Pulaski, Gieger & Laborde, primarily in the areas of aviation, admiralty, and products liability. In law school she served as the editor in chief of the Loyola Law Review.



Ashley Bane is an associate in Burleson’s New Orleans office and focuses her practice in litigation matters involving maritime law, construction law, and related insurance coverage issues.

Ms. Bane received her Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School, graduating cum laude, and earning a Maritime Law Certificate (2014). She served as Senior Managing Editor for the Tulane Maritime Law Journal. In 2003, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Tulane University.



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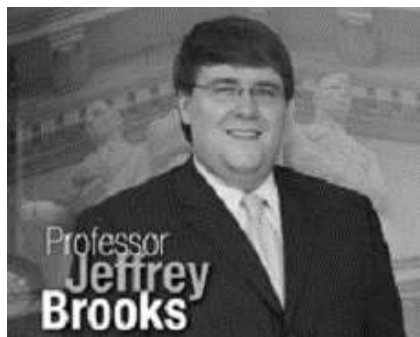
Pennsylvania State University (“Penn State”) with a B.A. in Labor Studies as a Dean’s List student obtaining membership in the honorary fraternities Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi.



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Early in his career, Mr. Bridger served New Orleans as an assistant district attorney. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, and the New Orleans Bar Association.

Mr. Bridger earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1980 from The Johns Hopkins University, with emphasis on philosophy and comparative literature. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Tulane Law School in 1982, with emphasis on Louisiana Civil Law and U.S. Maritime Law.



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Prior to joining the Law Center faculty, Professor Brooks practiced law as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Special Federal Litigation Division of the New York City Law Department, where he was a trial attorney representing the City of New York and the New York City Police Department in federal civil rights cases, including the complex litigation arising out of arrests made during the 2004 Republican National Convention. He previously worked as an intern for Associate Justice Stephen G. Crane of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department.

Professor Brooks received his J.D. from Tulane University Law School, and his B.A. in Geography-Anthropology from Vassar College. While at Tulane, he was Senior Notes and Comments Editor of the *Journal of Law and Sexuality* and was a member of the Jessup International Law Moot Court and Pace Environmental Law Moot Court teams. Professor Brooks is a member of the New York State Bar and an active member of the Federal Bar Association.



Marcus V. Brown is executive vice president and general counsel of Entergy Corporation. As general counsel, Mr. Brown is responsible for all legal, ethics and compliance matters affecting Entergy and its subsidiaries, including providing counsel to the chairman and CEO, board of directors and senior management. Mr. Brown also leads the company's approximately 75 attorneys in 10 jurisdictional offices and six practice groups, handling major transactions, regulatory proceedings, nuclear matters, ethics and compliance, litigation, environmental and employment issues.

Mr. Brown served as senior vice president and general counsel from January 2012 through August 2013; prior to that, he was vice president and deputy general counsel. Following hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike, Mr. Brown led the company's effort to recover more than \$500 million in insurance proceeds, which were critical to rebuilding the damaged electric and gas infrastructure

of Entergy's utility system. Prior to joining Entergy in 1995, Brown practiced with the New Orleans-based Stone Pigman law firm.

Following Mr. Brown's 2012 initiative to increase the company's commitment to provide legal assistance to some of its most vulnerable customers, the New Orleans Pro Bono Project named Entergy its 2013 Pro Bono Law Firm of the year.

Mr. Brown received his B.A. from Southern University A&M College and a Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center, where he was a member of the Law Review. He received his MBA from the Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business in 2002.



Derwyn Bunton is the Chief District Defender for Orleans Parish (New Orleans) Louisiana leading the Orleans Public Defenders Office (OPD).

Prior to becoming Chief Defender, Mr. Bunton was the Executive Director of Juvenile Regional Services (JRS). JRS is the first stand-alone juvenile defender office in the nation and the first non-profit law office devoted to juvenile justice reform and front-line juvenile representation. Mr. Bunton is also the former Associate Director of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (JJPL), a nonprofit juvenile justice reform and advocacy organization. Derwyn graduated from New York University School of Law in 1998.

From 2000 to 2005, Mr. Bunton aided in monitoring the settlement agreement between the United States Department of Justice, the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, private plaintiffs and the State of Louisiana regarding Louisiana's juvenile prisons. Mr. Bunton was part of the litigation team that sued Louisiana over the conditions of its juvenile prisons.

During Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Bunton was part of a team of advocates and lawyers assisting the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice and the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections locate and reunite youth and adults evacuated to multiple DOC facilities across the state after being trapped by floodwaters in the Orleans Parish Prison in the wake of Katrina.

In 2007, Mr. Bunton was part of a team of lawyers representing the so-called Jena 6 in Jena, Louisiana. Originally charged with attempted murder, Mr. Bunton's client pled guilty to a misdemeanor and received 7 days probation. His conviction has since been expunged.



Honorable Camille Buras was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended Archbishop Chapelle High School then Loyola University of New Orleans where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts and Science Degree in 1983 with a major in History. Judge Buras entered Loyola Law School in 1983 and received her Juris Doctor in 1986. Her interest in criminal law was fostered in law school through the Loyola Law Clinic program.

Upon completion of her law studies in 1986, Judge Buras began employment at the Office of the District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans. Her various positions in the office included Deputy Chief of Trials, Sex Crimes Screener, Chief of the Economic Crime Unit and Chief of the Narcotics Strike Force. In 1994, District Attorney Harry Connick appointed her First Assistant District Attorney where she represented the office as a member of Mayor Marc Morial's Advisory Council on Domestic Violence. As First Assistant, Judge Buras also assisted in District Attorney Harry Connick's voluntary hair analysis drug testing initiative in private and public schools to detect and reduce drug abuse among teenagers.

In 1998, Judge Buras won a citywide election for the position of Judge for Section "H" for the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. She is especially proud of her work as a Drug Court Judge, where she supervised, on a weekly basis, individuals enrolled in the Criminal Court Drug Court Program. Several hundred clients have gone through the Section "H" Drug Court Program since its inception in 2000.

Judge Buras has been married to Michael William Tiff for thirty years and they are the proud parents of Mary Grace, Matthew, and Catherine.



Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr. has served the citizens of New Orleans and their criminal justice system for his entire career. Mr. Cannizzaro began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish. During his five years as an ADA, he worked his way up to chief of the trials division. After leaving the District Attorney's office, he worked in private practice and as a staff attorney for the Orleans Indigent Defenders Program for a short time.

In 1986, Mr. Cannizzaro embarked on a 17 year-long calling as a judge in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. Due to his establishment of programs such as the Drug Court and Intensive Probation as well as his distinction of presiding over more jury trials than any judge in the history of Louisiana, Judge Cannizzaro often received notable recognition for his efficiency and innovation in the courtroom.

In the District Court, Judge Cannizzaro earned the respect of his colleagues on the bench as well as multiple good government groups. He was chosen by his colleagues to serve as the Chief Judge, and was named the Top Overall Performing Judge by the Metropolitan Crime Commission year after year.

Prior to being elected District Attorney, Mr. Cannizzaro served this community as a judge on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeal for five years. Additionally, he has served as a faculty member at the University of New Orleans and the Tulane University School of Law.

District Attorney Cannizzaro is a life-long resident of New Orleans. His father worked as a shoe salesman and his mother worked as a cashier and later ran a daycare center. Leon is a graduate of De La Salle High School and the University of New Orleans. Mr. Cannizzaro earned a law degree from Loyola University School of Law. He and his wife Norma have been married for more than 30 years and are the proud parents of four children.



Gary Carter is senior counsel at Entergy Corporation, having joined the company in 2007. From 2012 – 2014, he served as a leader of the legal department's Pro Bono Initiative. Mr. Carter's contributions helped Entergy's legal department earn the New Orleans Pro Bono Project's Law Firm of the Year award in 2013. In 2014, the Louisiana State Bar Association awarded Mr. Carter a Friend of Pro Bono Award for providing significant support in the delivery of legal services to Louisiana's indigent.

In 2015, Mr. Carter was named Chair of the Public Utility Litigation and Regulatory Task Force by the Defense Research Institute, a national organization of defense attorneys and in-house counsel. The Task Force is designed to create a forum for the sharing and discussing of ideas and best practices on national matters of importance in the utility industry.

Mr. Carter graduated from Xavier University and earned his Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School. He began his legal career at McGlinchey Stafford in New Orleans, where he specialized in products liability litigation.



Renee G. Culotta - Frilot partner Renee Culotta's practice is dedicated to employment litigation and pro-active employment counseling. Ms. Culotta defends employers and management in harassment and discrimination lawsuits, including claims involving age, race, sex, religious and disability discrimination and retaliation.

Ms. Culotta regularly counsels clients on day-to-day employment matters to troubleshoot and resolve problems and assist clients in minimizing the risks inherent in all employment decisions. Ms. Culotta is also in charge of manning a toll-free hotline to advise members of a statewide organization on all labor and employment laws.

Prior to attending law school, Ms. Culotta gained first-hand experience in human resources by working in the HR department of a Baton Rouge health clinic. During law school, Ms. Culotta worked at the Pentagon conducting sexual harassment and other employment investigations for the Department of the Army, for which she received a letter of commendation.

Ms. Culotta graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.A. in 1993 and received her Juris Doctor from the Louisiana State University Law Center in 1996.



Mark A. Cunningham is a partner with the Corporate Compliance and White Collar Defense Team in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker LLP. He received a BA degree in 1989 from Claremont Colleges (Pitzer College), his JD degree in 1992 from Tulane University Law School (senior managing editor, *Tulane Law Review*, 1992) and an LLM (Trade Regulation) degree in 1994 from New York University Law School. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1996.

Before entering private practice, he clerked for United States District Court Judges Sarah S. Vance and Charles Schwartz, Jr. He has been an adjunct professor of antitrust law at Loyola University College of Law since 2001.

Mr. Cunningham has served in several leadership positions for the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), including president-elect, treasurer, secretary, Louisiana Bar Journal editor and Executive Committee member. He also served on the Board of Governors and in the House of Delegates. He chaired the LSBA Lawyer Advertising Committee from 2000-04 and has served on the Committee on the Profession and the Client Assistance Fund Committee.

He serves on the boards of directors of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education (president, 2011-14), the New Orleans Regional Leadership Institute and the New Orleans Bar Association. Mr. Cunningham chaired The Pro Bono Project (New Orleans) in 2009-10 and received the Project's 2009 Leadership Award and the Project's 2007 and 2008 Distinguished Service Award. He has been annually recognized by other publications, including Benchmark Litigation, Super Lawyers and The Best Lawyers in America.



Honorable June Berry Darensburg was elected Judge to the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Division C, for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana on April 1, 2006. She was re-elected without opposition in July 2008 and August 2014. Judge Darensburg is the first African American female elected to a judgeship in Jefferson Parish and she is the first African-American female Judge to be appointed Chief Judge of the 24th Judicial District Court, a position for which she holds until December 2015. Judge Darensburg presides over civil, criminal and domestic cases, and volunteers as an Intensive Probation Drug Court Judge.

Judge Darensburg is a 1980 graduate of Grace King High School. Pursuing her first career ambition, she enrolled at Xavier University of Louisiana where she majored in Pharmacy. She received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Xavier in 1985.

While working as a Pharmacist, Judge Darensburg developed an interest in the law. She attended Loyola University College of Law full time, while working part time as a Pharmacist. In December

1994, Judge Darensburg graduated from Loyola. She worked in private practice, and was employed by the Jefferson Parish Indigent Defender Board providing legal service to those unable to afford representation. She was also employed as an Associate Attorney by the LeBlanc Butler Law Firm where she was a litigator in the areas of Products Liability and Insurance Defense.

She is a member of the National Bar Association, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Association of Women Judges, American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana Judicial Council-NBA Division, Louisiana District Judges Association, Fifth Circuit Judges Association, Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Association, Jefferson Bar Association, Louis A. Martinet Society and Louisiana Pharmacy Association.



Honorable Tracey Flemings Davillier is a New Orleans native, graduating from high school at St. Mary's Academy, and Loyola University, where she studied Sociology, and Loyola Law School.

After graduating from law school, she began her career as a respected attorney at Phelps Dunbar, LLP. Judge Davillier dedicated countless hours to protecting children who had landed in the state's foster care program or fallen into the Juvenile Justice system. Judge Davillier chaired the Juvenile Division Transition Team for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office.

An outstanding legal scholar with one of our city's most prestigious law firms, Judge Davillier was successfully elected to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court in February 2010. As Deputy Chief Judge, she had a primary role in overseeing court operations. Judge Davillier quickly rose through the ranks and served as co-chair of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) and lead judge for the Delinquency Model Court Team under the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ).

In November, 2012, Judge Davillier successfully ran for election for a seat on the Criminal District Court, where she currently presides.



Tiffany Delery Davis is a shareholder in the Liskow and Lewis' maritime, oilfield and insurance section. There, she concentrates her practice on maritime and oilfield torts and contracts, and her litigation background extends to involvement in trials, trial preparation, motions practice, discovery and mediation. She earned her law degree from Tulane University Law School in 2005 and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University in 2000. She is a member of the Louisiana State and Federal Bar Associations.



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Prior to joining Liskow and Lewis, Ms. Delery served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ivan L.R. Lemelle, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of New Orleans. She received her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2007.



Amy E. Duncan is the Training and Projects Counsel for the Access to Justice Program at the Louisiana State Bar Association. She graduated from Louisiana State University (2003) with a degree in Economics and Loyola Law School (2013) with a JD/MBA dual degree. While in law school, Ms. Duncan served as managing editor for the Journal of Public Interest Law and judicial extern to the Hon. Carl J. Barbier. After law school, she worked as Program Director and Staff Attorney for Louisiana Civil Justice Center where she developed Legal Innovators for Tomorrow (LIFT), a legal incubator and accelerator program that helps new attorneys build public interest focused solo practices.

In June 2015, Ms. Duncan joined the Access to Justice team, where she is responsible for coordinating statewide legal training and education for Louisiana civil legal aid providers, staffing the Bar's Criminal Justice Committee, ATJ's Pro Bono Subcommittee, and working on various ATJ projects. Ms. Duncan also continues to work on the LIFT Incubator and Accelerator program.



Thomas Frampton is a staff attorney at Orleans Public Defenders. He received his J.D. from Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall) and came to OPD in 2009 after clerkships with Chief Judge Diane P. Wood (7th Cir.) and Judge Jack B. Weinstein (Eastern District of New York).



Jason Michael Freas was born and raised in New Orleans. Mr. Freas earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2009. He earned his Juris Doctor from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2014. His practice areas include insurance defense and coverage litigation, automobile liability, successions and estates, and workers' compensation defense.

While attending Loyola, Mr. Freas obtained a Certificate of International Law Legal Studies and engaged in the study of international comparative law in Europe and Brazil. Mr. Freas has continued his interest in diverse areas of law by maintaining a litigation practice in various fields.

In his personal time, Mr. Freas enjoys spending time with his wife, Marli, and children, Julia and Gabriel. He devotes time to his church's youth group and is intent on maintaining this focus on youth in his pro-bono endeavors. Mr. Freas is an avid reader and believes in continuous education, enjoys playing chess and the outdoors.



C. Nicole Gaither is a Staff Attorney with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS). She focuses on housing law, tax law, and BP oil spill claims. Prior to working at SLLS, Ms. Gaither practiced Social Security disability, employment discrimination, family, and consumer law.

Ms. Gaither received her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2012. While in law school, she worked as an intern with the New Orleans Saints and the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office. She also served as a member of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, the Tax Law Society, and was a Preparer/ Reviewer for Loyola's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

A former accountant, Ms. Gaither received her Master's Degree in Professional Accounting from The University of Texas at Austin in 1998 and her Bachelor of Science in Management in Accounting from Tulane University in 1997.



Craig J. Geraci, Jr. is an associate in Burleson's New Orleans office and focuses his practice in litigation matters involving maritime law, construction law, and related insurance coverage issues.

Mr. Geraci's previous experience includes federal securities class action litigation, complex consumer litigation, commercial and corporate litigation, and all aspects of insurance defense litigation.

Mr. Geraci earned his Juris Doctor from Tulane University Law School, where he also earned a Certificate of Mediation Training and completed a Trial Advocacy Course.

Outside of his legal practice, Mr. Geraci co-founded Shared Vision Track Club, formed to enrich the lives of blind individuals through participation in endurance events. He served as Vice-President and a board member, and was responsible for all corporate compliance matters.



Jordan Ginsberg is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Louisiana and the Deputy Supervisor of the Office's Fraud Unit. Mr. Ginsberg specializes in the prosecution of various complex white-collar and cybercrimes, including child exploitation and trafficking, health care fraud, computer intrusion, and intellectual property violations. Mr. Ginsberg has successfully tried cases concerning financial and computer crimes, including the first juvenile sex trafficking matter in the Eastern District of Louisiana, and he has argued before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also serves as the Office's Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property (CHIP) coordinator and is an Associate Professor at Tulane Law School, where he is a member of the Trial Advocacy Faculty. Jordan graduated summa cum laude from Washington and Lee University in 2001. He graduated from the University of Chicago Law School with honors in 2004, and he was an articles editor with the University of Chicago Legal Forum. After law school, Mr. Ginsberg served as a law clerk in the Northern District of Illinois for the Honorable Mark Filip. Before coming to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Ginsberg was an associate at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago, where he was a member of the firm's General Litigation group.



Deontrine Green is a New Orleans native. She attended Edna Karr High School. She received her Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Louisiana State University. She graduated magna cum laude from the Southern University Law Center and was the top student in her graduating class. She was sworn into the Louisiana Bar by the Louisiana Supreme Court on October 24, 2013.

Ms. Green joined Rodney & Etter, LLC as an associate attorney in November 2013 where she practices in several areas. She is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association and the New Orleans Bar Association. Ms. Green worked as a student law clerk for Chief Judge Brian A. Jackson of the United States Middle District of Louisiana, Judge Fredericka Homberg Wicker of the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, and the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. During her law school career, Ms. Green served as a Senior Editor of the Southern University Law Review, a Teaching Assistant for Legal Writing, a Student Attorney in the Juvenile Law Clinic, a member of the Honor Code Committee, and was the recipient of multiple awards and scholarships.



Honorable Piper Griffin is a Judge of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Division A1, where she has served since her election to the bench in 2001.

During her 14 years of practice, Judge Griffin worked primarily in the area of casualty litigation, including products liability, workers compensation, personal injury, construction litigation and employment relations. Prior to ascending to the bench, Judge Griffin was Special Counsel to the firm of Leake, Andersson and Mann, LLC (*presently* Leake Andersson) and she also worked with George J. Nalley, Jr., APLC and with Carmouche, Gray and Hoffman (*presently* Hoffman Siegel et al). In 1999 she was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court as a Judge Pro Tempore for the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans and served in that capacity for almost a year.

Judge Griffin holds a B.A. degree from the University of Notre Dame where she received the Leonard A. Collins Senior Honorary Award in recognition of her contributions to student life at the University. In 1997 she was recognized as one of the 50 most distinguished Black graduates in the history of the University. Judge Griffin received her Juris Doctor degree from Louisiana State University School of Law in 1987 and was admitted to practice in Louisiana in that year.

Judge Griffin has been active with many professional and civic organizations and is also a member of various local and national bar associations. Judge Griffin is a frequent community and continuing legal education speaker and has received numerous awards and certificates in recognition of her accomplishments and her commitment to the community.



Scherri N. Guidry is a native of Opelousas and graduate of Lawtell High School. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (then University of Southwestern Louisiana), Lafayette, Louisiana in 1995 and went on to receive her Juris Doctor degree from the Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1999.

She is currently working as a Senior Misdemeanor Attorney with the 15TH Judicial District Public Defenders office in Lafayette and handling a full range of criminal cases. She previously served as Staff Attorney for the Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. in Monroe, Louisiana where she handled a wide variety of civil cases; including but not limited to family law, consumer law, employment related issues, landlord-tenant disputes, contract disputes, and issues involving elderly residents. Ms. Guidry previously practiced as a private attorney in Opelousas.

Prior to engaging in the full time practice of law, Ms. Guidry was a counselor and mentor in the Upward Bound program at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, an academic enrichment program which prepares first generation students and students from economically disadvantaged families for the academic and social challenges of college.

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Mr. Hair graduated with a Bachelor in Fine Arts from Boston University College in 2006 and received his Juris Doctor from Tulane Law School in 2009.



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Prior to joining the Office of Institutional Equity, Ms. Hamilton worked as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Madeline Jasmine at the Fortieth Judicial District Court in St. John the Baptist Parish. Ms. Hamilton serves on the Louisiana State Bar Association's Diversity Committee, LABWA, and the BESE Disciplinary Hearing Officer Board. She also Co-chairs the LSBA's Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee and she is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Hamilton graduated cum laude from Birmingham-Southern College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 2006. Ms. Hamilton earned her Juris Doctor from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2009, graduating in the top twenty percent of her class.



Kia Hall Hayes is a staff attorney who interned with IPNO in the fall of 2012 and officially joined the staff in August 2013.

Ms. Hayes received her Bachelor of Arts in Africana Studies from Brown University in 2003 and a Master of Arts in Print Journalism from the University of Maryland in 2004. She worked for six years as a newspaper reporter--first at the Providence Journal and then at the Times-Picayune--before enrolling at UCLA School of Law, from which she received her Juris Doctor in 2013.



Michael G. Henn is an Orleans Parish Assistant District Attorney. He graduated with honors from LSU Law School and has been with the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office since July of 2013. He is considered by many to be one of the DA's most competent, dependable, knowledgeable, and approachable attorneys.



Robert D. Hess III is currently Associate General Counsel—Commercial Transactions at Entergy Services, Inc. In that position, Mr. Hess provides commercial legal support to all business units at Entergy. His areas of practice include outsourcing agreements, service and material procurement agreements, telecommunications, software licenses and other intellectual property matters, federal contracts, real estate, right of way, and data security/privacy. He began working at Entergy in 1995 after spending a few years in private practice at Adams and Reese in New Orleans.

Mr. Hess graduated from Louisiana State University in 1989 with a degree in Finance. He graduated from Tulane Law School in 1992.

Mr. Hess and his wife, Lorraine, have been married for 25 years and are life-long residents of the New Orleans area. They have four boys ranging in age from 21 to 11.



Brent Hightower is a Librarian with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. His service to the Court began in 2010. Previously, Mr. Hightower worked as Director of Library Services for Adams and Reese LLP and Library Systems Analyst for the Times-Picayune. Mr. Hightower holds Bachelor's degrees in History and Double Bass Performance as well as a Masters of Library and Information Science.



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Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson is the first African-American Chief Justice of Louisiana. Chief Justice Johnson was first elected to serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1994. She serves on the Court's Judicial Council, and has served on the Court's Legal Services Task Force, as well as the National Campaign on Best Practices in the area of Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts.

Chief Justice Johnson is a Fleur De Lis member of the New Orleans Bar Association, and is active with several committees of the LSBA and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. She is an active member of the A.P. Tureaud Chapter of the American Inns of Court, where she currently serves as President; the Louisiana State Law Institute, and the National Association of Women Judges, where she has served as a District Director, and is now

active with the Women in Prison Project. Justice Johnson is also an active member of Omicron Nu Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the New Orleans Chapter of Links, Inc., both service organizations. On April 9, 2013, Chief Justice Johnson delivered the State of the Judiciary Address before the Louisiana Legislature. In May of 2013, she delivered the Commencement Address at Southern University as well as her alma mater, LSU Law School.

Chief Justice Johnson earned a B.A. from Spelman College and was one of the first African-American women to attend the law school at LSU, where she received her J.D. in 1969. She was inducted into the LSU Law Center's Hall of Fame in 1996, where her portrait now hangs.



Professor Russell L. Jones, the Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Endowed Professor, was named Southern University Law Center (SULC) vice chancellor of academic affairs in 2007. He received a BA degree in 1974 from Northeast Louisiana University, his JD degree, magna cum laude, in 1982 from Southern University Law Center, and a LL.M. degree in 1992 from Georgetown University School of Law. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1982.

Professor Jones was recognized as the 2010 Distinguished Professor by the Louisiana Bar Foundation. He also received the 2001 Louisiana Bar Journal Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award for best featured article. Vice Chancellor Jones established the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project at SULC in 2009. The Project goal is to empower high school students by teaching civic literacy through the U.S. Constitution.

Professor Jones is a member of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Baton Rouge Bar Association, Louisiana Bar Foundation, Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel, and Director of the SULC Marshall-Brennan Project. Professor Jones was also the attorney coach for the Southern University Laboratory School mock trial team. The team represented the Louisiana State Bar Association Region VII in the State competition on three occasions.

In the community, Professor Jones is a member of Greater New Guide Baptist Church where he is chair of Christian education and a Sunday school teacher.



Adria N. Kimbrough, a native of Mobile, Alabama, joined The Kullman Firm in 2013. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Kimbrough was employed as an Associate General Counsel for the University of Arkansas System where she defended two and four year colleges and universities in employment discrimination litigation and counseled university administrators in an effort to avoid litigation and ensure compliance with federal and state employment laws. Before working with the University of Arkansas, Ms. Kimbrough was in private practice where she represented corporate, municipal, and nonprofit employers in federal court and before administrative bodies. In addition to her litigation experience, Ms.

Kimbrough has provided advice to employers regarding personnel policies, leave issues, and discipline and discharge matters.

Ms. Kimbrough received a B.A. from Talladega College in 1997, and her J.D. degree from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law in 2000.



Honorable Daniel E. Knowles III serves as U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Knowles earned an undergraduate degree and a J.D. from Louisiana State University, 1975 and 1978 respectively. Following law school, he served as law clerk to the Honorable John C. Boutall, Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and then to the Honorable Patrick E. Carr, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. In 1982, he joined the law firm of Burke & Mayer where he practiced Admiralty and Maritime Law for twenty years.

Judge Knowles served as Judge Ad Hoc, First Parish Court, Parish of Jefferson for many years. He is also certified as a mediator by the Attorney-Mediators Institute. Judge Knowles has held numerous positions, including President, with the Mariners Club of the Port of New Orleans. Currently, he is a faculty member for the Louisiana State University Trial Advocacy Training Program and he serves on the Louisiana State Bar Association's Bar Liaison Committee for the Federal Bench. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter. Judge Knowles is a frequent speaker for various industry and legal groups including Mariners Club of the Port of New Orleans, the Louisiana State Bar Association, St. Paul Insurance Claim Conference and Louisiana State University and Loyola University.



Honorable Ivan L. R. Lemelle was appointed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on May 13, 1998 by President Bill Clinton. Immediately prior to his appointment as a United States District Judge, Judge Lemelle served for more than a decade as a United States Magistrate Judge (1984-1998). His appointment in 1984 made him the first African-American United States Magistrate Judge in the Louisiana federal courts.

Judge Lemelle was educated at Xavier University of Louisiana, where he received his bachelor of science cum laude in 1971. He received numerous scholarships to attend Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, where he received his Juris Doctor in 1974.



Todd S. Manuel is senior counsel with Entergy Corporation, located in the company's Baton Rouge office. He is a member of the Legal, Ethics and Compliance Department's Litigation Group and represents the company's interests in casualty and commercial matters.

Mr. Manuel currently serves as chairperson of the Diversity and Inclusion ("D&I") Council for the Legal, Ethics and Compliance Department. He also serves as Vice Chair of the company's Ethnically Diverse & Women Employee Resource Group. In addition to his support of the company's internal D&I efforts, Mr. Manuel has been actively involved in diversity and inclusion initiatives that extend beyond Entergy's own programming. He has served in a number of D&I roles both locally and nationally.

Prior to joining Entergy, Mr. Manuel was a partner with the Baton Rouge firm Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips where he practiced for fourteen years and served as a member of the firm's executive committee. While with Taylor Porter, Mr. Manuel was engaged primarily in civil defense litigation with an emphasis in the areas of commercial litigation, insurance defense, employment and toxic tort litigation. Mr. Manuel is admitted to practice in all Louisiana state courts and in federal district courts for the Middle, Eastern, and Western Districts of Louisiana, as well as in the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Manuel is a 1998 graduate of the Southern University Law Center. He holds an undergraduate degree in accounting from Louisiana State University (1995).



Jerome Matthews is a native of the New Orleans area. He grew up on the Westbank, and graduated from West Jefferson Senior High School in 2001. After high school, Mr. Matthews joined the United States Marine Corps as a helicopter technician where he served honorably as a Corporal from 2001-2006. His service included a tour in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Mr. Matthews received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Philosophy from Tulane University in 2008. He then received his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2011.

During law school, he was a judicial extern to Judge John T. Noonan of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He also served as a board member and web designer for the Berkeley Journal of African American Law and Policy, and served in the same capacities for the Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law. After graduating from law school, Mr. Matthews was an associate at Liskow and Lewis in the firm's New Orleans office and was a member of the firm's energy litigation and commercial litigation sections. While at Liskow and Lewis Mr. Matthews defended a major oil company in claims arising out of a well blowout and the sinking of a semi-submersible drilling rig that caused 11 deaths and a catastrophic oil spill. He also defended a major oil company from land owners who sought billions of dollars in damages from alleged oilfield contamination resulting from decades of oil and gas production.



Emily Maw is the director of Innocence Project New Orleans (IPNO) where she has worked as a lawyer since 2003. IPNO is a nonprofit law office that represents innocent prisoners serving life sentences in Louisiana and south Mississippi, and assists them with their transition into the free world upon their release. IPNO also uses its cases to explain how wrongful convictions happen in the region and what we can all do to prevent them. IPNO works with legislators, judges, lawyers, law enforcement and policymakers to protect the innocent within the criminal justice system. Since its inception in 2001, IPNO has freed or exonerated 26 innocent men, who spent over 536 years in Louisiana and Mississippi's prisons

between them. IPNO takes the hardest cases that others are not equipped to handle. This means IPNO often spends many years fighting to prove a wrongful conviction in cases that cannot be solved with DNA testing. In the 12 years that she has been with IPNO, it has become one of the largest free-standing (not a law school) and successful innocence efforts in the country.

Ms. Maw came to New Orleans from her native Britain in 1998. She is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and, later, Tulane Law School. Before joining IPNO, she worked on capital cases as an investigator for four years. She lives in New Orleans with her husband and their two daughters.



Katherine E. May is an associate in Burleson's New Orleans office, where she focuses her practice on matters involving general maritime law and personal injury, including the Jones Act and related insurance coverage issues. She handles all phases of defense in both state and federal courts and has represented insurance companies, state entities, and businesses operating in locations throughout the Gulf of Mexico.

Ms. May is well versed in drafting discovery, conducting client and witness interviews, and consulting experts in claims. She has performed legal research and drafted briefs and memoranda to support a wide range of cases, and has drafted settlement demands and assisted in the negotiation and final resolution of several suits.

Ms. May earned her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University in 2006 and her law degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2009. While in law school, she was a member of the Loyola Law Review and received the Law Excellence Award for Highest Grade in the category of Legal Research and Writing. Her student comment, entitled "*By Reason Thereof: Causation and Eligibility under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*" was published in Brigham Young University's Education and Law Journal. Additionally, Ms. May was actively involved in Loyola's Moot Court program, serving as brief writer for the 2008 Law and Economics Team and the 2009 National Team, which reached the Final Four at the National Moot Court Competition in New York. She has been awarded members in the Order of the Barristers.



Arlene T. McCarthy serves as Compliance Officer for Loyola University of New Orleans. Previously she served as a Senior Ethics Specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and as Ethics Program Manager for the Foreign Agricultural Service. At the beginning of the Obama Administration, Ms. McCarthy was invited by the White House Counsel's Office to review public financial disclosure reports and provide ethics advice to presidential nominees and White House staff. Prior to joining USDA, Ms. McCarthy served leaders and policy makers in ethics, general and administrative law at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Office of Government Ethics and the U.S. Department of Education. She also spent three years at the Southern University Law Center and one year at American University's Washington College of Law teaching first-year law students introductory lawyering skills such as legal reasoning and analysis, writing, research, advocacy and fundamental lawyering values.

Ms. McCarthy is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Law and she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University, Barnard College. She is an active member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and District of Columbia Bar Association.



Kevin McClue received his B.A. degree in political science from Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1986. He then earned his J.D. degree from Tulane University in 1989. After graduating from law school, Mr. McClue spent five years on active duty in the United States Army serving as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. After his time on active duty, he served as the Executive Director for the Legal Aid Bureau in New Orleans, Louisiana. He began his NLRB Career as a field attorney in the New Orleans Regional Office, Region 15, in 2000. In 2012, Mr. McClue was promoted to Supervisory Field Attorney.



Tajira J. McCoy is the Director of Law Admissions at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She is a graduate of Southwestern Law School in California. As a law student, Ms. McCoy had the opportunity to write appellate briefs for the Ninth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals, act as program coordinator of the Guardian Ad Litem Program for Public Counsel Law Center's Children's Rights Project, clerk for the Honorable Judge Amy M. Pellman at Stanley Mosk Superior Court House in Los Angeles, and serve as managing editor of Southwestern's student-run news magazine, *The Commentator*. After law school, Ms. McCoy became Southwestern's Senior Admissions Counselor, a position that allowed her to act as project manager for the launch of Southwestern's entering students portal. In addition to her current role at Loyola, Ms. McCoy recently worked as an adjunct instructor, teaching Diversity and the Law for Loyola's honors program students. She now serves on the Law School Admission Council's Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admission Process Subcommittee and their Diversity Committee.



Professor M. Isabel Medina joined the Loyola New Orleans law school faculty after practicing law with Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. Upon her graduation from Tulane Law School, she clerked for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She teaches Constitutional Law, Employment and Gender Discrimination Law, and Immigration Law. She has visited at the University of Athens (Fulbright Scholar 2003), Tulane Law School, Villanova University School of Law and Thomas Jefferson School of Law. She writes in the area of gender, immigration and constitutional law and she is the co-author of a constitutional law casebook and the author of a book on U.S. immigration law.



Monte T. Mollere is the Director of the Access to Justice Program. The program was established in 1997 as a joint effort of the Louisiana State Bar Association, The Louisiana Bar Foundation and the Louisiana Legal Services Programs to assist in the development of a strong integrated statewide network for the delivery of legal services to the poor. Mr. Mollere, a native of the New Orleans area (Luling, Louisiana). He is a graduate of Louisiana State University where he received his BA in Accounting and a graduate of Loyola University School of Law School in New Orleans, where he received his J.D.

Prior to taking his position as Access to Justice Director, Mr. Mollere practiced for seven years with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Program in Hammond, Louisiana, his primary practice being in the areas of domestic, bankruptcy and consumer law. Mr. Mollere chaired the state Domestic Law Task Force and has been active in various civic and public interest legal organizations.

In addition to acting as liaison to the Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee and Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee, Mr. Mollere works with the Louisiana legal services programs, pro bono programs, law schools, judiciary and other parties interested in facilitating access to the judicial system for the indigent.



Mercedes C. Morno serves as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Judge Ivan L. R. Lemelle. Ms. Morno attended Georgetown University Law Center, completing a Juris Doctor and Master of Laws in International Business and Economic Law. Ms. Morno was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Her family moved to South Florida in 2002. In 2005, Ms. Morno enrolled in Broward County's College Academy, graduating with a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree, with High Honors. Ms. Morno attended the University of Central Florida in 2007, and graduated in the fall of 2009, with Honors. Ms. Morno went on to graduate law school at the age of 23. Ms. Morno spent her 2L summer, the summer following her second year of law

school, with a prominent law firm in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where she completed a rotation in Labor & Employment, Corporate and Mergers & Acquisitions. During her third-year, Ms. Morno served with the U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Adviser, and following graduation contributed to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Chief Counsel for International Commerce. Ms. Morno focus is transactional and litigation, within the international context. Ms. Morno is particularly interested in innovation and the development of world economies.



Brittany Nash is a law clerk to the Honorable Karen Wells Roby, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Ms. Nash attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia for her undergraduate degree, where she studied History with a concentration in East Asian studies. While at Spelman, she studied abroad at Royal Holloway, University of London and interned in Beijing, China. Upon graduation in 2008, Ms. Nash was a Fulbright Grantee in Yilan, Taiwan. In Taiwan, Ms. Nash was an English Teacher Assistant and studied Mandarin at Fo Guang University. After finishing her Fulbright Grant, Ms. Nash worked as a licensed Early Childhood Educator through Teach for America, where she focused on eliminating the achievement gap for students on the Southwest side of Chicago, Illinois.

Ms. Nash earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she was a member of the *Michigan Journal of Race & Law* and the chair of the Black Law Students Alliance. Ms. Nash was also a senator on the Law School Student Senate where she helped organize law school events and manage student organizations. Ms. Nash is admitted to practice in the State of Georgia and she is a member of the American Bar Association and the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys.



James R. Nieset, Jr. is a partner in the firm's New Orleans office. He joined the firm in 1996 working as a law clerk after his first year of Tulane Law School. His practice includes the defense of insurance companies in personal injury, insurance coverage, premises liability, products liability, property and bad faith/extra contractual cases. He has successfully tried cases to both judges and juries in state and federal courts throughout Louisiana. In addition to his trial experience, he has mediated hundreds of cases. As an appellate lawyer, Mr. Nieset has argued cases in the Louisiana First, Third, Fourth and Fifth Circuit Courts of Appeal and at the Louisiana Supreme Court. Jim defends insurance companies and their insureds at Porteous, Hainkel & Johnson. Mr. Nieset enjoys going to trial and interacting with clients and opponents to get cases resolved. He and his wife have two children. He enjoys coaching their sports teams, running, swimming and playing tennis.



Jee Park is the Deputy Chief Defender for Orleans Public Defenders (OPD). Ms. Park's interest in fighting for indigent persons' equal access to justice was sparked in Montgomery, Alabama when she worked for Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) after college. Ms. Park's career as a public defender began as a Prettyman Fellow at the Juvenile Justice Clinic at Georgetown Law Center where she taught and supervised third year law students participating in the Juvenile Justice Clinic. Prior to OPD in 2008 as a Supervising Attorney then as the Special Litigation Counsel, Ms. Park was a staff attorney at The Bronx Defenders in New York and served as a law clerk to Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 2003; received a LL.M in Clinical Advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center in 2005; and graduated from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut in 1997.



Robert Pearson began his career at Louisiana Civil Justice Center (LCJC) in January 2014 as a staff attorney and became the Director of Legal Services in summer of 2014. He joined the LCJC after accumulating three years of civil law practice experience, primarily in family, workers' compensation, estate planning and tort law.

Mr. Pearson quickly displayed his passion for selflessly providing quality legal assistance to the under privileged. His current role as Director of Legal Services involves providing legal advice, information, and limited representation in civil matters. Mr. Pearson supervises and aids in the implementation of Court Based Self-Help Resource Center programs in both Orleans and Jefferson Parish, including the development of materials, forms and policies. He participates in the selection, training, motivation and evaluation of non-attorney intake staff and manages law student internships and externships.

Mr. Pearson obtained his Doctorate of Jurisprudence, with honors, from Southern University Law Center in 2010 and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in April 2011. He has been trained and qualified to perform mediations in both civil and family law and is accredited as an attorney for Veteran Affairs by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. In addition to his legal career, Mr. Pearson has spent the past 6 years as a head basketball coach in the New Orleans community.



Darleene Peters is counsel at Irwin Fritchier Urquhart & Moore. She practices in the areas of pharmaceutical & medical device, products liability, railroad & transportation, insurance, casualty, complex litigation, premises liability law, and science & expert work. She is a graduate of Loyola University School of Law, Loyola University College of Business, and Xavier University. Ms. Peters is the co-chairperson of the Firm's Diversity Committee and is active in the National Diversity Council's New Orleans chapter as well as at the Defense Research Institute's Diversity

Committee. From 2004 to 2005, she served as a Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.



Erin Phifer is the Director of Career Services & Employer Relations at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University. Ms. Phifer's extensive experience in legal recruiting, career counseling and placement, and business development allow her to expand employment opportunities for LSU Law students and alums both within Louisiana and out-of-state by serving as a liaison between the law center and prospective employers. Ms. Phifer is able to effectively counsel students and create job search strategies based on their individual interests by monitoring legal employment trends in the Louisiana, regional and national markets. She coordinates and presents topic-specific programs for students, and develops and maintains current employment information of LSU law students and graduates.

Ms. Phifer received her undergraduate degree from Tulane University, J.D. from Loyola College of Law, New Orleans, and LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center.



Lawrence Pichler came to New Orleans in 1983 to attend Loyola Law School. He graduated with his Juris Doctor in 1986. Immediately after law school, Mr. Pichler worked on child support cases through the Orleans Parish District Attorney office. In 1989 he opened a private practice and began working as a solo practitioner handling child neglect and abuse cases. Mr. Pichler is married. In his spare time, he volunteers with Catholic Charities.



Honorable Angélique A. Reed was elected on October 3, 1998 as the first African-American to serve as Judge in First City Court of Orleans Parish. Judge Reed is a graduate of Ursuline Academy, Xavier University of Louisiana, and Loyola University School of Law, where she was the recipient of the National Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition Award. Prior to her election to the Bench, Judge Reed was an Assistant City Attorney for 12 years with extensive civil trial experience, as well as an attorney in private practice.

Judge Reed is currently serving on the Louisiana State Law Institute and the Executive Committee for the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association. The Judge has also held memberships in several professional and civic organizations including the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society; Association of Women Attorneys; Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Governors; Association of Women Attorneys; Louisiana Supreme Court Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution; Independent Women's Organization; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and the Louisiana Judicial Council – NBA.



Charles Rice became president and chief executive officer of Entergy New Orleans, Inc. in 2010. Mr. Rice is responsible for the company's financial and operational performance, customer service, regulatory and governmental relations, economic development programs, external and internal communications, charitable contributions and environmental policy.

After his first legal private practice position in Louisiana with Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, L.L.P., Mr. Rice joined Entergy in the legal department in 2000, serving as senior counsel in the Entergy Service, Inc. litigation group and then as manager of labor relations litigation support in human resources.

Mr. Rice was recruited into New Orleans city government in 2002 as the city attorney and later took the role of chief administrative officer for the City of New Orleans. In 2005, the law firm of Barrasso, Usdin, Kupperman, Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. recruited him back to private practice, where he was named partner.

Mr. Rice holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Howard University, a Juris Doctor from Loyola University's School of Law and master's degree in business administration from Tulane University. After graduating from Howard University, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army and served as a military intelligence officer with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky. While in the Army, he earned the Airborne Badge, Air Assault badge and was awarded the Army Commendation and the Army Achievement medals.

He is a member of the Alabama and Louisiana State Bar Associations, the American Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, the National Bar Association and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. He received the Loyola University School of Law Distinguished Moot Court Alumni Award in 2004. New Orleans City Business magazine also recognized Mr. Rice as a member of the Power Generation in 2003 and as a "Leader in Law" in 2008.



Wendy Hickok Robinson is Assistant General Counsel in the Litigation Group at Entergy Services Inc. in New Orleans. Ms. Robinson graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in Russian Language and Literature and then in 1997 from Columbia University School of Law, where she was an Articles Editor for the Law Review. Following her graduation, Ms. Robinson served as a law clerk for the Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Ms. Robinson was awarded a Public Interest Fellowship from Skadden Arps Slate Meagher and Flom. She pursued her two-year fellowship at

New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation practicing employment law. Ms. Robinson then joined the law firm of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis, and Eagan LLP, where she was an associate

and then a partner for seven years representing Entergy and other clients on a range of commercial litigation matters.

She joined Entergy as in-house counsel in September 2010 and continues to work on significant litigation for the company, specializing in the areas of federal preemption, antitrust, class actions, and corporate political activity. Ms. Robinson has also successfully led the Legal Department's Pro Bono Initiative since 2012. She serves as a member of the Boards of Directors of the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center and the Pro Bono Project. In addition, Ms. Robinson is the immediate past president of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, a 1,200+ member organization.



Honorable Karen Wells Roby is a Federal Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The Honorable Karen Wells Roby was appointed to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana on October 16, 1998; she took her oath of office on February 22, 1999, and began her service as a federal magistrate judge.

Judge Roby is the Immediate Past President of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, a 600 member organization of United States federal judges and the first African American Woman to serve in this leadership capacity. Judge Roby is also the First African American female to serve on the federal bench in Louisiana. Judge Roby, in addition to helping to coordinate this program, is a speaker and mock trial judge of the Law School Summer School and Intern Program and a Professor at Tulane Law School. She also has traveled to Kenya as a part of the Lawyers Without Borders program and brought U.S. Case Management Best Practices to Magistrates in Kenya.



Ronald J. Scalise, Jr. - Prior to joining the Tulane Law faculty in 2009, Professor Ronald J. Scalise, Jr. had served on the faculty of the Louisiana State University Law Center since 2004. Since 2007, he held the McGlinchey Stafford Associate Professorship there. After his graduation from Tulane Law School, where he was Articles Editor of the Tulane Law Review, Professor Scalise clerked on the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and pursued his LLM at Trinity College, Cambridge University, on a Gates Fellowship. He then worked as an associate attorney in the corporate and business section of the New Orleans law firm of Stone Pigman Walther

Wittmann, LLC.

A member of the Louisiana State Law Institute and a Board member of the American Society of Comparative Law, Professor Scalise has written extensively on civil law topics, particularly in the area of successions and inheritance. He is currently editing a book on European contract law and working on another book on the civil law of property. In 2011, he was appointed to serve as an appeals judge in cases contesting decisions made by the BP oil spill compensation system. In 2012, he began a term as Vice Dean of the Law School.



William C. Snowden is an attorney at the Orleans Public Defenders where he provides legal representation to the indigent of New Orleans. Mr. Snowden first came to New Orleans, Louisiana as a second-year law student from Seton Hall Law in Newark, New Jersey, to work at the Orleans Public Defenders as a law clerk during the summer of 2012. During his clerkship, Mr. Snowden was exposed to the inequities of Louisiana's habitual offender statute and its failure to differentiate between violent and non-violent offenses. This exposure served as the topic of Mr. Snowden's thesis paper in his Law and Morality class.

Upon graduating law school in 2013, Mr. Snowden began his legal career the same year at the Orleans Public Defenders. When asked why he chose to work in New Orleans, he stated that Louisiana is the prison capital of the world and he wanted to work in a place where he could help curb that statistic by providing the best representation to the indigent of New Orleans.



Bette Solomon is a second year law student at the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with a minor in Sociology in 2014 from Louisiana State University. During Ms. Solomon's undergraduate career, she was selected to participate in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences' ASPIRE Undergraduate Research Program. As a law student, Ms. Solomon is an active member of the Public Interest Law Society (PILS) and will be serving as the PILS IT and Publicity Chair during the 2015-2016 school year. She was recognized as a Chancellor's Scholar for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. Ms. Solomon currently serves as a summer judicial extern

with United States Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.



Scott J. Spivey is a partner in Landry & Spivey. He secured his B.S. in Management from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1990, served as a junior officer onboard USCG BEAR and at the Eight District Command in New Orleans until 1996, and received his J.D. from Loyola Law School the same year. Since 1996 he has maintained a private practice, served as a mediator with the Louisiana Office of Workers Compensation, taught as an Adjunct Professor at Upper Iowa University and Central Texas College at Ft. Polk and Jackson Barracks, and worked as General Counsel for a third-party administrator, Hammerman & Gainer International.



John ("Jack") B. Stanton currently serves as a law clerk to the Honorable Jay C. Zainey, District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Mr. Stanton graduated from Washington & Lee University in 2009, receiving his bachelor's degree in Middle East Studies *magna cum laude*. After working for two years in Charlottesville, Virginia, Mr. Stanton returned home and attended Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. He served as Editor in Chief of the Loyola Law Review and graduated in 2014, *summa cum laude*. After finishing his clerkship, Mr. Stanton will join the law firm of Bradley, Murchison, Kelly, & Shea, LLC.



Honorable Max N. Tobias, Jr. is a graduate of Tulane University of Louisiana, receiving both a B.A. and J.D. in 1971. After graduation he served as a law clerk at the Louisiana Supreme Court, and thereafter worked for a large law firm, small law firm, and as a sole practitioner before running for and being elected as a judge of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, in February 1986. He was re-elected to that position in 1990 and 1996 without opposition. He served as the Chief Judge of that court from 1994-96. In 2000, he was elected without opposition to Louisiana's Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, and re-elected without opposition to that court in 2006. His current term of office ends in 2016.

In law school and since, Judge Tobias has been active in the field of equal rights for minorities and for women. In that regard, he was a member of the Louisiana Task Force of Women in the Courts and Co-Chairman of the Louisiana Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts. He has been a member of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts since 1992, a member of its board of directors since 2000, and its President from 2004-06 and 2010-2012. He was a co-chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity in the Profession from 2011-2012. He has been active on the boards of multiple charitable organizations for many years.

Judge Tobias is a member of the adjunct faculty of the Tulane University School of Law. He is the co-editor of the publication: *Louisiana Civil Pretrial Procedure*.



Ivy Wang grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She attended college at Yale University, graduating cum laude with distinctions in English and History in 2006. Prior to law school, Ms. Wang spent four years working on education and legal reform issues in China. After graduating from Yale Law School in 2013, Ms. Wang moved to New Orleans to work at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services as a Liman Public Interest Fellow representing families at risk of losing housing due to contact with the criminal justice system. Ms. Wang began working as a judicial clerk in the chambers of Judge Ginger Berrigan in the fall of 2014.



Rod West is the executive vice president and chief administrative officer for Entergy Corporation, a role he assumed in 2010. As a member of the Office of the Chief Executive, the company's senior-most leadership team, Mr. West is responsible for the company's shared services functions, supporting Utility, nuclear and wholesale operations, including finance operations, supply chain, business processes, administrative services, information technology, human resources and administration, federal policy, regulatory and governmental affairs and corporate communications. He also leads the development and execution of the company's environmental and corporate

giving strategies.

As President and CEO of Entergy New Orleans from 2007-2010, Mr. West led Entergy New Orleans out of its post-hurricane Katrina bankruptcy and back to profitability. As director of electric distribution operations, a role he held from 2003-2006, he also oversaw the reconstruction of the electrical infrastructure of New Orleans. Mr. West served as the director of regulatory affairs for Entergy New Orleans from 2001-2003. He joined Entergy Corporation as senior regulatory counsel in April 1999.

Before joining Entergy, Mr. West was senior attorney in the commercial litigation section of Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Knox, L.L.P. He also spent five years with New Orleans-based Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, L.L.P.

Mr. West has a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame, where he played under Coach Lou Holtz and for the 1988 National Championship-winning football team. He received both his juris doctor and MBA from Tulane University.



Elizabeth Whitfield is a third year law student at the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Mississippi. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in English and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 2012 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. During her undergraduate career, she was a participant in the William H. Bowen School of Law's Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars Program (PLUS), a pipeline summer program geared at increasing diversity in the legal profession. Before enrolling in law school, Ms. Whitfield served as an Elementary Teacher for the fifth and sixth grades from 2012-2013 at the KIPP Delta College Preparatory School in Helena, Arkansas. As a law

student, she is a member of the Black Law Student Association and in January 2015 was sworn in as a Limited License Practitioner and worked as a Certified Guardian Ad Litem under the supervision of Professor Shirley Kennedy in the law school's Guardian Ad Litem Clinic. She is currently a participant in the Just The Beginning—A Pipeline Organization and, through that organization, serves as a summer judicial extern with United States Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.



Honorable Fredericka Homberg Wicker is a 1977 graduate of Tulane University Law School. During her twenty years practicing law Judge Wicker served as assistant District Attorney in both Orleans and Jefferson Parishes and as an assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, ending her career there as Chief of Narcotics. In September, 1996 she was elected to the Twenty Fourth Judicial District Court for the State of Louisiana where she sat until winning her seat on the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal in February 3, 2006.

Judge Wicker was a member of the adjunct faculty at Tulane Law School and taught trial advocacy at Loyola Law School and for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. She has been a lecturer and discussion leader at both the Louisiana and National Judicial Colleges, with the Louisiana State Bar Association and the National Center for State Courts. She is currently a Masters candidate at the National Judicial College. Judge Wicker is a member of numerous bench bar committees. She is a past-president of the Louisiana District Judges Association and president of the Louisiana Judicial College.



Honorable Joseph C. "Jay" Wilkinson, Jr. has served for 20 years as a United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans since March 1995, becoming the district's Chief Magistrate Judge in 2013. Judge Wilkinson was in private law practice from 1982-1993 and previously served as Civil Justice Reform Act Attorney/Administrative Assistant to the Chief Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana from 1994-1995. He was law clerk to United States District Judge Morey L. Sear from 1980-82. He is a 1980 graduate of Tulane Law School, where he served for two years on the Tulane Law Review and earned the Order of the Coif.

Judge Wilkinson earned his B.A. degree in journalism summa cum laude from Louisiana State University in 1976. He has taught courses on Civil Procedure, the Federal Civil Rules, Litigation, and Constitutional Law on the adjunct faculties of Tulane and Loyola Law Schools, the Tulane University College Paralegal Program, and the Loyola University Political Science Department.



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