

**2018 Suit Up for the Future High School Summer
Legal Institute and Intern Program**
Award Winning Diversity Pipeline Program

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A partnership of the Louisiana State Bar Association,
Just the Beginning, and Louisiana Bar Foundation
A Diversity Pipeline Program
New Orleans, Louisiana*



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WELCOME ADDRESS

The Louisiana State Bar Association and Just the Beginning are pleased to welcome you to their 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 aim to lead you to work hard, experience life as a law student, and stimulate your interest and knowledge of the legal profession.



We hope to nurture your interest in law as a profession.

About Us

WHAT IS THE “LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION”?

The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) 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; identify barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds; and propose programs and methods by which the LSBA can most effectively work to remove those barriers and achieve greater diversity.



WHAT IS “JUST THE BEGINNING”?



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



“Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and when they fail in this purpose, they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHAT 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. The LBF serves 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, the LBF assists 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 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



2018 SUMMER LEGAL INSTITUTE

SCHOLARS

Name	Grade	School
Rose Z. Ayyad	11th Grade	Muslim Academy
Nisha V. Bhatia	11th Grade	Cypress Woods High School
Adrija Bhattacharjee	11th Grade	Haynes Academy
Gabrielle A. Bradford	12th Grade	St. Scholastica Academy
Chloe G. Brown	11th Grade	Airline High School
Solange G. Campbell	12th Grade	KIPP Renaissance High School
Brooklyn M. Comeaux	First-Year College	St. Mary's Dominican
Lanisha M. Dorsey	11th Grade	St. Katherine Drexel Prep
Shandrea U. M. Dyson	11th Grade	KIPP Renaissance High School
Theresa M. Falgoust	11th Grade	Mount Carmel Academy
Amaya E. Felix	12th Grade	Lutheran High School
Alexandrea D. Flakes	12th Grade	Benjamin Franklin High School
Kewaneé A. Harris	First-Year College	Cabrini High School
Christian H. Lacoste	First-Year College	Jesuit High School
Cassadi L. Marone	11th Grade	Early College Academy
Paitlyn M. McDonald	11th Grade	St. Katherine Drexel Prep
Aria A. Morgan	11th Grade	Garland High School
Patrick D. Murray	First-Year College	Jesuit High School
Terrol L. Perkins	11th Grade	Jesuit High School
Alyssa M. Portillo	11th Grade	St. Charles Catholic High School
Bridget C. Spinney	12th Grade	Mount Carmel Academy
Grace H. Traina	11th Grade	Mandeville High School
Nakia Williams	11th Grade	Livingston Collegiate Academy
Matias D. Witte	11th Grade	Ridgewood Preparatory

2018 Suit Up for the Future

Program Agenda

Week One

Monday, June 11, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30am	Welcome Presenter: Barry H. Grodsky, LSBA President 2018-19 Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Just the Beginning (JTB) Members of the Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee, Co-chairs Adria Nobles Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm and Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office LSBA Department of Member Outreach and Diversity
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Orientation/ Program Overview Choose Law Video, American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Introduction of Interns and Externs Presenter: Members of the Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee, Co-chairs Adria Nobles Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm and Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Break and Suit Up Photo IDs
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Icebreaker Presenter: Members of Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee, Co-chairs Adria Nobles Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm and Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office; Suit Up Interns and Externs
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Introduction of Mock Problem for Oral Argument Presenter: Members of Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee, Co-chairs Adria Nobles Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm and Scherri N. Guidry, 15th JDC Public Defenders Office
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Legal Research and Writing Presenter:

	Professor Emily Bishop, Westerfield Fellow, Director of the Lawyering Program, 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; Mock Legal Argument Team Assignments Presenter: Suit Up Interns and Externs
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 10:45 am	College and Law School Admission Preparation Workshop (Personal Statement Tips) Presenter: Daphne A. James, Associate Director of Admissions, Office of Admissions, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Sierra Cason, Admission Counselor, Office of Undergraduate Admission, Tulane University; Veronica Aviles, Admissions Counselor, Loyola University New Orleans; Brent McLemore, Assistant Director at the Loyola Career Development Center, Office of Student Affairs, Loyola University New Orleans
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Memorandum Outline Preparation Presenter: Suit Up Interns and Externs
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Presenter: Dayal Reddy, Attorney at Law, Metairie, LA; Natalie Blackman, Attorney at Law, Baton Rouge, LA
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Travel to field trip: Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, 619 South White St., New Orleans, LA
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	District Attorney Presentation and Tour Presenter: Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr., District Attorney, Orleans Parish
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Resume Preparation Presenter: Suit Up Interns and Externs
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Memorandum Preparation
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Constitutional Law Presenter: Professor Isabel Medina, Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Criminal Law Presenter: Professor Russell L. Jones, 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	Resume Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Thursday, June 14, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 10:45 am	Oral Argument Workshop (How to Deliver an Oral Argument) Presenter: Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; Annie Scardulla, Advocacy Fellow, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Memorandum Preparation Presenter: Suit Up Interns and Externs
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation Viewing of 2017 Oral Arguments

	Presenter: Suit Up Interns and Externs
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Friday, June 15, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in DRAFT OF RESUME ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Memorandum Preparation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Presenter: J. Michael Bowman, Zen-Noh Grain Corporation, Covington, LA; Janet Kearney, College of Law Library, Loyola University New Orleans; Kimberly R. Silas, Louisiana Supreme Court, New Orleans, LA
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Memorandum Preparation
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Brainstorming Session: Questions to Ask A Law School Presenter: Suit Up Interns and Externs
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Week Two

Monday, June 18, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in DRAFT OF MEMO ASSIGNMENT DUE
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Memorandum Preparation
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Travel to Tulane University, Undergraduate Admission Gibson Hall 210, 6823 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70118
9:45 am – 11:00 am	Tulane University and Tulane University Law School Tour Presenter: Sierra Cason, Admission Counselor, Office of Undergraduate Admission, Tulane University; Lezlie A. Griffin, Assistant Dean for Career Development & Diversity Initiatives, Tulane University Law School; Emily Wojna-Hodnett, Assistant Director of Admission, Tulane University Law School
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Tulane University and Tulane University Law School Tour / Lunch
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Travel to field trip: Loyola University College of Law 7214 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Presentation and Tour Presenter: Kimberly Jones, MS, JD, Director of Law Admissions, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Diana Mercer, Director of Career Development, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; Laura Apsyey, Assistant Director of Law and Admissions, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Oral Argument Preparation
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Statutory Interpretation Presentation Presenter: Caroline Bordelon, Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, LLC; Kristen A. Lee, Law Clerk, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit; Micah C. Zeno, Gordon, Arata, Montgomery, Barnett, McCollam, Duplantis & Eagan, LLC

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Job Shadowing Lunch, Louisiana Bar Center (Invitation to attorneys, firms, courts, and agencies providing a shadowing opportunity)
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum Preparation (One on One Assistance) Presenter: Suit Up Interns and Externs
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Shadow Placement Day (Do NOT come to the Louisiana Bar Center!) Go directly to assigned locations.
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Thursday, June 21, 2018

8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Shadow Placement Day (Do NOT come to the Louisiana Bar Center!) Go directly to assigned locations.
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Friday, June 22, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in FINAL RESUME ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana Travel to field trip location (Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras St., Courtroom B431, New Orleans, LA) STUDENT ID REQUIRED/CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED Presenter: Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Stephanie Kall, Intake, Closed Records & Attorney Admissions Supervisor, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Kathy Barton (K-9), Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF); Milton N. Ramirez, Deputy U.S. Marshall, U.S. Marshalls Service, Eastern District of Louisiana; Edward J. Rivera, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office; Susan Jones, Librarian, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal Library
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch at Louisiana Bar Center
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Travel to U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum Preparation (One on One Assistance)

	Presenter: Suit Up Interns and Externs
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Week Three

Monday, June 25, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in FINAL MEMO ASSIGNMENT DUE
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Travel to field trip and Security Check: Orleans Parish Criminal District Court (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED) 2700 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, LA
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Orleans Parish Criminal District Court 2700 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, LA (STUDENT ID REQUIRED/CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED) Presenter: Honorable Tracey Flemings-Davillier, Section B; Honorable Camille Buras, Section H, Orleans Parish Criminal District Court
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Presenter: Alayne Gobeille, Kahn Swick & Foti, LLC, New Orleans, LA; Robert W. Goeke, Miguel A Elias, APLC, Kenner, LA; Amanda R. James, King & Jurgens, LLC, New Orleans, LA
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Travel to Field Trip: Orleans Public Defenders Office 2601 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, LA
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Orleans Public Defenders Office Presentation Presenter: Derwyn Bunton, Chief District Defender; Kenneth Hardin, Criminal District Court Supervising Attorney; Robert Jones, Client Advocate; Malcolm Lloyd, Juvenile Staff Investigator, Orleans Public Defenders Office
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Break
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Oral Argument Preparation
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Travel to field trip and Security Check: Louisiana Supreme Court and Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED) 400 Royal St., New Orleans, LA Presenter: Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit

9:45 am – 11:30 am	Viewing of Oral Arguments Presenter: Honorable Joyce Cossich Lobrano, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch and Interaction Presenter: Honorable Joyce Cossich Lobrano, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit; Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr. (Retired), Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Introduction to Appellate System Presenter: Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr. (Retired), Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
1:00 pm – 2:30pm	Tour of Louisiana Supreme Court, Library and Museum Presenter: Robert Gunn, Louisiana Supreme Court, Deputy Judicial Administrator/Community Relations; Miriam Childs, Director, Louisiana Supreme Court Law Library
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

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 – 2:00 pm	How a Legal Career Provides You with Meaning, Purpose, and a Mission in Life Presenter: Professor Robert Lancaster, The Judge Earl E. Veron Endowed Professor, The J. Nolan and Janice D. Singletary Professor of Professional Practice, Director of Clinical Legal Education, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Thursday, June 28, 2018

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, June 29, 2018

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 <i>(NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED/ CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED)</i> Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Oral Argument Presentation Judges: Honorable D. Nicole Sheppard, Orleans Parish Civil District Court; Honorable Janis Van Meerveld, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; and Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Oral Argument Presentation Judges: Honorable Paula A. Brown, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit; Honorable Tiffany Chase, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit; and Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Deliberation by Judges
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Awards Ceremony (Judges' Overall Impressions of Oral Argument Presentations, Oral Argument Award(s), Memorandum Award(s), and Certificates of Completion)
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

FEDERAL FIRSTS

FEMALE 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 female 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 he was 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 Hawai'i.

In 1998, **Susan Oki Mollway** became the first Asian American woman to serve on a U.S. District Court when she was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i.

LATINO JUDGES

In 1961, **Reynaldo G. Garza** became the first Latino federal judge, appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and the first Latino Court of Appeals judge, 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 female Native American 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 in 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 Doctorate 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 served as City Attorney for the City of New Orleans 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 later attended Tulane Law School, where she received a Juris Doctorate degree in 1988 and a Master of Laws in Energy and Environment in 1998.

On March 2, 2011, Judge Brown was nominated by President Barack Obama to fill the seat of Judge Stanwood Duval. The United States Senate confirmed her appointment 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 twenty-seven years of service.

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



Ralph E. Tyson served as a United States federal judge. Born in 1948, 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 Nineteenth 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. 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 sixteen years, during which 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 and wrote the examination on Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence during this time.

Just the Beginning

Learn more about the JTB 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



Laura V. Apsey returned to Loyola Law in June 2016 as the Assistant Director of Law Admissions. She originally came to Loyola in 2010 as a law student. During her time at Loyola she served as a research assistant for Kathryn Venturatos Lorio, now a Professor Emerita. Ms. Apsey also worked as a student practitioner in The Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice in the Children's Rights Clinic under Associate Director Ramona Fernandez. Ms. Apsey graduated from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in May of 2013.

Ms. Apsey was raised in Peachtree Corners, Georgia, and is a graduate of Norcross High School Class of 2006. In December 2009, she graduated from Clemson University with a B.A. in Communications with a concentration in Interpersonal Communications and a minor in Legal Studies.



Denia S. Aiyegbusi is a partner at Deutsch Kerrigan LLP. As part of the firm's civil litigation department, Ms. Aiyegbusi works on cases ranging anywhere from small property subrogation claims, all the way to multi-million dollar, traumatic, brain injury, personal injury cases. Ms. Aiyegbusi has successfully argued motions in both state and federal courts throughout Louisiana. As an appellate lawyer, she has successfully argued in the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal and briefed to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Ms. Aiyegbusi graduated from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2007. In 2016 and 2017 she was on the "Louisiana Rising Star" list. She currently serves as Co-Chair on LSBA's Diversity Committee and is also involved with the Minority Involvement Section.



Veronica Aviles is an alumna of Loyola University of New Orleans, having graduated in 2015 with her BA in English Writing. She has served as an admissions counselor for three years and has recruited predominantly in the Southeast. As a first-generation student, she believes in serving as a "counselor" and advocate to her students above all else, treating the application process for first year students as an opportunity to provide guidance and serve as an advocate for other first-generation students. She has advised freshmen students in their leadership and engagement with the community of New Orleans through Loyola's *Social Justice Scholars Program* and *The*

First in The Pack mentorship program. Ms. Aviles has also served as Co-Chair to the New Orleans NACAC and is a member of SACAC and NACAC.



Harry M. Barton joined the Regulatory division of Entergy Services Inc.'s (ESI) Legal Department in January 2016 in the position of Senior Counsel. His responsibilities include providing legal representation and advice to Entergy New Orleans, Inc. He also provides legal advice to ESI's Commercial Development & Innovation group, which works to identify technological advancements and plan for a successful transition of Entergy's business into the utility of the future. Mr. Barton also regularly provides legal services on a pro bono basis through the New Orleans based Pro Bono Project.

Mr. Barton holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Louisiana State University, as well as a juris doctorate and a bachelor's degree in civil law from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. Mr. Barton's community service in New Orleans has included service as a Project Leader and member of the Board of Directors for HandsOn New Orleans, a non-profit organization dedicated to coordinating volunteer service projects, and service as a Project Leader for the Young Leadership Council. He is also the lead singer and songwriter for the New Orleans-based rock band N'awlins Johnnys.



Katherine A. Barton Scanlan has been a Special Agent Canine Handler with Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) since 2002. She has been employed with ATF for 28 years, beginning in Reading, PA under the Philadelphia Field Division. She transferred to New Orleans Field Division in 1997. Her current canine partner, Ting, is her third since getting into the K-9 Program. Ting is an explosives detection K-9 and identified as a Search Enhanced Explosives K-9 (SEEK). The SEEK K-9's are handled by ATF Special Agents and have the added training of remote capabilities where

the handler can work the K-9 off lead and control them through hand signals, whistle and e-collar tone. The SEEK K-9 is well equipped to assist state, local and federal law enforcement with locating evidence that relates to explosives/explosives odors. A large portion of K-9 work is helping law enforcement find guns and ballistic evidence at two years. K-9 Ting was bred by Guiding Eyes for the Blind and was intended to be trained as a guide dog, however her energy level was better suited as a detection K-9 with ATF. K-9 Ting just had her fourth birthday on July 4th.



Jami Becnel is a licensed attorney in the State of Louisiana. Ms. Becnel earned her undergraduate degree from Loyola University New Orleans and her Juris Doctor degree from Louisiana State University Law School, where she was a Senior Associate on the Journal of Energy Law and Resources. In law school, she was involved in numerous extracurricular programs and served as President of the Women Law Student Association. She is a Research Attorney to Judge Joy Cossich Lobrano of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal - State of Louisiana, serves as Executive Counsel to the Chair (Judge Joy Cossich Lobrano) on the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission, and is a member of the Federal Administration of Children and Families' Region VI Human Trafficking Work Group. Ms. Becnel is also the coordinator of Project LAW (Legal-thinking, Awareness, and Wellness). Project LAW was developed to help students recognize the importance of the law and its importance in their wellness of mind, body and spirit.



Troy Nathan Bell was admitted to practice law in 1990 and is admitted to practice before all federal and state courts in Louisiana. He received his B.A. from Loyola University in 1985 and his J.D. from Southern University Law Center 1990 where he was an Associate Editor of the Law Review. In addition to his varied litigation experience, he was privileged to serve as law clerk for the Honorable Revius Ortique Jr., Associate Justice, and the Honorable Felicia Toney Williams, Associate Justice *Pro Tempore* of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Mr. Bell has served as an Administrative Law Judge for the City of New Orleans and on national and regional trial teams for national clients. He has tried numerous cases throughout Louisiana and Mississippi, managed thousands of complex mass tort claims, and been appointed co-chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Committee.



Ashley Berry is a rising sophomore at Dillard University. She is a New Orleans native and graduated from Cabrini High School. Ms. Berry is majoring in Mass Communications with a concentration in Public Relations. She participated in the Suit Up for the Future program in 2016, and served as an intern in 2017 and 2018.



Evan J. Bergeron prides himself on his professionalism and constant desire to improve his craft as a lawyer in the zealous representation of his clients. A Partner in Deutsch Kerrigan's New Orleans office, Mr. Bergeron litigates and advises insurance and corporate clients in general civil litigation, general casualty litigation, insurance coverage, insurance fraud investigations, personal injury, and premises liability claims. Aside from his insurance litigation practice, he also maintains professional interests in product defects, warranties and redhibition, the Louisiana Lemon Law, the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices Act, indemnity and contribution, First Amendment and media law, defamation and privacy torts, and language rights.



Professor Emily Bishop earned her J.D., cum laude, from New York University School of Law and her undergraduate degree, summa cum laude, in American Studies from Georgetown University. While in law school, Professor Bishop spent a summer interning for The Honorable Ricardo Urbina on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. She served as the Senior Notes Editor of the New York University Law Review, and her student Note, "A Child's Expertise: Establishing Statutory Protection for Intersexed Children Who Reject Their Gender of Assignment," was published in May 2007.

After graduation, Professor Bishop clerked for The Honorable Shirley Wohl Kram on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. She then practiced for three years at the Washington, DC office of WilmerHale LLP in the areas of Securities Litigation and Securities Enforcement. Her pro bono work focused on reproductive rights litigation.

Professor Bishop has been teaching at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law since 2013. She is currently the Co-Director of the Lawyering I program, which focuses on legal research and objective legal writing. She is also the Director of the Lawyering II program, which focuses on persuasive legal writing and oral advocacy.



Natalie Blackman is a 2014 graduate of Southern University Law Center. After a short year of insurance defense work, Ms. Blackman started her own practice. Currently, she owns and manages The Law Office of Attorney Natalie Blackman, focusing on Employment Discrimination and Criminal Defense. Ms. Blackman is a 2015 graduate of Trial Lawyer's College and a 2017 graduate of the Nation Criminal Defense College.

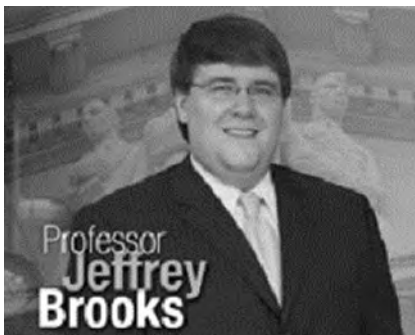


Caroline Bordelon is currently an associate with Gieger, Laborde, and Laperouse, where she works primarily in insurance coverage, insurance defense, and civil litigation. A native of New Orleans and a graduate of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, Ms. Bordelon attended Oxford College of Emory University before receiving her bachelor's degree in Political Science from Emory University in 2007. While serving as a member of Teach for America Hawai'i and teaching middle school mathematics, she earned a Master's in Education from Chaminade University in Honolulu. In 2015, she graduated cum laude from Tulane University School of Law, earning her J.D. and a Certificate of Specialization in Civil Law. She is also a member of the Order of Barristers.

While in law school, Ms. Bordelon helped lead the Tulane Moot Court program by serving as the Administrative Justice for Intraschool Competitions. As a member of Tulane's Moot Court Trial team, she represented Tulane at the 2014 Texas Young Lawyers' Association National Trial Competition and the 2015 ABA Labor and Employment Trial Advocacy Competition and was a winner of Tulane's 2014 Junior Intraschool Trial Competition. She also completed two judicial externships, one with Judge Edith Clement of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and another with Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.



J. Michael Bowman received a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from the University of Chicago in 1985 and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Purdue University in 1990. After working as an environmental, health and safety manager in the chemical industry for 12 years, he received a Juris Doctor from Indiana University McKinney School of Law in 2004. Mr. Bowman practiced law with Plews Shadley Racher & Braun in Indianapolis, focusing on business litigation, compliance and enforcement matters, before joining Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer in New Orleans in 2012. In 2016, Mr. Bowman joined Zen-Noh Grain Corporation, a Covington-based grain exporter, as its first in-house counsel and compliance officer. Mr. Bowman is responsible for managing global legal, compliance and ethics issues for ZGC and its subsidiaries.



Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks is the Preis PLC Director of Advocacy and Professional Practice and an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice at the LSU Law Center. Professor Brooks directs the Law Center's highly competitive moot court, trial advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution programs, and coordinates the Law Center's rapidly expanding externship programs. He also teaches a course in Advanced Appellate Advocacy.

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.



Honorable Paula A. Brown was elected to the Louisiana District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana in 2017. A native of Oceans Springs, Mississippi, she attended Tulane University on a basketball scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management from the A.B. Freeman School of Business. She went on to receive her Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Judge Brown has served as an associate attorney with the Law Office of Marie A. Bookman; a judicial law clerk for the current Chief Justice of the State of Louisiana, Bernette J. Johnson, in Civil District Court and again at the Louisiana Supreme Court; Judge *Pro Tempore* for Orleans Civil District Court; a staff attorney with the Orleans Indigent Defender's Program; an adjunct professor at Southern University at New Orleans; a trial attorney with the Regional Transit Authority; an associate attorney with Fine & Associates, PLC; and a litigator with the Hartford Insurance Group.

Some of her legal affiliations include: the A.P. Tureaud American Inn of Court, Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, Judicial Counsel of the National Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, District Judges Association, and Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Judge Brown is a member of Louisiana Appleseed; Louisiana Heat Foundation; I.N.S.P.I.R.E., RR, Inc. (*Increase Student Performance in Reading Excellence, Rewards Recognition*); Armstrong Family Services; and 100 Black Women, New Orleans Chapter. In addition, Judge Brown serves as a mentor in the Tulane University Women's Basketball Mentorship Program. As a breast cancer survivor, Judge Brown is passionate about promoting breast cancer awareness. She is a former board member of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, New Orleans Affiliate, and was awarded the 2015 Susan G. Komen Survivor of the Year. She was also the 2015 recipient of the Forum for Equality Leadership Award. Judge Brown is a former YWCA Role Model and a 2010 recipient of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s Award for Exemplary Community Service.



Marcus V. Brown leads Entergy Corporation's legal; ethics and compliance; corporate communications; federal policy, regulatory and governmental affairs; and corporate security and governance groups. He also serves as general counsel for Entergy Corporation providing counsel to the chairman and CEO, board of directors and senior management.

From January 2012 through August 2013, Mr. Brown served as senior vice president and general counsel. Before that, he was vice president and deputy general counsel, where he was responsible for commercial and general litigation, affiliate rules compliance, bankruptcy, casualty litigation, and consumer law. Prior to joining Entergy in 1995, Mr. Brown practiced with the New Orleans-based Stone Pigman law firm.

He 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.

Mr. Brown serves on the board of directors for Energy Insurance Mutual, the board of trustees for the Norman Francis Leadership Institute and the Advisory Council for the Louisiana State University Laborde Energy Law Center. He is a frequent lecturer and publisher on topics impacting the utility industry and the legal profession.



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. He is also the former Associate Director of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (JJPL), a nonprofit juvenile justice reform and advocacy organization. Mr. Bunton 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 and Loyola University of New Orleans where she majored in History and obtained her Bachelor of Arts and Science degree in 1983. Judge Buras entered Loyola Law School in 1983 and received her Juris Doctorate in 1986.

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.



Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr. has served the citizens of New Orleans and their criminal justice system for his entire career. Since being elected District Attorney in November of 2008, DA Cannizzaro has worked aggressively to reform New Orleans' criminal justice system and to protect the citizens of this city from violent criminals. To accomplish this goal, he has instituted reforms to allow non-violent and juvenile offenders to obtain meaningful rehabilitation rather than a criminal conviction. Working with the judges of Criminal District Court, he moved domestic violence cases from Municipal Court to Criminal District Court, which he believes is a more appropriate venue for crimes of domestic violence. Furthermore, working with multiple stakeholders within the criminal justice system, he executed

a policy to move non-violent misdemeanors from Criminal District Court to Municipal Court, which he believes will allow the judges of Criminal District Court to focus their attention on violent crimes.

DA Cannizzaro possesses a broad understanding of our criminal justice system, which makes him uniquely qualified to lead it through this period of transformation and rebirth. He began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish. During his five years as an ADA, DA

Cannizzaro 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, DA 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, he often received notable recognition for his efficiency and innovation in the courtroom.

In the District Court, DA Cannizzaro earned the respect of his colleagues on the bench as well as multiple good government groups. Not only was he chosen by his colleagues on the bench to serve as the Chief Judge, but he also was named the Top Overall Performing Judge by the Metropolitan Crime Commission year after year and received the Outstanding Jurist Award from Victims and Citizens Against Crime.

Prior to being elected District Attorney, DA 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.

In 2014, DA Cannizzaro was reelected without opposition. As District Attorney, he has won numerous awards from good government groups such as the Metropolitan Crime Commission recognizing his reform of the New Orleans Criminal Justice System. In 2014, he was awarded the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation Director's Award for his use of the Louisiana racketeering statute to combat violent street gangs in New Orleans.

DA 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. He is a graduate of De La Salle High School and the University of New Orleans. At the University of New Orleans, he met Norma Gonzalez, his future wife.

DA Cannizzaro earned a law degree from Loyola University School of Law. He and Norma have been married for more than 30 years and are the proud parents of four children and their nine grandchildren.



Sierra Cason is originally from New York, but two years ago added New Orleans to her list of homes. She is an Admission Counselor in the Office of Undergrad Admission at Tulane University as well as a graduate student at the Tulane School of Public Health, pursuing her MPH. Ms. Carson has a passion for increasing equity for underrepresented populations in education and healthcare. One of her main goals in her current position is creating a more diverse and inclusive environment. In her free time, she likes attending festivals around the city, traveling, yoga, dancing and reading.



Honorable Tiffany Gautier Chase was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Loyola University and her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law. Judge Chase was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in October of 1996.

Judge Chase began her legal career as a Law Clerk at the Louisiana Supreme Court. She served as a Staff Attorney, and then as a Research Attorney, to the Honorable Chet D. Traylor. Judge Chase also spent several years as an Associate in the Law Firm of Martzell and Bickford. She previously served as Judge of Division A of Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. On October 14, 2017, Judge Chase was elected to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal where she currently serves as an Appellate Court Judge.

Judge Chase was appointed in 2013, by the Louisiana Supreme Court as Chairperson of the Louisiana Court Security Committee. She serves as Louisiana's Delegate to the American Bar Association-State Court Trial Judges Committee; serves on the District Court Rules Committee; Executive Committee of the District Judges' Association, Louisiana Judicial Council and previously served as co-chair for two years of Louisiana Judicial College- Louisiana State Bar Association Summer School. Judge Chase received the President's Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association In 2010, The Pro Bono Partner Award in 2016, and was also honored by Family Services of Greater New Orleans in 2016.



Miriam Childs has been the Director of the Law Library of Louisiana in New Orleans since May 2016. She started with the Law Library in 2003 as an assistant librarian responsible for serials and acquisitions. In 2006, Ms. Childs was promoted to Head of Technical Services, and then to Associate Director in 2013. During her tenure at the Law Library, Ms. Childs been responsible for or provided support to all areas of library operations, including staff management and training; cataloging; database maintenance; reference and research services; government documents; and preservation.

Ms. Childs came to the library with a strong technical services background. Her previous positions include serials librarian at the University of New Orleans, reference and collection management librarian at Jefferson Parish Public Library, and assistant librarian at Exxon Chemical Baton Rouge. She received her B.A. in History from Louisiana State University in 1992 and her M.L.I.S. from Louisiana State University in 1993.



Jaimmé Collins is a partner at Adams and Reese in New Orleans. She provides general corporate governance advice and handles related litigation, counseling clients on contractual and general business issues as well as compliance issues related to government regulatory agencies. She has investigated numerous sensitive internal allegations and is experienced in quickly assessing risks and managing the response with clients by working with investigating governmental authorities, the media and outside consultants. Ms. Collins also handles commercial litigation involving breach of contract, disputes between corporate directors and shareholders, property disputes, insurance coverage and products liability. Within the firm, she serves as the Chair of the Adams and Reese Diversity Committee. Widely involved in professional and civic/charitable organizations within the community, Ms. Collins has been recognized for her legal skills and her diversity and leadership efforts in the workplace. Ms. Collins earned her J.D. from Loyola University Law School in 2005 and her B.A. from Emory University in 2000.



Emma Connor is a rising 2L at Tulane University Law School. Ms. Connor is Vice President of the Black Law Students Association as well as the Diversity and Outreach chair of the American Constitution Society at Tulane. She is currently completing a summer clerkship at Entergy Services, Inc. in New Orleans. Prior to attending law school, she was the Executive Director of the Maine Gun Safety Coalition in Portland, Maine.



Elizabeth "Libby" Crocker grew up in Cincinnati, but her love for the Gulf Coast grows stronger every day. Ms. Crocker graduated from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama with degrees in Political Science and Philosophy. She currently studies at Tulane University Law School. Ms. Crocker is a member of Tulane Law's Civil Law Society, Tulane Entertainment and Art Law Society, as well as a founding member of the law school's First Generation Professionals program. Practice areas that she is interested in include wills and estates, intellectual property, and constitutional law. This summer, Ms. Crocker is assisting with the Ella Project, which provides pro bono legal services to local creatives and artists.



On April 1, 2006, the **Honorable June Berry Darensburg** was elected Judge to the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Division C, for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana. 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.

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 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.

She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Westwego Rotary Club, the Xavier University Investigational Review Board, and Leadership Jefferson Task Force, and Loyola Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Judge Darensburg presides over civil, criminal and domestic cases, and volunteers as an Intensive Probation Drug Court Judge. She served as Chief Judge of the 24th Judicial District Court from January 1, 2014 until December 31, 2015.



On August 22, 2014, The **Honorable Tracey Flemings-Davillier** was re-elected without opposition to serve a second term as Judge of Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Section “B”. Since taking the Criminal District Court bench in January 2013, Judge Davillier has worked to manage the Court docket in an efficient and professional manner. Judge Davillier also serves as a Drug Court Judge and as the Administrative Judge for the Court Intervention Services programs (which consists of the Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Domestic Violence Monitoring Court programs). In addition, Judge Davillier serves on the Court’s Finance, Rules, Pre-Trial Services and Legislative Committees. Judge Davillier has been appointed by Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Johnson to serve on the Louisiana Body Camera Task Force.

In addition, Judge Davillier is a member of various Judicial/Bar and civic organizations, including The American Bar Association, The National Association of Women Judges, The National Bar Association Judicial Council, The Louisiana State Bar Association, The Louisiana District Judges Association, The Louisiana Judicial Council, Louisiana Judicial College (2016 Spring Conference Planning Committee), Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Association, The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. and The New Orleans Bar Association.

Judge Davillier was previously elected to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court in February 2010, where she served as the Deputy Chief in 2011 and 2012. During her professional career as an attorney at Phelps Dunbar from September 1994 to February 2010, Judge Davillier handled a wide variety of complex legal matters, such as insurance-related cases and products liability matters, and she played an integral role in the supervision and training of associates on various projects.

Judge Davillier has been a dynamic attorney, who has invested her time, energy, talent, and leadership abilities in the City of New Orleans. In recognition for her service to the community, she has been awarded the City Business Leadership in Law Award; the Crystal Gavel Award (Louisiana State Bar Association); the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center Award (Loyola University School of Law); the Distinguished Service as a Pro Bono Volunteer Award (2003, 2004 and 2006); and the Young Leadership Award (Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.).



Adrian D’Arcy’s primary practice areas include commercial litigation, construction litigation and surety litigation. He is a LEED Green Associate and has presented numerous lectures on green building. Additionally, Mr. D’Arcy crafts and reviews construction contracts so that clients are protected on the front end of projects.

Mr. D’Arcy graduated cum laude from Loyola Law School and is a partner at Shields|Mott LLP.

Mr. D’Arcy litigates construction and surety matters in federal and state courts, and in arbitrations. He is a proponent of resolving matters early in mediation and through

alternative dispute resolution if possible, so clients can focus on their companies and not on litigation.



John Falgout is a second-year law student at Tulane University and proud alumni of the United States Air Force Academy ('10). At Tulane Law School, he is a junior member of the Tulane Environmental Law Journal and was elected as Secretary of the Tulane Sports Law Society. Mr. Falgout is also a member of the Tulane Environmental and Energy Law Society, Entertainment and Art Law Society, Maritime Law Society, and New Orleans Veterans in Law Society. This year, he volunteered with Louisiana Special Olympics.

Prior to law school, Mr. Falgout served as an active duty Captain in the United States Air Force as an intelligence and acquisitions officer. During his time on active duty, he was stationed in Colorado, Texas, Nevada, and Ohio. Mr. Falgout deployed to Djibouti, Africa in support of United States Special Operations Command operations and supported remotely piloted aircraft conducting overseas contingency operations while working in a deployed in place status. As an undergraduate, Mr. Falgout played Division-1 football and baseball for the Air Force Academy, earning postseason honors as a linebacker.

In his free time, he enjoys traveling, sports, reading, fishing, hunting, and scuba diving.



Abigayle Farris is a Member of Stone Pigman and primarily works in the areas of class action and mass litigation, products liability and gaming law. She serves as an adjunct professor at The University of Southern Mississippi and teaches regulatory legal security aspects of casino operations. She has been recognized as a "Rising Star" by *Louisiana Super Lawyers* and as a "Top Lawyer" by *New Orleans* magazine. Ms. Farris earned her J.D. from Washington University School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Southern Mississippi.



The **Honorable Lee V. Faulkner, Jr.**, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and is a lifelong resident of Jefferson Parish. He is a graduate of West Jefferson High School, Xavier University of Louisiana and the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Following law school, Judge Faulkner entered into private practice, his practice consisted of personal injury, criminal, domestic and civil litigation. He also served as an Assistant Public Defender for the Jefferson Parish Public Defender's Office.

Prior to being elected as Judge, he was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as Judge Pro Tempore for Second Parish Court for the Parish of Jefferson. He also served as a Traffic Hearing Officer for Second Parish Court.

He was elected as a District Judge, Division “P” in 2008, following the retirement of the Honorable Melvin C. Zeno. He is a member of numerous social, judicial and legal organizations, including but not limited to the National Bar Association, American Judges Association, Past President, Jefferson Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, President, Fifth Circuit Judges Association, and recently elected as Board Member, Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Association. He is proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Gamma Rho Chapter, New Orleans, Louisiana. He also serves as the President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Playground Booster Club and previously served as the Legal Advisor of the Old Harvey Canal Civic Association. He and his wife, Toyane are the proud parents of three children.



Susan M. Floyd is Senior Counsel - Environmental for Entergy Services, Inc. Ms. Floyd’s experience includes matters related to regulatory requirements under the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Clean Air Act (CAA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Additionally, Ms. Floyd has extensive experience in matters related to natural resource damage assessment under the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), which includes developing and identifying criteria in the selection of restoration projects and a working knowledge of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Ms. Floyd received her Juris Doctorate degree from Mississippi College School of Law, completed her undergraduate degree at Sewanee: The University of the South, and her Master of Education in Gifted Studies at Mississippi University for Women. She is member of the Governing Council of the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources and was Program Chair for the 45th Annual Spring Conference, held in Austin, Texas in March 2016. Ms. Floyd was recognized in “Chambers USA —America’s Leading Lawyers for Business” and Mid-South Super Lawyers. In 2014, Floyd was named one of “Mississippi’s 50 Leading Business Women” by the Mississippi Business Journal.



Spring A. Gaines is a rising second year law student at Loyola University New Orleans. She received her Bachelor of Science with Honors in Marine Biology from Nicholls State University. At Loyola, she continues to use her scientific background and passion for the natural world in her chosen law concentration. The focus of Ms. Gaines' studies is in Environmental and Animal Law, and her goal is to become a policymaker. Currently, she serves as Second Year Representative on the University Honor Board, Chapter President of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Treasurer of the Environmental Law Society, and as a member of the Black Inn of Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society. Ms. Gaines is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the Louisiana State Bar Association and to help instruct area students.



Alayne Gobeille is an associate in the Louisiana office of Kahn Swick & Foti, LLC. Ms. Gobeille completed her undergraduate work at the University of California at Davis, earning a B.S. in Fermentation Science in 2000. She went on to earn a Master's Degree in Natural Resources from Cornell University in 2003. After graduate school, Ms. Gobeille worked as a public health researcher, specializing in environmental epidemiology and occupational health. Ms. Gobeille made the decision to go to law school so that she could better serve the communities she worked with as a scientist. She received her J.D. *cum laude* from Tulane University Law School in 2011. After law school, Ms. Gobeille worked for a boutique environmental non-profit advocacy organization in Washington D.C. She also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Lawrence J. O'Neill, Chief U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of California, for more than two years. Ms. Gobeille has since returned to Louisiana, where her practice focuses on seeking justice for individuals and organizations who have been victims of securities fraud.



Robert Goeke was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and raised outside Chicago, Illinois. He attended McDaniel College in Maryland, where he was an English Major and Spanish Minor. Before Law School, Mr. Goeke worked in Public Relations, for a U.S. Senator, served in AmeriCorps and was an Elementary School Teacher in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

During Law School, Mr. Goeke worked at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, clerked for Judge Madeline Landrieu in the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and for Professor Ramona Fernandez in the Loyola Law Clinic. He also worked as an Immigration Law Clerk for Miguel Elias. In May 2016, Mr. Goeke received a Juris Doctorate Degree from Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans, where he was a student practitioner in the Children's Rights Clinic and received a Social Justice Certificate. He was a 2016 recipient of the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center Public Service Award for his work in the Law Clinic.

On October 20, 2016, Mr. Goeke was admitted to the practice of law by the Louisiana Supreme Court. His practice is primarily devoted to Immigration. Since his admission to the LSBA, he has helped over 100 immigrant children start or continue the path to getting Legal Permanent Residence in the United States. He has also helped over 20 men and women obtain Bonds to be released from Immigration Detention.

Mr. Goeke resides in New Orleans. He is a new father to Julia May Goeke. He also enjoys spending time with his wonderful wife, his two dogs and visiting with friends and family.



Demarcus Gordon is a partner in the Oil & Gas and Environmental Litigation sections at Kelly Hart & Pitre. Mr. Gordon works in state and federal courts where he represents Oil & Gas companies in legacy litigation by landowners and public entities who allege environmental damage from oil and gas exploration and production. He also has considerable experience in Environmental and Toxic Tort litigation, Class Action, and Product Liability Litigation. Mr. Gordon has successfully represented a myriad of clients in various practice areas, including clients involved in Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement actions directed at alleged clean air violations and multi-state litigation arising from a railcar explosion. In addition, he has aggressively defended clients in personal injury and property damage matters and in connection with litigation concerning pipe cleaning operations in Louisiana.

Mr. Gordon received his B.S. at the University of Illinois in 1991, and his J.D. from St. Louis University in 1997.



Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) 2018-19 President **Barry H. Grodsky** is a partner in the New Orleans firm of Taggart Morton, L.L.C. He received a BBA degree, with honors, in 1979 from the University of Texas-Austin and his JD degree in 1982 from Tulane University Law School. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1982.

Mr. Grodsky served as secretary and editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* from 2013-15. He represented the First Board District on the LSBA's Board of Governors and chaired the Committee on the Profession. He coordinates several law school professionalism programs for the Bar. In 2009, he accepted the American Bar Association's Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award on behalf of the Committee on the Profession. Mr. Grodsky is a member of the Budget Committee and the Bar Governance Committee and serves on the LSBA Fee Arbitration Panel. He also served on the Continuing Legal Education Committee. He received the LSBA's President's Award in 2008 and 2010 and the Bar's Outstanding Service Award in 2013-14.

He is an instructor at Tulane University and received the Tulane University Teacher Recognition Award in 1993. He was a Tulane University Faculty Fellow from 2000-02 and received the Distinguished Faculty Award in 2016.



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

She is currently working as a Senior Misdemeanor Attorney with the Fifteenth 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. These included 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 University of Louisiana-Lafayette-- an academic enrichment program that prepares first-generation college students and students from economically disadvantaged families for the academic and social challenges of college.

Ms. Guidry is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession, the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society Lafayette Chapter, the Lafayette Parish Bar Association, and the National Association of Public Defense Attorneys.



Lezlie A. Griffin, Assistant Dean for Career Development & Diversity Initiatives, oversees career development as well as initiatives to promote diversity and inclusion in the Tulane Law community. Dean Griffin previously served as the Assistant Dean for Career Services at the University of Alabama School of Law, where she successfully led a reorganization of the school's career services office, was promoted twice, and was tapped for national leadership roles with the Association for Legal Career Professionals (NALP). Before her move to Alabama, Dean Griffin was a career counselor and diversity coordinator at Tulane Law, and previously practiced labor and employment law as a Staff Attorney with AFSCME. Dean Griffin is a two-time graduate of Tulane Law School, earning both her J.D. and a Master of Laws in International and Comparative Law. She earned her undergraduate degree from Troy University. Dean Griffin is an active member of the Florida Bar, NALP, the ABA, the Martinet Legal Society, and the Association for Women Attorneys.



Recognized as a judicial pacesetter, **Honorable Piper Dinita Griffin** is a former Chief Judge of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Division I, State of Louisiana, where she has served since her election to the bench in 2001. She holds a B.A. degree from the University of Notre Dame and received her J. D. from Louisiana State University in 1987 and was admitted to practice in that year.

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.



Brian L. Guillot joined the Entergy Legal Department in 2014, where his practice primarily focuses on regulatory matters for ENO and ELL. Mr. Guillot began working at Entergy as a law clerk during his second and third years of law school at Loyola University New Orleans. In 2008, following his graduation, he joined Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis and Eagan, LLC, where he practiced in the commercial litigation section. Mr. Guillot also practiced at Davillier Law Group, LLC. Throughout his practice, Mr. Guillot has handled a diverse group of matters, including regulatory, complex commercial litigation, federal *qui tam* actions, casualty litigation, and arbitration against an NFL franchise (not the Saints!). Prior to law school, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of New Orleans and served a tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Guillot is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, American Bar Association, and served on the Board of Directors for the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.



Robert Gunn serves as Deputy Judicial Administrator/Community Relations for the Louisiana Supreme Court. In this role, Mr. Gunn is responsible for managing the operations of the Community Relations Department to further its mission of promoting public trust and confidence in the judiciary via a number of methods including developing community outreach programs to explain the work and role of the judiciary, responding to information requests from both the public and media, designing and producing court publications, updating and maintaining the Court's website, www.lasc.org, and leading tours of the Supreme Court building for school and community groups.

Mr. Gunn previously served as Community Relations Project Coordinator/Website Coordinator for the Supreme Court and was part of the web team which spearheaded the redesign and relaunch of the Supreme Court's website, which in 2005 was awarded a spot on the Top-10 Court Web Sites list by Justice Served, an alliance of court management and justice experts, for being among the best in providing online court services, placing the Court's website as one of the top ten court websites worldwide.

Mr. Gunn holds a BA in Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations, and a minor in Psychology.

Catharine Ohlsson Gracia, Assistant General Counsel with Entergy Services, Inc., represents Entergy Corporation and its affiliated companies in casualty and commercial litigation throughout Louisiana. She is a graduate of Newcomb College of Tulane University and Loyola University School of Law. Ms. Gracia is a frequent volunteer with the Orleans Parish Civil District Court's Self-Help Resource Center, the Pro Bono Project and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. Ms. Gracia has also served as a volunteer curator ad hoc in post-Hurricane Katrina title clearing litigation, represented individuals applying for custody of children of deceased or absentee parents, and assisted aging clients with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and resolving Social Security and pension issues. In 2018, she received the Louisiana State Bar Association's David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award for many years of providing pro bono legal representation to indigent citizens of the state.



Lesli Harris is a Member of Stone Pigman and focuses her practice on intellectual property litigation and entertainment law, representing professional sports teams, media companies and startup companies. Other areas of emphasis include class action defense and general business litigation. She teaches as an adjunct professor at Tulane Law School and is also a Board Member of the New Orleans Film Society and YaYa (Young Artists, Young Aspirations). Ms. Harris was named as a *New Orleans CityBusiness* Leader in Law in 2013 and 2017. She has also been recognized as a Top Lawyer by *New Orleans* magazine and by *Louisiana Super Lawyers* as a top rated general litigation attorney. She received her LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law from New York University, her J.D. from the Tulane University Law School and her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia.



Asia Hentkowski is a recent graduate of Saint Mary's Dominican High school. She will be attending Loyola University in the fall, where she plans to major in political science on the prelaw track. Ms. Hentkowski is an alum of the Suit Up for the Future program. She won best oral argument in 2016.



Pablo Isaza is a second-year student at Tulane University Law School and an alumni of the Savannah College of Art and Design, where he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in advertising. At Tulane University Law School, he is a member of the Civil Law Society and has been focusing his studies to practice in Louisiana’s civil code system after he graduates.

Mr. Isaza is originally from Colombia, South America and emigrated from Colombia to the United States when he was two years old. He continues to use his Spanish speaking abilities to volunteer as a translator for medical missions and immigration clinics.



Amanda James is an associate in the environmental practice group of King & Jurgens, LLC. Her practice focuses on environmental law and regulation and commercial casualty, products liability, toxic tort, and oil and chemical contamination and exposure litigation.

Before joining King & Jurgens, Ms. James clerked for Senior District Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle in the Eastern District of Louisiana. She graduated first in her class from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where she received a full academic scholarship. She was a member of the Order of Barristers and a William L. Crowe, Sr. Scholar. While at Loyola, Ms. James served as a teaching assistant, a Loyola Law Review Articles Editor, and an editorial staff member of the Loyola Moot Court. She was also a member of the Willem C. Vis Moot International Arbitration Team, which took first place in the 2016 Guadalajara, Mexico pre-moot competition.

Ms. James grew up in Belfair, Washington, before attending the University of Notre Dame on a full academic scholarship, where she graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in Political Science.



Daphne A. James has over 17 years of experience in higher education. Currently, she is the Associate Director of Admissions at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. In her current position, Ms. James counsels students on all aspects of the admissions process. Ms. James works closely with the LSU Law Ambassadors and several other law student organizations. She is currently a member of the LSU System Council of Staff Advisors and a Lighthouse Advocate.

Prior to joining the law center, Ms. James started her higher education career as an admissions counselor at Southeastern Louisiana University. She later became coordinator of scholarship services at Southeastern. Ms. James holds both a B.A. and M.A. in History.



Dominique Jones is native of New Orleans and a graduate of Warren Easton Sr. High School. She serves as the Executive Assistant to the Chief District Defender of the Orleans Public Defenders Office. As an adult child with an incarcerated parent, Ms. Jones advocates for all kids with incarcerated parents by serving as a Mentor with Volunteers of America. In December of 2017, Ms. Jones published an essay in Loyola's Law Review, 63rd Vol. titled: When are you coming home: "AN EXPLORATORY ESSAY CONFRONTING THE ISSUES INVOLVING CHILDREN WITH INCARCERATED PARENTS AND HOW TO BREAK THE CYCLE." She received her undergraduate's degree in Criminal Justice from Alabama State University in 2004 and is currently pursuing her Master's in

Organizational Leadership at LSU.



Kimberly Jones joined Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2016 as the Director of Law Admissions after serving twelve years in various capacities in the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs at the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) School of Law. Prior to her career in law school administration, Ms. Jones practiced law in the area of creditors' rights with the firm Weltman, Weinberg, and Reis Co., LPA. While a law student, Ms. Jones clerked for two of the region's largest law firms, served as an associate editor of the University of Detroit Mercy Law Review, and elected Vice-President

of the Black Law Students Association.

The most notable of her career accomplishments is that Ms. Jones initiated the Office of Multicultural Affairs at UDM Law. Its primary goal was to increase ethnic and racial minority enrollment at UDM Law and, subsequently, their presence in the practicing bar so that both reflect the community at large. During that time, UDM Law experienced record increases as to minority student enrollment.

In her current role as Director of Law Admissions, Ms. Jones provides leadership to the Office of Law Admissions Office, working closely with faculty and senior administrators to create a diverse and well-credentialed first-year class that meets the Dean and the University's Board of Trustees expectations.



Susan Jones is a librarian at the Fifth Circuit Library in New Orleans. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Centenary College, a Master of Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University, and a Juris Doctorate from Marquette University Law School.



Robert Jones is an exoneree that served nearly 24 years in prison for crimes that he did not commit. While incarcerated, he earned several college-level certificates in law, business, political science and journalism.

Mr. Jones is currently employed at the Orleans Public Defenders Office as a client advocate. He assists pretrial and post-trial defendants re-enter society with smoother transitions. Mr. Jones is also co-founder of the non-profit organization, "Free-deem Foundation, Inc."

Mr. Jones sits on the board of directors of Innocence Project New Orleans, and the committee for the Community Advisory Group of the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge Criminal Justice Initiative of New Orleans. He is also a national public speaker and published author.



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 and spent nine years in that position. 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, 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.

Stephanie Kall attended the University of New Orleans and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Finance with a minor in Management. She began working for the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court in February 1997. Ms. Kall has worked in various positions of the Clerk's Office, including Case Administration, Magistrate Case Manager and as a District Judge Case Manager for Judge Barbier. She currently works for the Clerk's Office in the Operations Department as the Intake Supervisor.



Janet Kearney is Cataloging and Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. In this role, she teaches Advanced Legal Research, conducts research for faculty, manages research projects with student assistants, and ensures access to print and electronic resources. A member of the Louisiana bar, she also volunteers with the immigration clinic at Loyola's Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice. Her research interests are in foreign and comparative law with a focus in civil law systems, the UK, and the EU. She lives in New Orleans with her husband and cats, Ruth Bader and Drew Brees. Ms. Kearney received her J.D. from Tulane Law and M.L.I.S. from LSU School of Library and Information Science.



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 BA from Talladega College in 1997, and her JD degree from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law in 2000.



Professor Robert Lancaster joined the LSU faculty and was appointed the Director of Clinical Legal Education in Fall 2008. As Director of Clinical Legal Education, Professor Lancaster oversees experiential learning at the Law Center which includes clinics, externships, and skills courses. He teaches the Parole and Re-entry Clinic in the Fall. In the Spring, he teaches the Family Mediation Clinic, Legal Interviewing and Counseling, and Divorce and Child Custody Mediation.

Prior to LSU, he was a Clinical Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis where he taught in the Civil Practice Clinic, the Judicial Externship Program, Lawyering Practice, and a course exploring wrongful convictions titled Convicting the Innocent. Professor Lancaster has also taught in the Criminal Justice Defense Clinic at the Washington School of Law, American University in Washington, D.C. and was a Cover Fellow at the Yale Law School. Prior to teaching, he represented death row inmates in state post-conviction and federal habeas proceedings.

Professor Lancaster is the Chair of the Louisiana State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. He serves the Louisiana State Bar Association as a member of the Access to Justice Committee and the LGBT Section of the Diversity Committee. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC-LA) and was a member of the Louisiana Public Defender Board from June 2013 through August 2016. Professor Lancaster was also a longstanding member of the Board of Governors for the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)—a community of progressive law teachers working for justice, diversity and academic excellence.

Professor Lancaster received his BA, *magna cum laude*, in Philosophy (with Honors in English) from Millsaps College and his JD, *cum laude*, from Tulane Law School. He is admitted to practice in Louisiana, Indiana, and Connecticut and is a Qualified Child Custody and Visitation Mediator in Louisiana.

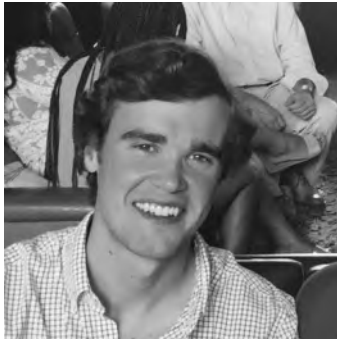


Kristen Lee serves as law clerk to the Honorable Regina Bartholomew-Woods at the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal. In 2012, Ms. Lee graduated Summa Cum Laude from Loyola University New Orleans with a B.A. in Political Science. She was a 2011-2012 fellow in the Institute of Politics. In 2013, she received the St. Mary's Dominican High School Outstanding Young Alumna Award. Ms. Lee attended Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. In 2015, she earned a Juris Doctor and Certificate in International Legal Studies. As a law student, Ms. Lee served three terms on the Honor Board, participated in the Trial Advocacy program, and was a student practitioner in the criminal defense section of the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic. She was also a law clerk in the Office of General Counsel at Loyola University New Orleans. Her professional affiliations include St. Thomas More American Inn of Court, New Orleans Bar Association, and Louis A. Martinet Legal Society. Ms. Lee is a native of New Orleans and is licensed to practice in Louisiana.



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. 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 Doctorate in 1974.



Malcolm Lloyd is from Boston, MA. He is currently the staff investigator at the Orleans Public Defenders Office. Mr. Lloyd investigates felony and juvenile cases in New Orleans. He started at the Public Defender’s office as a Client Advocate helping clients find alternatives to incarceration. Prior to working with the Public Defender’s office, Mr. Lloyd worked as a small group instructor teaching English and Math to Middle School students in New Orleans, while also running the computer lab. Mr. Lloyd studied International Studies at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. He is a proud member and supporter of the Orleans Parish Prison Reform Coalition.



Honorable Joy Cossich Lobrano received her B.A. in Political Science and Education from Tulane University, Newcomb College, in 1983. In 1988, she received her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law where she was a member of Law Review; and in 1993, she obtained her LL.M. in Taxation from the New York University School of Law.

Currently, she serves on the State of Louisiana Court of Appeal for the Fourth Circuit (2012-present). Prior to her current seat, she served as a District Court Judge (Civil, Criminal, Juvenile) in the 25th Judicial District Court (2009 – 2011) (Chief Judge 2009), and as First Assistant District Attorney in the 25th JDC, Plaquemines Parish (2006-2009) and Assistant District Attorney (1999-2006). Prior to becoming a judge, she practiced business, estate and tax law with her husband, Francis “Jay” Lobrano, at their law firm, Lobrano & Lobrano.

Judge Lobrano is very involved in her community and is a Founder and Former President, Executive Director and Board Chair of the Community C.A.R.E. Center in Plaquemines Parish. In addition, she is a Founding Member of the Board of Directors for Eden House. She is presently Chair of the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission. Among her many awards and honors, she was granted the 2015 Louisiana State Bar Association’s Citizen Lawyer/ Crystal Gavel Award; the 2010 Plaquemines CASA’s Light of Hope Award, the 2008 Victims and Citizens Against Crime’s Outstanding Prosecutor Award; and the 1988 Loyola Law School Faculty’s Corpus Juris Secundum Award, Most Significant Contribution to Legal Scholarship.



Misha Logan is an associate with Leake & Andersson whose practice focuses primarily on insurance defense. Ms. Logan hails from Las Vegas, NV. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Arizona State University in 2012 and then graduated with her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2015. During her time at Loyola, Ms. Logan participated in the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic for Technology and served as Vice President of the Black Law Students Association – A.P. Tureaud Chapter. Additionally, she was a member of Loyola’s Journal of Public Interest and the Sports Law Moot Court team at Loyola.

Prior to joining Leake & Andersson, Ms. Logan clerked for the Honorable Veronica E. Henry in First City Court. She is licensed to practice in Louisiana and New York. She is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Ms. Logan is currently a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Committee. Prior to her tenure on the diversity committee, she was selected as a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association Leadership Class 2016-2017.



Sowmya Mandava is the Judicial Staff Attorney for the Honorable June Berry Darensburg at the Twenty Fourth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana. She previously worked as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Bernadette D’Souza at the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. Prior to law school, Sowmya was a litigation assistant at Fishman Haygood, LLP.

Ms. Mandava graduated from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law where she was the President of the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association and a Student Practitioner in the Family Law Clinic.

Ms. Mandava received her Masters of Science in Criminal Justice Administration from Loyola University New Orleans and her Bachelors of Science in Psychology from Kennesaw State University. She is admitted to practice in Louisiana. She is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, Jefferson Bar Association, and the New Orleans Bar Association.



Betty Maury was born in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana and has resided the majority of her life on the Westbank of Jefferson Parish. She is a graduate of L.W. Higgins High School, Concordia University of Wisconsin, and Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She was admitted to practice law in 2013.

She currently serves as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Lee V. Faulkner, Jr. in Division P of the 24th Judicial District Court. She is a LSBA LIFT (“Legal Innovators for Tomorrow”) graduate and member of the LSBA Leadership Class of 2017-18. She serves as a member of the LSBA Access to Justice Committee and is appointed to the House of Delegates for the 24th Judicial District.

Ms. Maury is an active member in her community and volunteers for numerous organizations. She is on the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. She is Immediate Past Chair of the Jefferson Bar Association Young Lawyers Division where she sits on various committees and serves as the Website Manager. She is the Coordinator for the Region 4 High School Mock Trial Competition.

She was awarded the LSBA Young Lawyers Division 2017 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award; received the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center Public Service Award in 2016; and was awarded Outstanding Loyola Family Law Clinic Student in 2013 by the New Orleans Association of Women Attorneys. Ms. Maury and her husband, Thomas, are the proud parents of two sons, Thomas, III and Lucas.



Annie G. McBride is an associate at Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C. She assists clients with corporate, business, and real estate matters and joined Stone Pigman in 2016. She graduated from Loyola University with a B.A. in 2011. She received her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2015. While at Loyola Ms. McBride was a William L. Crowe Scholar and the Editor in Chief of the Loyola Law Review.



Brent McLemore serves as an assistant director and career coach for Loyola University New Orleans' Career Development Center. In this role, he coaches students in the Arts and Sciences toward clarity of career path and successful navigation along that path. He is also responsible for various career development programming and initiatives, most particularly those related to major and career exploration. Before arriving at Loyola New Orleans, Mr. McLemore oversaw career services at Carson-Newman University where he coached students from all disciplines, coordinated comprehensive programs and career events, and taught courses regarding major and career exploration and career and personal development. A certified practitioner of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Mr. McLemore incorporates this assessment, among others, into his coaching and guidance of students. A first-generation college student, he attended Mississippi State University, where he received both his bachelor's and master's. Prior to his work in career services, Mr. McLemore served in various roles of oversight and leadership in student involvement and residence life. He can be reached at tbmclemo@loyno.edu.



Professor M. Isabel Medina is Ferris Family Distinguished Professor of Law at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She joined the law school faculty in 1991 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 was a managing editor of the Tulane Law Review. She teaches Constitutional Law including First Amendment, Gender Law in Practice, Immigration and Citizenship Law, and Asylum and Refugee Law. Professor Medina has visited at the University of Athens (Fulbright Scholar 2003), Tulane Law School, Villanova University School

of Law and Thomas Jefferson School of Law and is currently on sabbatical as a visiting researcher and scholar at UCLA School of Law.

Professor Medina served as co-chair of the Constitutional Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools in 2014 and is a past chair of the Immigration Law Section. She has organized many conferences on gender based violence, constitutional and immigration issues. She has served as Chair of the Loyola University Senate. In 2011, she received the Loyola Senate Award for Excellence in Advising for her work as Faculty Advisor of the Journal of Public Interest Law and the Lambda Law Alliance. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

She delivered the Fourth Annual Judge Harry J. Wilters Jr. Lecture on Constitutional Law and Professional Ethics at the University of South Alabama on September 20, 2016, on "In Search of the Nation of Immigrants: Balancing the Federal-State Divide" to be published by the Loyola Journal of Public Interest Law. While on sabbatical, Professor Median is writing a book about the treatment of a U.S. Supreme Court case on refugees and marriage fraud, and a biography of Loyola New Orleans law alumni and New Orleans native, Judge James Skelly Wright.



Marquest Meeks, Senior Counsel, Litigation - In January 2017, Mr. Meeks joined the Litigation Section of Entergy's Legal Department, after a career in federal service. Upon graduating from Georgetown, Mr. Meeks served as a law clerk to the Honorable W. Louis Sands in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. After his clerkship, Mr. Meeks joined the U.S. Department of Justice through the Attorney General's Honors Program, and over the course of seven years, he served as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Puerto Rico, the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section, in Washington, D.C., and, most recently, the U.S.

Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana, located in New Orleans. Mr. Meeks has tried a variety of cases in federal courts throughout the country, including complex public corruption, fraud, and other white-collar matters.



Diana Mercer graduated from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2002. She was a member of the Loyola Law Review and a William Crowe Scholar. Her casenote "Preserving Continuity and Fairness: The Louisiana Supreme Court Limits Deviation from Child Support Guidelines" was published in the Spring 2001 (47 Loy. L. Rev. 885 (2001)). After law school, Ms. Mercer worked as an Associate Attorney at the law firms of Jones Walker and Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan LLC, and then as a Staff Attorney with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. She returned to Loyola

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Ms. Nicholson is a graduate of Florida A&M University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees, and of Tulane University Law School, where she received her Juris Doctor degree.

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In 2013, President Obama nominated Mr. Polite to serve as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The US Senate unanimously confirmed the appointment, and he served in that position until March 2017. He has also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York and been in private practice as a white collar criminal defense attorney in both New York and New Orleans.

A New Orleans native, Mr. Polite is a graduate of Harvard University and Georgetown University Law Center and has received an honorary degree from Loyola University School of Law in recognition of his outstanding public service.



Honorable Angélique Aristell Reed was elected to First City Court for the Parish of Orleans, Section B, in October 1998. Judge Reed earned the distinction of being the first African-American judge elected to First City Court for the Parish of Orleans.

Judge Reed holds a Business Administration and Economics degree from Xavier University of Louisiana. While at Xavier, she was initiated into the Epsilon Tau chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She also was an active member of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. She graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University College of Law and later received the prestigious Gillis Long Public Service Award in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the community. She was also the national winner of the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, winning the award for best written brief.

Prior to being elected to First City Court, Judge Reed practiced civil law for 12 years, where she developed a diverse practice focusing on personal injury litigation. She also practiced municipal litigation as an attorney in the New Orleans City Attorney's Office.

Judge Reed exhibits her continued commitment to the community and her profession through her active participation in many professional and civic organizations. She is currently serving on the Louisiana State Law Institute, the Executive Committee for the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association, and is an active member in the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, where she was a past president. She is also a member of Louisiana Judicial Council/NBA, Association of Women Attorneys and a past member of Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Governors, and Louisiana Supreme Court Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution and New Orleans Volunteers in Court. She was previously on the board of the New Orleans Pro Bono Project.

Judge Reed was previously honored as a YWCA Role Model and a Dryades YMCA Achiever. She is also a board member of I.N.S.P.I.R.E. RR, Inc., New Orleans Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and Armstrong Family Services. She has served as a past president of Independent Women's Organization and is a former member of Coalition of 100 Black Women, YWCA, Louisiana League of Good Government, Dryades YMCA and the Broadmoor Improvement Association Board of Directors.



Dayal Reddy has a general practice law firm in New Orleans. His work includes both civil and criminal cases. His practice spans the spectrum of law, including civil rights, labor violations, corporate litigation, etc. Mr. Reddy even once reunited a woman with her pet monkey in a unique piece of litigation.

Mr. Reddy studied law at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. He graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Biological Anthropology in 2003. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Microbiology and Immunology from Georgetown University. Mr. Reddy recently completed a Master of Science in Healthcare Management from the University of New Orleans.

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Honorable Karen Wells Roby is a United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District for the Eastern District of Louisiana and has served on the court for eighteen (18) years where she handles criminal and civil matters and also serves as a mediator. She is the Co-Chair of the ABA Litigation Sections, Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She has served nationally as President of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association and she is a frequent speaker on various legal topics and she has had numerous speaking engagements throughout the United States during her career. Judge Roby is the coordinating judge for the LSBA/JTB Suit up for the Future Program. She will also assume responsibility as the Chief Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana in July 2017.

Judge Roby is published in the areas of social media and ethics, settlement and ethics and attorney's fees. Judge Roby serves as an Adjunct Professor at Tulane University Law School where she teaches a course on E-Discovery and Digital Evidence. She is a graduate of Tulane

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Anna Scardulla graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 2014. During her time in law school, Ms. Scardulla was a member of the Louisiana Law Review, served as President of the 2013-14 Moot Court Board, served as research assistant to John Randall Trahan, the Louis B. Porterie Professor of Law and Saul Litvinoff Distinguished Professor of Law, and served as a Judicial Extern to the Honorable Brian A. Jackson, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. Before returning to LSU Law in 2017, she worked as an associate with McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy McDaniel & Welch, LLC doing primarily automotive products liability litigation in Louisiana state and federal courts. Ms. Scardulla also served as a Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Observer of the Louisiana State Law Institute for the 2016 term. As the Law Center's Advocacy Fellow, she now teaches, coaches, and assists in the administration of the Law Center's moot court, trial advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution programs. She also provides student instruction related to advocacy skills, including brief writing, motion practice, and litigation case management. Outside of the legal community, Ms. Scardulla works closely with local non-profit New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness ("NOAAHH") and the Create. Inspire. Change. Theater Company.



Honorable D. Nicole Sheppard is an alumnus of Southern University at New Orleans and Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Judge Sheppard is a wife and mother, as well as a full-time Orleans Parish Civil District Court Judge, local talk show host, and contributing local radio host.

Judge Sheppard founded the Sheppard Williams Law Firm in 2005. Judge Sheppard's practice included estate planning, real transactions, corporate, family and domestic matters, families in need of services cases, children in need of care, contract law, contractor fraud cases, personal injury, medical malpractice, criminal and traffic litigation. She was of counsel to two law firms and represented a large number of Louisiana major retailers in civil matters.

Judge Sheppard was admitted to practice in all state, municipal and traffic courts in Louisiana and into the United States Courts for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Sheppard had the rare opportunity of being admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court by Chief Justice Roberts. In addition to presiding over cases full time, Judge Sheppard has also dedicated herself to the advancement of public education and the improvement of the social justice system. Her nearly twenty-five-year commitment to providing public education through

television and radio programming evidence her unflinching pledge to the people of the Greater New Orleans area.

She currently is an adjunct professor at Dillard University. Further, Judge Sheppard serves as an Academic Committee Co-Chair and is the immediate past Board Vice-Chair for the Algiers Charter School Association and a former adjunct professor at Southern University Law Center, Southern University at New Orleans, and Delgado Community College. Judge Sheppard is also a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, Independent Women Organization and the A.P. Tureaud American Inn of Court.



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Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr. (Retired) 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 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 to that court in 2006. His term of office ended in 2016. He is currently “of counsel” with the law firm of Liska, Exnicios &

Nungesser in New Orleans.

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 was a member of the adjunct faculty of the Tulane University School of Law for twenty-five years and the co-editor of the publication: *Louisiana Civil Pretrial Procedure*.

Brian Trepanier graduated cum laude and Order of the Barristers from Tulane University Law School in 2017. During law school he was a Managing Editor of the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law as well as the Intraschool and Interschool Trial Chair on the 2016-17 Moot Court Board. He was a member of the Tulane Trial Team that won a national championship at the John L. Costello National Criminal Law Trial Advocacy Competition and coached a Tulane team to a national third place finish at the AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition. Mr. Trepanier also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Lance M. Africk, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Currently, he is a law clerk for the Honorable Karen Wells Roby, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.



Honorable Janis van Meerveld was sworn in as Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana on July 29, 2016. Judge van Meerveld grew up in Brussels, Belgium, and then graduated from Newcomb College of Tulane University in 1984. She obtained her J.D. from Tulane Law School in 1987, where she served on the Moot Court Board, and as an oralist on the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team. Judge van Meerveld spent 29 years in private litigation practice, 27 of them with Adams and Reese LLP where she litigated maritime and general insurance cases before she developed a specialization in labor and employment and directors and officers liability litigation.



Jay J. Vega was born in New Orleans in 1992, and grew up in Cut Off, Louisiana. Mr. Vega graduated from Brother Martin High School in New Orleans in 2010. In 2015, he graduated with degrees in Biology and History from Louisiana State University. Mr. Vega began law school at Tulane in August of 2017 and will graduate in May of 2020. He enjoys waterskiing and fishing, history and travel. Law school was not his original plan, but it turned out to be one of the best decisions of his life.



Josef Ventulan is a rising 2L at Southern University Law Center and is completing a summer clerkship for Entergy. He received his bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University, where he was an active member of Beta Alpha Psi. Before attending law school, Mr. Ventulan began a career in visual merchandising. He then segued into the legal profession and worked as an assistant for a personal injury firm. At SULC, he serves as a member of Phi Alpha Delta's executive board and hopes to join Southern University's Law Review this coming fall. Mr. Ventulan enjoys playing the piano, baking various pastries, and singing Disney karaoke.



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She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., New Orleans Alumnae Chapter.

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In 2017, she was selected the 1st African American Queen of The Krewe of Selene.



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Born and raised in New Orleans, Ms. Wojna-Hodnett attended Metairie Park Country Day School and Louisiana State University, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. As a student at Tulane University Law School she served on the Moot Court Board, Student Bar Association, Graduate and Professional School Assembly, and Dean's Advisory Committee. She also coached and competed on the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team in Vienna and Hong Kong.



Micah Zeno is a 2003 graduate of the 5-Year MBA Program of the School of Business & Industry, Florida A&M University and a 2015 graduate of Tulane University Law School. He now serves as law clerk to the Honorable Judge June Berry Darensburg, Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Division "C".

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