



# Successful Re-Entry: Addressing Legal Needs after Incarceration

Friday, July 12, 2019

9:00 AM – 2:15 PM

Louisiana State Bar Center  
601 St. Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70130

This training, sponsored by the LSBA Access to Justice Commission, is designed to educate attorneys listed on the LSBA's Modest Means Directory and attorneys who volunteer for the Re-Entry Legal Clinic, operated by the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana, First 72+, and Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. [The Re-Entry Legal Clinic](#) was created to reduce the legal barriers people face after incarceration in order to ensure their successful reentry.

<b>8:30 - 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration and Opening Remarks</b> <i>Laura Tuggle, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services</i>
<b>9:00 – 10:00 AM</b> (1.0 CLE)	<b>A First Step to Successful Re-Entry – Drivers' Licenses</b> <i>Kelly Orians, First 72+ and Rising Foundations</i>
<b>10:05 – 11:05 AM</b> (1.0 CLE)	<b>Handling Traffic Matters, Fines &amp; Fees</b> <i>Cherie Teamer, Teamer Law</i> <i>Sarah Whittington, Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana</i>
<b>11:20 – 11:50 AM</b> (0.5 CLE)	<b>TWIC Applications and Appeals</b> <i>Amy Meyers, First 72+ and Rising Foundations</i>
<b>11:50 – 12:20 PM</b> (0.5 CLE)	<b>Consumer Debt Collection</b> <i>Samuel Ford, Scott, Vicknair, Hair &amp; Checki</i>
<b>12:30 – 1:00 PM</b> (0.5 Prof. CLE)	<b>Lunch &amp; Learn - Re-Entry Clinic &amp; the Modest Means Directory</b> <i>Virginia Listach, Southern University Law Center</i> <i>Vanessa Spinazola, Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana</i>
<b>1:15 – 2:15 PM</b> (1.0 Ethics CLE)	<b>Ethical Considerations for SRL and Limited Scope Representation</b> <i>Eric Barefield, Louisiana State Bar Association</i>

**Register online or contact Jordan Maier at [jordan.maier@lsba.org](mailto:jordan.maier@lsba.org).\***

**\*Registration is free and only open to attorneys on the LSBA Modest Means Directory or attorneys who volunteer with JAC, First 72+, and SLLS's [Re-Entry Legal Clinic](#).**

## Speaker Bios

**Eric K. Barefield** is Ethics Counsel for the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA). A 1995 graduate of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Barefield began his professional career as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish (1995-98). From 1998-2005, he served as Deputy Disciplinary Counsel with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and was responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct. He joined the LSBA staff in 2005, working first with the Practice Assistance Program's alternatives to discipline. Barefield coordinated the launch of the LSBA's Law Office Management Assistance Program and the Solo and Small Firm Conference before accepting his current position focusing on the Ethics Advisory Service.

**Samuel Ford** of Scott, Vicknair, Hair & Checki, LLC works to protect the rights of Louisiana consumers struggling with credit and debt issues. Samuel's practice is focused on defending consumers in collection lawsuits and fighting back against debt collectors and creditors who use abusive collection practices. Prior to joining Scott, Vicknair, Hair & Checki, Samuel represented creditors, banks, and debt collectors in suits under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and Fair Credit Reporting Act. Samuel now represents consumers in claims under these statutes. Samuel is actively involved with the Louisiana State Bar Association as a member of the Access to Justice Committee, Building Bridges Re-entry Committee, and Debt Buyer Task Force.

**Virginia Listach** is currently the Clinical Director of the Southern University Law Clinic. She also supervises the clinic's Administrative/Family/Civil Law section at Southern University Law Center. Professor Listach has been employed at Southern University Law Center for the past 24 years. She received her B.A. from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from Southern University Law Center. Before joining SULC in August 1997, Listach was the Assistant Director of the Bureau of Appeals of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals where she also served as the Administrative Law Judge Supervisor, supervising all DHH and Office of Public Health administrative law judges within the state. Her non-administrative duties required the handling complex litigation cases brought by providers and disability appeals. From 1988 through 1982 she served as an Assistant Attorney General with the Louisiana Department of Justice. While employed with the Attorney General's office she litigated matters in the office's consumer protection, civil rights, and road hazard sections. She is married to Nora Listach III and has three children, Kaylan, Jared and Matthew.

**Amy Myers** is the Legal Services Coordinator at The First 72+. Amy joined The First 72+ as a volunteer a year ago and came on as staff last June. Amy is an Australian lawyer and is in the process of completing an LL.M at Loyola. This is part of fulfilling the steps she needs to complete as a foreign trained lawyer wishing to sit for the Louisiana Bar.

**Kelly Orians** is a graduate of UCLA Law school and a licensed attorney in Louisiana. She specializes in reentry legal services and community economic development, focusing specifically

on legal barriers that prohibit formerly incarcerated people from rejoining the workforce. She currently works as co-Director of The First 72+, a holistic reentry organization in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Vanessa Spinazola** is the Executive Director at the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana. A dedicated, passionate, and consistent advocate, she has nearly twenty years' experience in building, managing, and obtaining funding for programs designed to create social impact. Prior to joining JAC, Vanessa served as a facilitator for the Greater New Orleans Funders Network's Coastal Communities Action Table. She also was the resident grant writer at Converge and the Legislative & Advocacy Director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, where she connected people to policy at state and local levels, protecting and achieving gains in criminal, reproductive, immigrant, and voting justice. Upon returning to Louisiana, she served as Chief of Staff to New Orleans City Councilmember Susan Guidry, co-founded a social justice government relations firm, and worked as a public defender in Jefferson Parish. Vanessa has also been involved in the founding of several organizations, such as the Employment Law Program at The Pro Bono Project and the Workplace Justice Project at the Loyola Law Clinic.

**Cherie Teamer** is a contract attorney for the Justice and Accountability Center's Re-Entry Attachment Docket program, where she assists formerly incarcerated people in Orleans Parish with reducing and eliminating excessive traffic fines, fees, and attachments. Cherie also operates Teamer Law Corp, LLC, a solo family, real estate, and personal injury practice which offers flexible payment plans for clients of modest means.

**Sarah Whittington** is a full-time staff attorney at the Justice and Accountability Center focused on reducing the collateral consequences of criminal records and assisting clients re-entering our communities from incarceration. Prior to joining JAC, Sarah worked as a staff attorney with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services for two and a half years. She started as an eviction diversion attorney in the Housing Unit before moving into a full-time position with the Employment and Public Benefits unit. Her practice focused on benefits denials and cessations in addition to unemployment and wage claim matters. Through grant funding, she also provided outreach and civil legal services to Opportunity Youth living in Orleans Parish who were trying to overcome barriers created by criminal records and provided expungement services.