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Jason Anders, armed with a law degree from LSU Law School and an M.B.A. in Finance from Baylor University, he opened his solo practice in March 2019, where he focuses on business, contract, and succession litigation. Prior to hanging his own shingle, he was a partner with Montgomery, Barnett, Brown, Read, Hammond & Mintz, LLP, in the Business Practice Group. He can be reached at jason@anderslawfirm.com

W. Connor Brown, CPA is a Senior Manager, Tax Services with LaPorte CPAs and Business Advisors. Connor provides tax compliance and planning services to a variety of clients, with a focus on law firms, closely held business succession planning, and individual tax planning for the shareholders and owners of the businesses he advises. He has over 20 years of diverse public accounting experience, in both the audit and tax arenas.

Brett Burney is Principal of **Burney** Consultants LLC, and focuses the bulk of his time on bridging the chasm between the legal and technology frontiers of electronic discovery. A graduate of the University of Dayton School of Law, Brett quickly became active in the world of legal technology. The former of the ABA TECHSHOW Planning Board, Brett is in demand as a national speaker (and former keynote speaker for the LSBA's Solo, Small Firm and TECH Conference). Brett is this year's Thomas J. Stirewalt, Jr., Memorial Lecturer, sponsored by the LSBA's Solo and Small Firms Section.

Ruth Carter is an Arizona attorney and an authority on intellectual property, business law, and internet law. Known for her daring antics and outgoing personality, Ruth was selected as an American Bar Association Legal Rebel and a Phoenix Business Journal 40 Under 40. They also wrote three best-selling books on guerrilla marketing and social media law including *The Legal Side of Blogging for Lawyer*. Ruth has been a speaker over 100 events including Content Marketing World and South by Southwest, and featured in the Wall Street Journal, Entrepreneur, and on NPR. In their not-so-spare time, Ruth is training for their first full Ironman race and looking to adopt a basset hound.

Claude E. Ducloux is an Attorney licensed in Texas, Colorado and California who speaks regularly on Legal Ethics, Law Office Management, and Trial-Related topics. In 2011, he won the highest statewide award from the State Bar of Texas for lifetime contribution to CLE, and has been invited to speak in more than 250 programs in since Jan 1, 2009, and serving as course director of numerous institutes and advanced courses. Mr. Ducloux has a long legacy of bar service, including being President of the Austin Bar Association, and serving as Chair of almost every major Bar-related entity, as well as the Texas Bar Foundation.

Lisa A. Montgomery, a solo practitioner with thirty-five years of experience in federal and state court in Louisiana, is a general civil practitioner and also defends attorneys in disciplinary proceedings. She is a frequent speaker on ethics and the issues raised by new, quasi-legal entities that she calls “legal disrupters” such as Avvo, LegalZoom, and RocketLawyer. A member of the LSBA’s Ethics Advisory Committee and the LSBA’s Solo and Small Firm section, she is also a former hearing committee member for Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board. Her undergraduate degree is from LSU and her law degree from Tulane.

Sharon Nelson, a practicing attorney and **John Simek** founded Sensei Enterprises, Inc. which provides digital forensics and cybersecurity services nationwide. Noted authors of several books on cybersecurity and technology for lawyers, Sharon and John have spoken at the LSBA’s Solo, Small Firm & TECH conferences and the LSBA’s COVID webinars last year as well as other LSBA seminars as well as for conferences nationwide, including the ABA’s TECHSHOW.

Conrad Saam founded Mockingbird, an online marketing agency focused exclusively on legal. Called the “Gary V of Legal”, Conrad is the author of *Own the Map* published by the American Bar Association and *The FindLaw Jailbreak Guide*, a Google Small Business Advisor and held positions for various ABA’s Practice Management marketing committees. A semi-professional bridge arsonist, Conrad enjoys publishing Cease and Desist letters from unscrupulous legal marketing vendors. He once bought the keyword, “mesothelioma lawyer” for \$4.76. Conrad is the proud owner of Zippy, the first and only chicken to be awarded the Lawyers of Distinction Top 10% Award, which recognizes lawyers duped into buying a \$700 annual subscription to a plaque.

Micah Stewart is a director of tax services for LaPorte CPAs and Business Advisors. He was previously a manager at a Big Four accounting firm where he focused on international taxation and general business planning. With a JD and an LLM in taxation, Micah has experience in tax planning for partnerships, S corporations, corporations, individuals, gratuitous transfers, trust and estates. An in-demand speaker, he returns to the LSBA with his updated presentation on Covid relief for small businesses

Rachel Thyre Vogeltanz, a graduate of the University of California at Davis School of Law, is the current Chair of the LSBA’s Solo and Small Firm section. Rachel didn't plan on being a bankruptcy lawyer, but the economy landed her in a boutique bankruptcy firm and she hit the ground running, with consumer and Chapter 11 work. Except for a criminal law clerkship year at the Louisiana Supreme Court, she has represented bankruptcy clients ever since. Board-certified in consumer bankruptcy by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization and the American Board of Certification, she is a member of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys and the National Association of Consumer Advocates. Rachel feels fortunate every day to be a consumer advocate, and is particularly interested in assisting clients with insurmountable student debt.

Sheila Wilkinson is an attorney, licensed master social worker and educator. She combines her love for the law, social work and education to help lawyers achieve their personal and professional goals and build a happy, rich life. Sheila splits her time between New Orleans and Brussels, serves several nonprofits in the Greater New Orleans area, and provides individualized services to lawyers, small businesses and creative entrepreneurs across the globe.