

# Focus on Diversity

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## Early registration open for March 4 Conclave on Diversity

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), the Louisiana Supreme Court and several local and specialty bars throughout the state are hosting the ninth annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, set for Friday, March 4, at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, 201 Lafayette St., Baton Rouge. This year's theme is "Diversity and Inclusion: Moving from 'A Foot in the Door' to 'A Voice at the Table.'"

The early registration fee of \$65 will be effective through Feb. 12; \$90 after Feb. 12. Program organizers have applied for 6 hours of CLE credit.

Read more about the program, presenters and registration information below.

**Luncheon Keynote Speaker:** Roderick A. (Rick) Palmore, senior counsel at Dentons US in Chicago, IL, and a nationally recognized advocate for diversity in the legal industry. He is the author of *A Call to Action: Diversity in the Legal Profession*, a legal industry manifesto urging general counsel to drive diversity by demanding results in the law firms with which they work as well as in their departments.

**Facilitator:** Kimberly Papillon, Esq., nationally recognized expert on medical, legal and judicial decision-making. She has served as regular faculty at the National Judicial College since 2005. She has delivered more than 100 lectures nationally and internationally on the implications of neuroscience, psychology and implicit association in the analysis of decision-making in the fields of business, medicine, education and the law. She resides in Oakland, CA.

### LGBT Breakout Session

► J. Dalton Courson (moderator), a partner in the litigation section of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., New Orleans. In 2014-15, he served as counsel for the Forum for Equality Louisiana and four married same-sex couples who successfully challenged the State of Louisiana's refusal to give legal effect to their valid out-of-state marriages.

► Daniel J. Canon, founding member of Clay Daniel Walton Adams, P.L.C., Louisville, KY. He is one of counsel for the pioneering Kentucky and Indiana marriage equality cases (*Bourke v. Beshear*, *Love v. Beshear* and *Love v. Pence*), and counsel for the Kentucky plaintiffs in the landmark Supreme Court case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*. He is currently counsel for *Miller v. Davis*, the highly publicized case in which plaintiffs were refused marriage licenses in Rowan County, KY.

► Laura E. Landenwich, founding member of Clay Daniel Walton Adams, P.L.C., Louisville, KY. She argued the Kentucky marriage equality cases before the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in August 2014.

### Immigration Breakout Session

► Lauren R. Aronson (moderator), assistant professor of professional practice at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She joined the LSU faculty to teach and direct the Immigration Law Clinic as part of LSU Law's Clinical Legal Education Program beginning in fall 2015.

► Jonathan A. Grode, director of the Immigration Law practice in the Philadelphia, PA, and Providence, RI, offices of Green and Spiegel, L.L.C. He is co-chair of ABA's Labor and Employment Law Section's Immigration Committee.

► Gordon J. Quan, managing partner of Quan Law Group, P.L.L.C., Houston, TX. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© 2016 in the field of immigration law. He is certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in immigration and nationality law.

### Criminal Law Breakout Session

► Professor Thomas D. Albright, professor and Conrad T. Prebys chair at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, and director of the Salk Institute Center for Neurobiology of Vision, in La Jolla, CA. Dr. Albright currently serves on the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Science, Technology and Law. He served as co-chair of the Na-

tional Academy of Sciences Committee on Scientific Approaches to Eyewitness Identification, which produced the 2014 report, "Identifying the Culprit: Assessing Eyewitness Identification."

► Dylan C. Alge, attorney with the Appellate Division of the East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office. Currently, he is post-conviction counsel in two capital cases. He has argued on multiple occasions before the Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal, the Louisiana Supreme Court and the federal 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. He was initial counsel and argued *Montgomery v. Louisiana* in October at the U.S. Supreme Court.

### Plenary / Best Practices Session

► Liwen Mah (moderator), associate in the Litigation Group of Fenwick and West, L.L.P., San Francisco, CA.

► Marcus V. Brown, executive vice president and general counsel of Entergy Corporation.

► Lori A. Chumbler, senior associate general counsel for Walmart on the Legal Operations team. She leads the department's Diversity & Inclusion programs and its external relationships with strategic diversity organizations.

► Hon. Jenny Rivera, associate judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. She clerked for Hon. Sonia Sotomayor on the Southern District of New York and was appointed by the New York State Attorney General as special deputy attorney general for civil rights.

### Plenary / Legal Pipeline Session

► Donald R. Cravins, Jr., senior vice president for policy and executive director of the Washington Bureau of the National Urban League.

► John R. Kouris, executive director of DRI in Chicago, IL. DRI was founded as the Defense Research Institute and is the leading organization of defense attorneys and in-house counsel.

► Linda Perez-Clark, partner in the Baton Rouge office of Kean Miller, L.L.P.

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The Greater Baton Rouge Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. hosted its 2015 Christmas party and toy drive on Dec. 16 at the Boil and Roux in Baton Rouge. Among the attendees were, from left, President Rolando R. Urbina, Treasurer Lykisha R. Vaughn, Secretary Ashley J. Greenhouse and Immediate Past President Christopher B. Hebert.



The Greater Lafayette Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. hosted a Halloween CLE seminar titled "Eat Drink and Be Scary." Presenters included, from left, Stephanie A. Finley, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana; and Josie G. Frank, 27th Judicial District Court hearing officer.


## Conclave continued

Speakers, sponsors and Conclave registrants are encouraged to attend the reception honoring signatories of the LSBA's Statement of Diversity Principles from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. Entertainment will be provided by August Heat Band.

For more information on the Conclave or to register, go to: [www.lsba.org/diversity/diversityconclaveevent.aspx](http://www.lsba.org/diversity/diversityconclaveevent.aspx). 

## Integration Subcommittee hosts immigration CLE

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Diversity Committee's Integration Subcommittee and the LSBA's Immigration Law Section hosted an immigration CLE seminar titled "Navigating the Troubled Waters of Immigration" on Nov. 6 in Baton Rouge.


The seminar highlighted the challenges of immigration and addressed unaccompanied alien children, the detention of foreign nationals, how to represent foreign nationals, and the intersection of immigration and litigation. The seminar was moderated by Immigration Law Section Chair Ashely F. Dees. Presenters included Kathleen C. Gasparian, Gasparian Immigration; Glenda McGraw Regnart, executive director of the Central Louisiana Interfaith Immigration Center; and Emily C. Trostle with the Louisiana Esperanza Project. 

## Black History Month CLE scheduled for Feb. 25 in Baton Rouge

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Young Lawyers Division's Diversity/Minority Involvement Committee, the Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession (Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee), the LSBA's Minority Involvement Section, Southern University Law Center and Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center are hosting a Black History Month CLE on Thursday,

Feb. 25. The free seminar, "The Continuing Struggle of Desegregation," is 3:30-5 p.m. at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, 201 Lafayette St. A reception will follow at the Capitol Park Museum, 660 Fourth St., Baton Rouge.

For speakers and to register online, go to: <http://www.lsba.org/CLE/CLESeminar.aspx?CLESeminar=2c39cee0-1a91-4e6b-a8d3-9a2c0a4c0dbc>.

In conjunction with the event, law students are offered a free résumé workshop from 2-3 p.m. For presenters and registration information, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSBABlackhistory>. 



The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. hosted its annual holiday party and toy drive on Dec. 17 at the McKenna Museum of African American Art in New Orleans. The toys collected were donated to Exodus House in New Orleans. Among the attendees were, from left, President-Elect Royce I. Duplessis, President Dana M. Douglas, Correspondence Secretary Ashley J. Heilprin, Immediate Past President Cashanna M. Hill and Vice President Justin I. Woods. Not in photo, Recording Secretary April D. Davenport and Treasurer James L. Moffett.

# 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MOVING

CONCLAVE ON DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION:

FROM A "FOOT IN THE DOOR"  
TO A "VOICE AT THE TABLE"

# SAVE THE DATE MARCH 4, 2016

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center  
201 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, LA

Earn up to 6.0 CLE HOURS, including ethics  
and professionalism hours (pending approval)

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LSBA MEMBER OUTREACH & DIVERSITY  
**DIVERSITY  
INCLUSION  
PROFESSIONALISM**

### JOIN US FOR THE Excellence in Diversity RECEPTION

The Excellence in Diversity reception honoring signatories of the LSBA Statement of Diversity Principles will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Speakers, sponsors, and Conclave registrants are encouraged to attend. Entertainment will be provided by August Heat Band. Please RSVP on the Conclave online registration page ([www.lsba.org/CLE](http://www.lsba.org/CLE)).

## HOTEL INFORMATION

The LSBA has reserved a block of rooms at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center at a discounted rate of \$149.00 per night (excluding taxes and fees). You are urged to make reservations early, as there are only a limited number of rooms available at the discounted rate listed above. The LSBA room block is reserved for seminar attendees only.

### Hotel Reservation/Cancellation Policy

In order to reserve a room, please call 800-955-6962 or 225-344-5866 and request the "LSBA 2016 Diversity Conclave" group block rate. All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card by February 2, 2016, and the credit card will be charged a deposit of one night's room and tax when reservations are made. Any requests received after February 3, 2016, will be handled on a space and rate availability basis only. Please note that if your plans change and you do not timely cancel your room reservation by February 2, 2016, you are responsible for the room charge.

**Registration Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be received in writing and sent to [diversity@lsba.org](mailto:diversity@lsba.org); telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Cancellations received in writing before February 18, 2016, will be fully refunded minus a \$30.00 administrative fee. If written confirmation of cancellation is not received by February 18, 2016, no refunds or credits will be issued of any kind. Credits will be processed within two weeks of receipt of the cancellation request.

# PROGRAM AGENDA

7:45 am Registration opens  
7:45 – 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions  
1.0 CLE hour each **PLEASE SELECT ONE BREAKOUT SESSION**

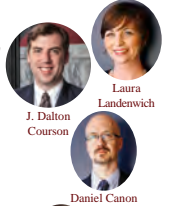
### Breakout #1 Immigration

Ethics Moderator: Lauren R. Aronson • *LSU Law Center • Baton Rouge*  
Jonathan A. Grode • *Green and Spiegel, LLC • Providence, RI*  
Gordon J. Quan • *Quan Law Group, PLLC • Houston, TX*



### Breakout #2 LGBT

Professionalism Moderator: J. Dalton Courson • *Stone Pigman Walthers Wittmann L.L.C. • New Orleans*  
Daniel J. Canon • *Clay Daniel Walton Adams, PLC • Louisville, KY*  
Laura E. Landenwisch • *Clay Daniel Walton Adams, PLC • Louisville, KY*



### Breakout #3 Criminal Law

General Professor Thomas D. Albright • *Salk Institute for Biological Studies • La Jolla, CA*  
Dylan C. Alge • *East Baton Rouge District Attorney's Office • Baton Rouge*



9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**  
Mark A. Cunningham • *Jones Walker LLP • New Orleans*  
*LSBA president, 2015-2016*



10:00 – 10:05 a.m. **Introduction of Facilitator**  
Barbara B. Ormsby • *Deutsch Kerrigan LLP • New Orleans*

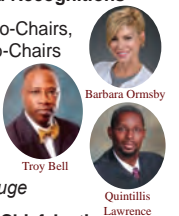
10:05 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **"Interactive Workshop"**  
2.0 CLE hours Professionalism Facilitator: Kimberly Papillon, Esq. • *The Better Mind • Oakland, CA*



12:15 – 1:00 p.m. **Luncheon & Presentation of Awards and Recognitions**

Presented by LSBA Diversity Committee Co-Chairs, Conclave Subcommittee Chair and Co-Chairs  
Barbara B. Ormsby • *Deutsch Kerrigan LLP • New Orleans*

Troy N. Bell • *Courington Kiefer & Sommers, L.L.C., New Orleans*  
Quintillis K. Lawrence • *Commissioner, 19th Judicial District Court • Baton Rouge*



### Recognition of Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson

Mark A. Cunningham • *Jones Walker LLP • New Orleans*  
*LSBA president, 2015-2016*



### Introduction of Keynote Speaker

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Keynote Speaker**  
1.0 CLE hour General Roderick A. "Rick" Palmore • *Senior Counsel, Dentons US LLP • Chicago, IL*



2:00 – 2:15 p.m. **Networking Break**

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **Best Practices Session**  
1.0 CLE hour Professionalism Moderator: Liwen Mah • *Fenwick & West LLP • San Francisco, CA*

Marcus V. Brown • *Entergy, Inc. • New Orleans*  
Lori A. Chumbler • *Walmart • Bentonville, AR*  
Honorable Jenny Rivera • *New York State Court of Appeals • Albany, NY*



3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Networking Break**

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **Legal Pipeline Session**  
1.0 CLE hour General Donald R. Cravins, Jr. • *National Urban League • Washington, DC*  
John R. Kouris • *DR1 • Chicago, IL*  
Linda Perez-Clark • *Kean Miller LLP • Baton Rouge*

