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WELCOME ADDRESS

The Louisiana State Bar Association and the Just the Beginning Foundation 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



2017 SUMMER LEGAL INSTITUTE

SCHOLARS

Name	Grade	School
Alanna B. Austin	First-Year College	Ursuline Academy
Ishmael J. Blackstone	11th Grade	St. Martin's Episcopal School
Khaja K. Bradley	12th Grade	St. Martin's Episcopal School
Carrington J. Carey	11th Grade	Alfred Bonnabel High School
Aityana U. Cousin	11th Grade	Alfred Bonnabel High School
Tori D. Dozier	12th Grade	Lutheran High School
Hayward J. Expose' Jr.	11th Grade	St. Augustine High School
Domenic G. Mesa	11th Grade	Patrick Taylor Science and Technology Academy
Grace Josephine Rose Morse	12th Grade	New Orleans Center for Creative Arts
Sionne J. Murray	12th Grade	Benjamin Franklin High School
Meghan E. Quaglino	11th Grade	Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies
Isabel S. Sauviac	11th Grade	Mount Carmel Academy

2017 Suit Up for the Future

Program Agenda

Week One

Monday, June 12, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30am	Welcome Presenters: Barry H. Grodsky, LSBA President-Elect 2017-18 Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Just the Beginning (JTB) Members of the Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee; Co-chairs Scherri N. Guidry, 15 th JDC Public Defenders Office and Monique M. Edwards, The Edwards Law Group, LLC LSBA Department of Member Outreach and Diversity
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Program Overview and Etiquette/Introduction of Interns and Externs
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Break and Suit Up Photo IDs
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Icebreaker Presenters: Members of Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee: Co-chairs Scherri N. Guidry, 15 th JDC Public Defenders Office and Monique M. Edwards, The Edwards Law Group, LLC
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Introduction to Mock Problem for Oral Argument Presenters: Members of Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee: Co-chairs Scherri N. Guidry, 15 th JDC Public Defenders Office and Monique M. Edwards, The Edwards Law Group, LLC
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Legal Writing Professor Emily Bishop, Westerfield Fellow, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Mock Legal Problem/Questions and Mock Legal Team Argument Team Assignments
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 11:10 am	College Admission Preparation Workshop (<i>Résumé and Personal Statement Writing</i>) Presenters: Adria N. Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm, Pre-law Advisor, Dillard University, New Orleans Martin Smith, Assistant Provost for Admissions and Enrollment, Management Office of Enrollment Services, The University of New Orleans
10:00 am - 10:10 am	Break
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	Résumé Writing Practice Presenters: Suit Up Interns
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Presenter: Bryanna Frazier, Chaffee McCall LLP
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation Viewing of 2016 Oral Arguments Presenters: Suit Up Interns
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	Break
3:10 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Constitutional Law 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 Professor Russell L. Jones, Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Endowed Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Thursday, June 15, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in <u>MEMO OUTLINE ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE</u>
9:00 am – 10:45 am	Oral Argument Workshop (<i>How to Deliver an Oral Argument</i>) Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Presenter: Kimberly R. Silas, Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C.
1:00 pm – 3:10 pm	Local Government Law Professor Christopher J. Tyson, Associate Professor of Law, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	Break
3:10 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Friday, June 16, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in <u>DRAFT OF RÉSUMÉ ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE</u>
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9:00 am – 9:30 am	Travel to field trip, Security Check: Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, 619 South White Street, New Orleans, LA
9:30 am – 11:00 am	District Attorney Presentation and Tour Presenter: Leon A. Cannizzaro Jr., District Attorney Orleans Parish
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Travel to field trip: Orleans Public Defenders Office 2601 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Orleans Public Defenders Office Presentation Presenters: Derwyn Bunton, Chief District Defender Dominique Jones, Executive Assistant to the Chief Defender
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Week Two

Monday, June 19, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in <u>DRAFT OF MEMO ASSIGNMENT DUE</u>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Travel to field trip and Security Check: Louisiana Supreme Court and Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit <i>(NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED/ CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED)</i> 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Viewing of Oral Arguments Presenters: Honorable Joy Cossich Lobrano, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit Honorable Paula A. Brown, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr. (Retired) Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit Victoria Cvitanovic, Research Attorney for Honorable Joy C. Lobrano, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit Dominik Cvitanovic, Carver, Darden, Koretzky, Tessier, Finn, Blossman & Areaux, LLC
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Introduction to Appellate System Presenter: Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr. (Retired), Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Interaction Presenter: Honorable Paula A. Brown, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit Honorable Joy Cossich Lobrano, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr. (Retired), Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Tour of Louisiana Supreme Court, Library and Museum Presenters: Robert Gunn, Louisiana Supreme Court, Community Relations and Project Coordinator Miriam Childs, Director, Louisiana Supreme Court Law Library

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Travel to field trip and Security Check: Orleans Parish Criminal District Court (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED/CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED) 2700 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Orleans Parish Criminal District Court Presentation Presenters: Honorable Tracey Flemings-Davillier, Section B, Criminal District Court Honorable Camille Buras, Section H, Criminal District Court
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Job Shadowing Lunch, Louisiana Bar Center (Invitation to attorneys, firms, courts, and agencies providing shadowing opportunity)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	“How a Legal Career Provides You with Meaning, Purpose, and a Mission in Life” Presentation Presenter: Professor Robert E. Lancaster, The Judge Earl E. Veron Endowed Professor, the J. Nolan and Janice D. Singletary Professor of Professional Practice, Director of Clinical Legal Education, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break
2:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Shadow Placement Day (Do NOT come to the Louisiana Bar Center!) Go directly to assigned locations.
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Thursday, June 22, 2017

8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Shadow Placement Day (Do NOT come to the Louisiana Bar Center!) Go directly to assigned locations.
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Friday, June 23, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in <u>FINAL RÉSUMÉ ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE</u>
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Travel to field trip: U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED/ CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED) Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA Presenters: Justin DiCharia, Suit Up for the Future Alumni, Law student, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana Kristina Haley, Space and Facilities, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana Deputy, U.S. Marshals Service Kathy Barton (K-9), Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Brian Klebba, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana Susan Jones, Librarian, 5 th 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 and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Week Three

Monday, June 26, 2017

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 Presenter: Alexandra V. Navarre-Davis, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	LSBA Access to Justice Presentation Presenters: Monte Mollere, Access to Justice Director Michael Schachtman, Access to Justice Self Represented Litigation Counsel Amy Duncan-Bryant, Access to Justice Training and Project Counsel
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in Brainstorming Session: Questions to Ask a Law School Presenters: Suit Up Interns
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Travel to field trip: Loyola University College of Law 7214 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA
9:30 am – 11:00 am	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 Laura V. Apsey, Assistant Director of Law Admissions, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

11:00 am – 11:30 am	Travel to Tulane University Law School 6329 Freret Street, New Orleans, LA
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Tulane University Law School Presentation, Tour, and Lunch Presenters: Onnig Dombalagian., Vice Dean of Academic Affairs, Tulane University Law School Emily Wojna-Hodnett, Assistant Director of Admissions, Tulane University Law School
1:00 pm – 1:30pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

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 Presenters: Micah Zeno, Law Clerk, Honorable June Berry Darensburg, Chief Judge, 24 th JDC Caroline Bordelon, Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, LLC
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

Thursday, June 29, 2017

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 30, 2017

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 (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED/ CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED) Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Oral Argument Presentations Judges: Honorable Joseph B. Landry, Section D, Municipal Court Honorable Karen Wells Roby, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana Honorable Paula D. Brown, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Award Ceremony (Judges' Overall Impressions of Presentations, Oral Argument Award/s, Memorandum Award/s, 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



Elizabeth L. Adams graduated from the University of Notre Dame and received a Juris Doctorate Degree from the Notre Dame Law School. Elizabeth also received her L.L.M. with a specialization in Global Energy, International Arbitration, and Environmental Law from the University of Texas School of Law. Prior to joining Entergy, Ms. Adams' practice consisted of public utility regulation and commercial litigation. She serves as a guest faculty member for Notre Dame Law School's Intensive Trial Advocacy Program and serves on the board The First Tee of Greater New Orleans and the Energy Bar Association New Orleans Chapter. Ms. Adams also volunteers with The Pro Bono Project.



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. Prior to her time at Loyola, 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.



Dana Atchison joined Entergy's legal department in 1998. She provides legal support in commercial transactions (procurement agreements, confidentiality agreements, software licenses, and asset & equity transactions), privacy, data security, and intellectual property matters (copyright, trademarks, servicemarks, and patents). She is also a subject-matter expert on the Company's Protection of Information Policy. Ms. Atchison attended Univerzity Karlovy (School of Law) in the Czech Republic, and Tulane University Law School, the latter where she served as Managing Editor (1996-1997) and Editor-in-Chief (1997-1998) of the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law. In 1998 the Cardozo Journal of International and Comparative Law published her article on the development of constitutional law in Russia titled, "Notes on Constitutionalism for a 21st-Century Russian President."

Prior to graduating from law school, she worked in the Office of the President of the Czech Republic (Foreign Policy Analyst), the New Zealand Ministry of Justice (Policy Advisor), the Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting (Research Analyst), and at private firms including Raymond & Whitcomb Co., (Manager of Corporate Sales & Marketing) and Europeiska

Ferieskolan International, Inc. (Senior Consultant). Ms. Atchison volunteers for New Orleans Medical Mission where she runs an eye clinic in Latin America each year.



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.



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 freshman at Dillard University. She is a New Orleans native and recently graduated from Cabrini High School. At Cabrini, Ms. Berry was involved in various extracurricular activities such as the Speech and Debate team and SADA (Students Against Drugs and Alcohol) Club. In the future, she plans to major in Mass Communications with a concentration in Public Relations. Ms. Berry participated in the Suit Up for the Future program in 2016 and is currently interning to assist the participants completing the program this year.



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.

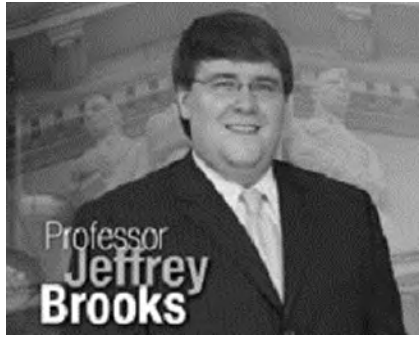
Professor Bishop has been teaching at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law since 2013. She is currently the Co-Director of the Lawyering I program, which focuses on legal research and objective legal writing. She is also the Director of the Lawyering II program, which focuses on persuasive legal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



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, Caroline 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.



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 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 is Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Entergy Corporation. Headquartered in New Orleans, Entergy is an integrated energy company that owns and operates regulated and merchant power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of generating capacity. The company's Utility business serves nearly three million customers in four states in the U.S. Gulf South; its merchant portfolio is comprised of nuclear plants that primarily serve the country's northeastern states, including the New York metropolitan area.

As a member of the Office of the Chief Executive, the company's most senior leadership team, and as General Counsel, Mr. Brown is responsible providing counsel to the Board of Directors, the CEO and Entergy's Executive Management team. He is also responsible for all legal, ethics and compliance matters affecting Entergy Corporation and its subsidiaries. He leads the Company's approximately 80 attorneys who are responsible for handling major transactions, regulatory proceedings, nuclear matters, litigation, environmental and employment issues, among others.

As Executive Vice President Mr. Brown is additionally responsible for the company's federal policy, regulatory and governmental affairs, security (including physical and cyber) and corporate communications. He also leads the development and execution of the company's environmental and corporate social responsibility strategies.

Prior to joining Entergy in 1995, Mr. Brown practiced with the New Orleans-based Stone Pigman law firm. He received a BA from Southern University (85) and a Juris Doctorate from the Southern University Law Center (88), where he was a member of the Law Review. He also received a MBA from the Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business (02). Mr. Brown is married to the Hon. Nannette Jolivette Brown, United States District Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana.



Derwyn Bunton is the Chief District Defender for Orleans Parish Louisiana leading the Orleans Public Defenders Office. 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, JJPL, private plaintiffs and the State of Louisiana regarding Louisiana's juvenile prisons. He 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, he was part of a team of lawyers representing the "Jena 6" in Jena, Louisiana.



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.



Honorable Leon A. Cannizzaro Jr. is a life-long resident of New Orleans. He is a graduate of De La Salle High School and University of New Orleans. Mr. Cannizzaro earned a law degree from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law and began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish. After leaving the District Attorney's office, he worked in private practice and as a staff attorney for the Orleans Indigent Defenders Program for a short time.

In 1986, Mr. Cannizzaro embarked on a seventeen year-long calling as a judge in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court where he established of programs such as the Drug Court and Intensive Probation. He was also chosen as Chief Judge, and named the Top Overall Performing Judge by the Metropolitan Crime Commission year after year. Prior to being elected District Attorney in 2008, Mr. Cannizzaro served this community as a judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal for five years. Additionally, he has served as a faculty member at Tulane University School of Law and University of New Orleans.



Christian Chaney is a law clerk to the Honorable Karen Wells Roby, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Mr. Chaney attended Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama for his undergraduate degree, where he studied Political Science and International Business.

Mr. Chaney earned his Juris Doctor from the George Washington Law School in Washington, D.C., where he was a member and Notes Editor of the *George Washington Law Review*. He is admitted to practice in the State of Louisiana.



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 Miriam was promoted to Head of Technical Services, and then to Associate Director in 2013. During her tenure at the Law Library, Miriam 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.

Miriam 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.



Dominik Joseph Cvitanovic joined Carver, Darden, Koretzky, Tessier, Finn, Blossman & Areaux, LLC as an associate in 2014. Mr. Cvitanovic graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts in Classical Studies, and Economics in 2010. He received a Magnolia Award while there for outstanding campus service and leadership.

Mr. Cvitanovic earned his J.D. from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 2013, where he graduated magna cum laude in the top 5% of his class. For his academic achievements, he was inducted into the Order of the Coif. While in law school, Mr. Cvitanovic was accepted onto the Louisiana Law Review and received the Henri Capitant Award for Outstanding Civil Law Comment. He also externed for the Honorable Jeffrey P. Victory at the Louisiana Supreme Court as well as in the Criminal Division of the Attorney General's Office. He won the inaugural Louisiana State University Arbitration Competition and was a finalist twice in the Ira S. Flory Trial Advocacy Competition.



Victoria J. Cvitanovic graduated from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 2015. While in law school, she was a member of the Louisiana Law Review and the Trial Advocacy Board. In her third year, she was selected to be part of a team of students who represented an Angola inmate on a writ of certiorari before the Louisiana Supreme Court.

After graduation, Ms. Cvitanovic was sworn in as an Assistant District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans. She worked on felony and misdemeanor cases at the screening and the trial level. In addition to her trial work, Ms. Cvitanovic wrote a successful writ application to the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Currently Ms. Cvitanovic works as a Research Attorney for the Honorable Judge Joy Cossich Lobrano at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. She works primarily in the areas of criminal, family, juvenile, and city government law.

Honorable June Berry Darensburg of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Division "C", for



the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, is the first African American female elected to a judgeship in Jefferson Parish. She is a 1980 graduate of Grace King High School and received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Xavier in 1985. After working in Pharmacy, she attended Loyola University School of Law, graduating in December 1994. She worked in private practice and was employed by the Jefferson Parish Indigent Defender Board. She was later employed as an Associate Attorney by the LeBlanc Butler Law Firm where she litigated in Products Liability and Insurance Defense.

She has attended The National Judicial College to study General Jurisdiction, Comprehensive Drug Court Training and Management for Presiding Judges. She has been a panelist for the National Business Institute, Jamaican Sunset CLE, Legal Aid Bureau CLE and Louisiana Judicial College. She has served as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of I Can Help, Inc. of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, on the Lafreniere Park Advisory Board, as Vice President and Board Member of Jefferson Twenty-Five, on the Leadership Jefferson and Cuillier Career Center Advisory Board, as Former President of the Legal Aid Bureau and as Former President of the Fifth Circuit Judges Association.

She is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Jefferson Bar Association, Louis A. Martinet Society, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Association of Women Judges, Louisiana Judicial Council-NBA Division, Louisiana District Judges Association, Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Associations and Louisiana Pharmacy Association. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jefferson Dollars for Scholars, Jefferson Parish Children and Youth Planning Board, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Advisory Board, Westwego Rotary Club, Xavier University Investigational Review Board, Legal Aid Bureau Board and Leadership Jefferson Task Force. She is Chairperson of the Finance and Facilities Committee in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court and sits as an Intensive Probation Drug Court Judge.



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.).



Tiffany Davis is a litigator focused on complex energy-related matters concerning maritime and oilfield torts and contracts, environmental cleanup, property damage, and coastal erosion. Ms. Davis also handles toxic tort litigation related to claims for occupational exposure to asbestos. She also has experience with regulatory and transactional matters concerning environmental and energy law.

Her litigation background includes managing docket-wide discovery and involvement in trials, trial preparation, motions practice and mediation. She helps energy-sector clients throughout the region with permitting, enforcement and compliance with environmental rules and regulations. For example, Ms. Davis has assisted a major refinery and other industrial clients with complex enforcement actions concerning alleged violations of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. She also assists with developing compliance and implementation strategies to address newly promulgated rules and regulations.

Ms. Davis serves as the Chair of the firm's Diversity Committee, and is active in several professional and community organizations. She has spoken on issues relating to Louisiana environmental litigation, insurance, indemnity, electronic discovery, the Medicare Secondary Payor Act, and offshore drilling.

Ms. Davis graduated from Loyola University with a B.A. in 2000, and received her J.D. at Tulane University Law School in 2005.



Onnig Dombalagian specializes in U.S. and international regulation of securities and derivatives markets and the relationship of federal and state law in the governance of public companies.

Professor Dombalagian, who joined the Tulane Law School faculty in 2003, was named vice dean for academic affairs in 2016. He brings practical experience in market regulation to his teaching and scholarship: he worked as an attorney fellow at the Securities and Exchange Commission and in private practice as an associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. He also served a three-year term as a member of the National Adjudicatory Council of the Financial

Industry Regulatory Authority and acts as an arbitrator with FINRA Dispute Resolution. FINRA is the largest independent regulator of securities firms doing business in the United States.

His book Chasing the Tape: Information Law and Policy in Capital Markets (The MIT Press) debuted in April 2015. He also published The Expressive Synergies of the Volcker Rule (*Boston College Law Review* 2013).

He received the Felix Frankfurter Distinguished Teaching Award in 2007 and was a visiting professor at the American University of Armenia in 2000.



Philip Dore graduated from McGill University with a B.A. in 2008 and from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University in 2012 with a J.D./D.C.L. Mr. Dore joined the New Orleans office of Liskow & Lewis in 2015. His practice focuses on mass torts, energy litigation, and other types of litigation. Prior to working with Liskow & Lewis he clerked for the Honorable Jane Triche Milazzo, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana from 2012-2014; and for the Honorable Susie Morgan, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana from 2014-2015.

Mr. Dore is also active outside of the office. He holds leadership positions with the New Orleans Bar Association and the Federal Bar Associations. He also sits on the board of directors for two non-profit organizations, and regularly volunteers his time in the community.



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

practices.

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



Monique Marie Edwards is the founding Member of The Edwards Law Group, LLC. The firm concentrates in the areas of medical management, credentialing, and privacy matters; governmental relations; business development; and energy matters. Ms. Edwards worked previously as the General Counsel/Privacy Officer for the Family First Medical Clinic. She was appointed by the governor to serve as the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Mineral Resources of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and as secretary of the State Mineral and Energy Board.

A Louisiana native, Attorney Edwards was once counsel with the Louisiana House of Representatives' Committee on Natural Resources and Environment. Before that, she was the managing member of Edwards, Valdez and Ellis, LLC of Orlando, Florida, in charge of the business law and governmental relations areas.

She is a graduate of St. Mary's Dominican College formerly in New Orleans and received her Juris Doctor from Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge. Ms. Edwards is a member of both the Louisiana State Bar Association and The Florida Bar. Her service to the LSBA is as a member of the Committee on the Profession and has been trained as a diversity facilitator. Ms. Edwards has presented to in-house law firms, served as a satellite facilitator for the 2013 Diversity Conclave and serves as a subcommittee person on the Diversity Committee of the LSBA.

Her community affiliations include Junior League of Baton Rouge; the National Bar Association; Louis A Martinet Society of Baton Rouge; the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the Louisiana Medical Group Management Association, and the Women's Council of Baton Rouge.



Bryanna C. Frazier is an associate in Chaffe McCall's New Orleans office working with the Business and Real Estate Sections. Bryanna graduated from Tulane University Law School earning a Juris Doctor and an International & Comparative Law certificate. She served as the Senior Business Editor for the *Tulane Journal of International & Comparative Law*. While at Tulane, Frazier externed for Judge Sandra Cabrina Jenkins of the Fourth Circuit Louisiana Court of Appeals. She graduated *cum laude* from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Business Administration, majoring in Finance and International Business.



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.



LSBA 2017-18 President-Elect **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 Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) 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 chairs 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. He 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.

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.



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.



Robert Gunn serves as Community Relations Project Coordinator/Website Coordinator for the Louisiana Supreme Court. In this capacity, Mr. Gunn is responsible for the layout and design of a number of the Court's publications; coordinating information updates on the Court's website, www.lasc.org; coordinating and leading tours of the Louisiana Supreme Court building for school and community groups; as well as handling media response responsibilities as needed. Mr. Gunn joined the Louisiana Supreme Court Community Relations Department in May 2000 as a Community Relations Project Associate. He was later named Website Coordinator, 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. In 2008, Robert was promoted to Community Relations Project Coordinator.

Prior to joining the Court, Mr. Gunn worked as Assistant Director of Media and Public Relations for the New Orleans Saints; Public Relations Associate for Peter Mayer Advertising; and in the layout and design department at New Orleans Publishing Group. Mr. Gunn is a 1993 graduate of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., where he received a BA in Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations, and a minor in Psychology.



Carson Haddow's practice focuses on the upstream oil and gas industry with an emphasis on federal lands and regulation. He helps clients navigate every stage of the exploration and production process from seismic permitting to negotiating commercial agreements to lease divestiture and decommissioning. Mr. Haddow frequently represents clients in disputes before the Interior Board of Land Appeals, including disputes over federal royalties, supplemental bonding, civil penalties, suspensions of operations and production, unitization, and other issues. Mr. Haddow also represents clients around the country in federal cases involving claims under the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Oil Pollution Act, and other statutes relating to energy and the environment.

Mr. Haddow graduated from Washington and Lee University in 2011. He received his J.D. from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 2015



Kristina Haley attended the University of New Orleans and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. She has also taken post graduate classes toward her master's degree in Business Administration. She began working for the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court in July 2000. She has worked in various departments of the Clerk's Office and currently works for the Clerk's Office and the U.S. Probation Office in the Space and Facilities/Emergency Preparedness/Audit and Internal Controls Section of the Shared Administrative Services Unit.



Joshua Hess is a native of New Orleans. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2000 from New York University in New York City. He obtained his law degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2011, where he was an active member of the St. Thomas More Inn of Court. He joined the Louisiana Bar that same year.

Mr. Hess joined Christovich & Kearney in 2013, and currently practices in the area of workers' compensation defense. He received recognition from SuperLawyers as a Rising Star for 2014.

Mr. Hess serves on the executive committee of the St. Thomas More Inn of Court and the board of the Louisiana Landmarks Society. He is a former board member for Jewish Family Services. He serves on various committees, acting as a leader for those organizations.

Mr. Hess has a Commercial Pilot's License and is a Certified Flight Instructor with Instrument and Multi Engine Ratings.



Allyson K. Howie is a graduate of Louisiana State University and received a Juris Doctorate Degree in 1990 from the Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She is admitted to practice law in the State of Louisiana. Ms. Howie has worked for the Company and its former non-regulated affiliate, Entergy Integrated Solutions, Inc., since 1997. She joined the Legal Department's Commercial and General Litigation Section in 1998. Since that time, she has worked in Retail Operations and on the Entergy/FPL Merger Team. Until 2014 she was part of the Litigation Section and supported the Company in the areas of records management, litigation management, right of way, commercial and casualty litigation, electronic discovery, and is responsible for the corporate data rooms and the Legal Department website. Today Ms. Howie is Managing Counsel and responsible for the Information Governance group which comprises Records Management.



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

Chief Justice Johnson is a Fleur De Lis member of the New Orleans Bar Association and is active with several committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. She is an active member of the A.P. Tureaud Chapter of the American Inns of Court, where she currently serves as President, along with the Louisiana State Law Institute and the National Association of Women Judges, where she has served as a District Director and is now active with the Women in Prison Project. Justice Johnson is also an active member of Omicron Nu Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the New Orleans Chapter of Links, Inc. -- both service organizations. On April 9, 2013, Chief Justice Johnson delivered the State of the Judiciary Address before the Louisiana Legislature. In May of 2013, she delivered the Commencement Address at Southern University as well as her alma mater, LSU Law School.

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



Dominique Jones is the Executive Assistant to the Chief District Defender of the Orleans Public Defenders Office. In addition to providing support to the Chief, she also serves as the office generalist by providing support to the Human Resource Department as well as the Communications Department. Within her first six months as the Executive Assistant, Ms. Jones assisted in coordinating the office's 1st annual Rally for Equal Justice which was broadcast all across the city. She continues to provide outreach within the community by organizing public speaking events for Defenders at local high schools and career events. Ms. Jones received her undergraduate's degree in Criminal Justice from Alabama State University in 2004 and is currently pursuing her Master's in Human Resources at LSU.

Outside of the office, Ms. Jones continues to provide support for the youth by volunteering as the Assistant Head Coach to Metropolitan Track Club. The club presently has 15 athletes from diverse backgrounds that are National Track and Field All Americans. More recently, she became a Mentor with Volunteers of America mentoring kids with incarcerated parents as a current adult child with an incarcerated parent.



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 Director 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, Kimberly 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.



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.



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.



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.



Paul Kitziger is a business lawyer who helps clients with commercial and industrial real estate and sophisticated financing transactions. His clients often come from the construction, financial and energy sectors – local, national and international. Mr. Kitziger was a business owner, including a real estate holding company, prior to joining Liskow & Lewis.

As Louisiana real estate counsel in response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, he helped guide the client in arranging access to the response area, in providing housing for and feeding thousands of workers and volunteers, in leasing private property in support of clean-up efforts, such as storing and staging clean-up materials and in many other post-spill needs.

Mr. Kitziger has represented several professional athletes in various business and investment matters. In addition, his business law clients seek his help with corporate governance advice and the creation, acquisition and sale of small to medium-sized business entities and assets in a

variety of industries, such as real estate, construction and oil and gas. He also has experience in the health care industry with the creation of federally-qualified health care centers and in representing clients in the negotiation and documentation of physician employment agreements.

Mr. Kitziger graduated from Loyola University with a B.A. in 1993; and received his J.D. from Loyola New Orleans College of Law in 2004.



Brian Klebba is the Chief of the Fraud Section and the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana. As the Fraud Section Chief, Mr. Klebba supervises a team of eight white-collar attorneys. Their primary responsibilities include prosecuting non-corruption white-collar offenses including embezzlement and theft from federally funded programs, health care fraud, financial institution fraud, cyber related fraud, intellectual property, securities fraud, and criminal tax offenses. He also oversees the office's commitment to combating child exploitation as the Project Safe Childhood Coordinator.

Mr. Klebba is an adjunct faculty member at Tulane Law School, board president of the Hurstville Neighborhood Security and Improvement District, a member of the Federal Bar Association, a fellow with the Louisiana Bar Foundation, a master with the Thomas More Inn of Court, and a member of the Newman Dad's Club.

On three occasions, Mr. Klebba received the Metropolitan Crime Commission's Excellence in Law Enforcement Award for the prosecutions of St. Tammany Parish District Attorney Walter Reed, Jefferson Parish President Aaron Broussard, and St. John Parish President William Hubbard. Mr. Klebba was awarded the Director's Award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Law Enforcement Award of Excellence from Crimestoppers of Greater New Orleans for the international child exploitation investigation entitled Operation Roundtable.

Mr. Klebba graduated with a B.A. in 1995 from the University of Rochester and earned a J.D. in 1998 from Loyola New Orleans School of Law.



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.



Honorable Joseph B. Landry's history in the legal profession spans more than three decades. A New Orleans native, he graduated from Loyola University New Orleans, College of Business in 1978 and its College of Law in 1981. While at Loyola, he served as President of the Student Bar Association. After being admitted to Practice in 1981, he worked in private practice representing individuals, families, and corporations in both State and Federal Courts. He served as Assistant City Attorney prosecuting city ordinance violations. He was elected in 2009 to the bench of Municipal Court and re-elected in 2010. He serves on the Loyola College of Law Visiting Committee and has served on other school, foundation, and corporation Boards

He and his wife, Kay, have three children and two grandchildren. He enjoys his family time and firmly believes in educational opportunities for all members of our community, from head start preschool to adult education programs.



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.



Honorable Joy Cossich Lobrano is originally from Lafayette, Louisiana. She received her B.A. in Political Science and Education from Tulane University, Newcomb College, in 1983. In 1988, she was granted her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law; and in 1993, her L.L.M. from the New York University School of Law.

Currently she serves on the State of Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth District (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 (1999 – 2006)

Judge Lobrano is very involved in her community and is a Founder and Former President, Executive Director and Chair of the C.A.R.E. Center in Plaquemines Parish. In addition, she is a Founding Member of the Board of Directors for the Eden House, and a Founding Member of the Board for the Bishop Perry Center for the Poor.

Among her many awards and honors, she was granted the 2015 Louisiana State Bar Association's Citizen Lawyer, Crystal Gavel Award; 2010 Plaquemines CASA's Light of Hope Award, and the 2006 Louisiana Governor's Special Recognition for work with the Children and Youth Planning Board.



Heather S. Lonian joined the firm of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C. in 2005. Ms. Lonian practices primarily in the areas of complex litigation, class action and mass litigation and insurance. During her tenure at Stone Pigman she has Defended a national insurance company in an array of class actions involving coverage disputes and allegations bad faith claims handling. She has also successfully defended a public housing agency against class certification of fair housing and racial discrimination claims; and represented, as local counsel, an international construction and environmental remediation firm in defense of class actions and individual actions alleging liability for flooding of major areas of New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish resulting from breaches of levees and floodwalls during the passage of Hurricane Katrina.

Ms. Lonian is the Co-Chair of the Membership Subcommittee of the American Bar Association's Class Actions & Derivative Suits Committee. She is a member of the Louisiana State, Federal and National Bar Associations and the Bar Association of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is also a member of the Louisiana Association of Black Women Attorneys. She graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in History, and received her J.D. at Harvard Law School in 2005.



Todd S. Manuel is Assistant General Counsel with Entergy Corporation. As a member of the Legal, Ethics and Compliance Department’s litigation team, he represents the company’s interests in casualty and commercial matters. In addition to managing litigation risks and providing creative client solutions, Mr. Manuel is actively engaged in a number of company-wide diversity and inclusion initiatives. Since 2015, he has served as Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Council for the Legal, Ethics and Compliance Department. He also currently serves as Chair of Entergy’s Multicultural & Women’s Employee Resource Group. A recognized diversity thought leader and advocate of inclusive work environments, Mr. Manuel is involved in a number of diversity and inclusion initiatives that extend beyond Entergy’s own programming. He has spoken at local and national diversity and inclusion seminars. Prior to joining Entergy, Mr. Manuel was a partner with the Baton Rouge based firm, Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP, where he practiced for fourteen years and served as a member of the firm’s Executive Committee. During his law firm tenure, Mr. Manuel was engaged primarily in general civil defense litigation with an emphasis in the areas of commercial litigation, insurance defense, employment and toxic tort litigation. He also chaired the firm’s Diversity Committee.

Mr. Manuel holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Louisiana State University and received his Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center.



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.



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.



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

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

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



Alexandra Navarre-Davis is a Trial Attorney with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where she litigates employment discrimination lawsuits. Prior to working for the EEOC, Mrs. Navarre-Davis was an associate at a prominent defense firm in New Orleans. Mrs. Navarre-Davis is a current chair of the American Bar Association's Equal Employment Opportunity Committee. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and volunteering as a board member for the New Orleans Ballet Theatre.

Mrs. Navarre-Davis received both a BA and BS degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and her J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2012.



Synise Pierre is a rising sophomore at Spring Hill College. She is a New Orleans native and graduated from Sophie B. Wright Charter School, where she was ranked in the top 10 of her class. She is currently studying Sociology with a concentration in Criminology with minors in Pre-law and Forensic Science. At Spring Hill College, Ms. Pierre is involved in many clubs and volunteer activities such as Hearts for the Homeless, Sociology Club, Campus Ministry, Progressive Student Union, etc. Ms. Pierre is interested in civil law and would like to focus on family law. Ms. Pierre participated in Suit Up for the Future program in 2014. She enjoyed the program so much that she

returned as an intern to assist current students.



Kenneth Polite serves as Vice President, Ethics and Compliance for Entergy Corporation. In that capacity, he oversees general and regulatory compliance for the Company and develops ethics training and communications for its employees. Prior to joining Entergy, Mr. Polite served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, where he supervised an office of over 120 employees, including approximately 57 Assistant U.S. Attorneys. In that capacity, he served as the chief federal law enforcement officer for all federal criminal and civil matters within Southeast Louisiana. Mr. Polite previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the

Southern District of New York and as a white collar criminal defense attorney with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (New York) and Liskow & Lewis (New Orleans). He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University and Georgetown University Law Center, respectively. Following law school, Mr. Polite served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.



Dona Kay Renegar is a member in the firm of Veazey, Felder & Renegar, L.L.C., in Lafayette. She received two BA degrees in English and French, in 1988, both from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. She received her J.D. degree in 1992 from Tulane University Law School. She was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1992.

Ms. Renegar served as 2016-17 **Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA)** president-elect and is currently the **2017-2018 president**. She also served a three-year term as the Third District representative on the Board of Governors and as a member in the House of Delegates (15th Judicial District).

She was a member of the LSBA's Client Assistance Fund Committee, a member of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization and a member of the Committee to Review Proposed Changes to the Louisiana Bar Exam I and II. She has held several leadership positions in the LSBA's Young Lawyers Division (YLD), including chair, chair-elect, secretary and District 3 Council representative. She also co-chaired the 2008-09 Leadership LSBA Class.

Ms. Renegar received the YLD's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award in 1999, the LSBA's President's Award in 2009, the LSBA's Pro Bono Century Award in 2014 and the LSBA's Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award in 2014 for co-authoring the Journal article on the Bar Exam changes.

She was a member of the Lafayette Bar Association's board of directors and served for several years on the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Grants Committee. She is a past president of the John M. Duhe, Jr. American Inn of Court.



Wendy Hickok Robinson is Assistant General Counsel in the Litigation Group at Entergy Services Inc. in New Orleans. Ms. Robinson graduated from Yale University in 1992 with a BA in Russian Language and Literature, and then in 1997 from Columbia University School of Law.

Following her graduation, Ms. Robinson served as a law clerk for the Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Wendy was awarded a Public Interest Fellowship from Skadden Arps Slate Meagher and Flom. She pursued her two-year fellowship at New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation. Wendy then joined the law firm of Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis, and Eagan LLP, where she became a partner representing Entergy and other clients on a range of commercial litigation and regulatory matters.

Ms. Robinson joined Entergy as in-house counsel in September 2010 and continues to work on significant litigation for the company, specializing in the areas of federal preemption, antitrust, class actions, and corporate political activity. She has also successfully led the Legal Department's Pro Bono Initiative since 2012. Ms. Robinson was president of the New Orleans Chapter of the

Federal Bar Association, a 1,200+ member organization in 2013-2014. She also serves as a member of the Boards of Directors of Live Oak Wilderness Camp and the Pro Bono Project.



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 University Law School and Xavier University of New Orleans. In addition to her dedication to the law, Judge Roby received a Plant-Based Nutrition Certificate, (July 2017), through the T. Colin Campbell Center for Nutrition Studies and Cornell University's Online Program.



Kelly Scalise is a litigator who concentrates her practice on claims on behalf of international and domestic clients in the energy sector. She represents business entities, both defending and asserting claims involving admiralty, insurance and indemnity issues; tort defense; product liability and personal injuries; offshore drilling; and legacy contamination.

Ms. Scalise has represented clients in ship-building disputes and contractual issues, vessel collisions and other admiralty matters, products liability defense and premises liability actions and extend to trials, arbitrations, motions practice, discovery, extensive electronic productions and mediations. Clients have also sought Ms. Scalise's help with contract negotiations and indemnity issues.

Ms. Scalise served as a law clerk to the Honorable James L. Dennis, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, from 2000–2001. She co-founded the Admiralty Law Section of the Federal Bar Association and has been a leader of the Federal Bar Association. Ms. Scalise received a B.A. degree from Louisiana State University in 1997, followed by a J.D. from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 2000.



Michael Schachtman serves as staff attorney and Self-Represented Litigation Counsel within the LSBA Access to Justice Program. In this position, Mr. Schachtman works with the Louisiana Supreme Court, individual judicial districts, the private bar, Legal Services Corporations, pro-bono organizations, and non-legal community stakeholders to provide assistance to low-income individuals without the means to hire an attorney. Most recently, Mr. Schachtman created the LSBA Legal Education & Assistance Program (LEAP) which will provide legal assistance via public libraries across the state. Prior to working for the Bar, he was a solo-practitioner with a concentration in immigration law. Outside of legal interests, Mr. Schachtman is the founder of New Orleans Bulldog Rescue and an active member of the Faubourg St. Roch Improvement Association.



Mathilde V. Semmes was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in October of 2014. She received her education from Rhodes College (B.A., cum laude, 2010) and Loyola University College of Law (J.D., 2014). She was a member of the Maritime Law Journal and Moot Court staff while attending Loyola Law, participating as an oralist and coach for various Moot Court competitions. Upon graduation from law school, she was recognized for her oral advocacy and brief writing skills when she was inducted into the Order of Barristers in 2014. In July 2017, Ms. Semmes has been named a finalist for the Frank L. Maraist Award of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

Ms. Semmes also has a history of working closely with local pro bono organizations. During her time at Loyola Law, Ms. Semmes was awarded "Law Student of the Year" by The Pro-Bono Project New Orleans (2012), received the Gillis Long Poverty Center's "Public Service Award" (2013), and donated her time as a student practitioner in the Community Justice Law Clinic. Before starting with Courington, Kiefer & Sommers, Ms. Semmes volunteered for a pro bono organization in Berkeley, California, Root & Rebound, where she helped research, edit, and publish part of a Legal Manual that seeks to aid prisoners reentering into society with basic knowledge of their legal rights.



Karina Shareen is a first-year law student at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center of Louisiana State University. She is a New Orleans native and graduated from Louisiana State University. During her undergraduate studies, she received a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Ms. Shareen is fluent in three languages and plans to study immigration and family law. She is a second-year intern with the Suit Up program and has enjoyed offering students assistance from her various educational perspectives.



Kimberly R. Silas is an associate at Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver L.L.C. Her primary practice is in the areas of insurance coverage and bad faith as well as commercial litigation. Ms. Silas is a member of many professional organizations including the Louisiana, New Orleans, and American Bar Associations, and the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Society. She currently serves as Secretary of the New Orleans Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section, and as chair of the New Orleans Bar Association's Minorities in the Profession Committee. She is also a graduate of the 2015-2016 LSBA Leadership Class and was named as a 2016 finalist for the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel Frank L. Maraist award. Ms. Silas received her J.D. from Southern University Law Center where she was on law review and the moot court board.



Martin Smith currently serves as the Assistant Provost for Admissions and Enrollment Management at The University of New Orleans. He brings with him nearly 20 years of enrollment management experience serving in senior leadership positions at both public and private universities. In addition, to his duties as an enrollment manager Mr. Smith has served as an adjunct faculty member for the last 13 years teaching general business, management, and entrepreneurial business courses.



Parker N. Smith is an associate in Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann's Business Section since 2016. He assists clients with general business, real estate and financing transactions. He joined Stone Pigman in 2016.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and American Bar Association. He has volunteered with The Pro Bono Project and Homeless Experience Legal Protection. Prior to joining Stone Pigman, Mr. Smith worked as a Teach For America corps member, teaching middle school math, science and social studies in the Greater New Orleans area. In 2011 Mr. Smith graduated from Tulane University with a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, and a B.S. in Economics. He received his J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 2016.



Ann Theriot is the Marketing and Recruiting Director of Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC. She has a background in both marketing and law. In her role as Recruiting Director she serves as the firm's main contact for law schools, search firms, and other organizations dedicated to the recruitment of law students. Ms. Theriot oversees all aspects of summer associate recruiting and is primarily responsible for reviewing resumes and, scheduling student interviews and office visits. She coordinates and manages every aspect of the summer associate program. As Marketing Director, she coordinates all media relations and manages social media

for the firm.

Ms. Theriot received her B.S. in Marketing at Louisiana State University in 2001, and he J.D. at Tulane University Law School in 2005.



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 current term of office ended in 2016.

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

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



LSU Law **Professor Chris Tyson** was selected as the recipient of the 2017 LSU Brij Mohan Distinguished Professor Award. The award recognizes a full-time associate professor who serves as a model for the community in demonstration of a commitment to peace, equality, and social justice.

Dean Tom Galligan said, “Professor Tyson’s commitment is best summed up in this excerpt from his nomination: ‘Professor Tyson has distinguished himself as an advocate and leader in Louisiana and beyond. His commitment to social justice is evident in his past and current pursuits as a prison educator; a youth mentor and founder of a social-justice oriented mentoring non-profit, the Baton Rouge Youth Coalition; and as a mass transit advocate. Professor Tyson has also given voice to the challenges of racial and spatial stratification in Baton Rouge. His focus on issues of metropolitan equity in Baton Rouge continues to be recognized both locally and beyond.’”

A scholar in the areas of state and local law, property and urban land use, Professor Tyson is a youth mentor, founder of the social justice-oriented Baton Rouge Youth Coalition, actively involved in the Baton Rouge Big Buddy program, and mass transit advocate. He has penned op-ed pieces for the New York Times on race relations in the Baton Rouge community and has given talks on racial and spatial histories of Baton Rouge. He was presented this award for his insight and leadership during critical times in our community.

Prior to earning his law degree, Professor Tyson worked in management consulting and in the Washington, DC office of United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu. After earning his law degree, Professor Tyson worked as an associate in the Real Estate Practice at the law firm Jones Walker LLP in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He has been honored as one of the Baton Rouge Business Report’s 2010 Top Forty Under 40, the National Bar Association’s Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 for 2011 and the New Leaders Council’s 2011 Top 40 Under 40. He is also a recipient of the National Bar Association and Impact’s 2011 Excellence in Activism award.



Rod West is group president, utility operations for Entergy Corporation. Headquartered in New Orleans, Entergy is an integrated energy company that owns and operates regulated and merchant power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of generating capacity. The company’s Utility business serves nearly three million customers in four states in the U.S. Gulf South.

In his role, Mr. West is responsible for the operational and financial performance of Entergy’s five operating companies, including electric and natural gas distribution, and customer service operations. In addition, he also oversees the utility’s engagement with state and local regulators, and regulated retail commercial development and innovation.

Mr. West has a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame where he lettered three years for Lou Holtz and the Fighting Irish's 1988 National Championship football team. He received his Juris Doctor from the Tulane University School of Law and his MBA from Tulane University.



Valerie S. Willard is the Deputy Judicial Administrator for the Louisiana Supreme Court, where she has been employed for nineteen years. She serves as the Court's Public Information Officer and Community Relations Director. Prior to her work at the Supreme Court, Ms. Willard was a Public Information Officer for the City of New Orleans Mayor's Office, a partner in the public relations firm Brylski & Willard, and the Project Coordinator of the Young Leadership Council's *New Orleans Proud to Call it Home* campaign. She received a B.A. degree from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1979 and a J.D. degree from George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C. in 1983.



Emily Wojna-Hodnett worked in the Career Development Office before joining Tulane Law School's Office of Admission in 2014. As Assistant Director, Ms. Wojna-Hodnett attends recruitment events throughout the United States, coordinates admitted-student events and orientation, and counsels prospective law students throughout the application process.

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".

While at Tulane, Mr. Zeno served as a student attorney in the Civil Litigation Clinic, a law clerk in the Tulane University Legal Assistance Program, Chief Justice of the Honor Board, a member of Moot Court, Parliamentarian of the Black Law Students Association, a member of the Faculty Interviewing & Appointment Committee, and a student member of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Upon graduating from Tulane, Mr. Zeno was inducted into the Order of the Barristers and received the Tulane 34 Award and Tulane Student Crest Award. His professional affiliations include the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, Jefferson Bar Association, and the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society. Mr. Zeno is also a member of the Leadership Louisiana State Bar Association 2016-2017 Class.

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