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The Conclave will encourage discussion among judges and attorneys, primarily hiring and managing attorneys with law firms and law departments, about the importance of diversity within the legal profession and how to improve diversity within the profession in Louisiana.

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## PROGRAM AGENDA

8:00 a.m.	<b>Registration Opens</b>
8:00 – 8:45 a.m. <i>Rhythms Foyer, 2nd Floor</i>	<b>Excellence in Diversity Reception</b> <b>Sponsored by Southern University Law Center</b> honoring signatories to the Statement of Diversity Principles and sponsors and co-hosts
8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	<b>Acknowledgements</b> Sponsor and Co-host Recognitions & Photos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Denia S. Aiyegbusi • <i>Deutsch Kerrigan LLP, New Orleans, LA</i></li> <li>Deidre D. Robert • <i>Southern University System, Baton Rouge, LA</i></li> <li>John A. Womble • <i>Frederick A. Miller &amp; Associates, Metairie, LA</i></li> </ul> Co-chairs, LSBA Diversity Committee & Conclave Subcommittee  <b>Introduction of 2018-19 LSBA President, Barry H. Grodsky</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deidre D. Robert • <i>Chair, Conclave Subcommittee</i></li> <li><i>Southern University System, Baton Rouge, LA</i></li> </ul>
9:05 – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barry H. Grodsky • <i>2018-19 LSBA President</i></li> <li><i>Taggart Morton, L.L.C., New Orleans, LA</i></li> </ul>
9:15 – 9:20 a.m.	<b>Introduction of Workshop Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deidre D. Robert • <i>Chair, Conclave Subcommittee</i></li> <li><i>Southern University System, Baton Rouge, LA</i></li> </ul>
9:20 – 10:20 a.m. 1.00 CLE credit hour <i>Rhythms Ballroom, 2nd Floor</i>	<b>Interactive Workshop (Professionalism)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Katrice Albert • <i>Executive VP of Inclusion and Human Resources</i></li> <li><i>NCAA, Indianapolis, IN</i></li> </ul>
10:20 – 10:30 a.m.	<b>Transition Break</b>
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 1.00 CLE credit each	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <b><u>PLEASE SELECT ONE BREAKOUT SESSION</u></b>
Breakout #1 <i>Waterbury Ballroom, 2nd Floor</i>	<b>Immigration (Ethics)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dalia Castillo-Granados • <i>Director of Children's Immigration Law Academy, American Bar Association, Houston, TX</i></li> <li>Laila L. Hlass • <i>Director of Experiential Learning, Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA</i></li> <li>Thomas A. Saenz • <i>President and General Counsel, Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Los Angeles, CA</i></li> </ul>
Breakout #2 <i>Rodrigue Gallery Ballroom, 1st Floor</i>	<b>Best Practices (Professionalism)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dominique R. Bright-Wheeler • <i>Managing Counsel, Toyota Financial Services, Plano, TX</i></li> <li>Sandra Diggs-Miller • <i>Assistant General Counsel, Entergy Services, LLC, New Orleans, LA</i></li> <li>LaTanya Langley • <i>Vice President and General Counsel, BIC International Corporation, Shelton, CT</i></li> </ul>
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	<b>Transition Break</b>
11:45 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. <i>Rhythms Ballroom, 2nd Floor</i>	<b>Luncheon, Presentations, and Awards</b> <b>Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession Award</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deidre D. Robert • <i>Chair, Conclave Subcommittee</i></li> <li><i>Southern University System, Baton Rouge, LA</i></li> </ul> <b>Recognition and Introduction of Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson,</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barry H. Grodsky • <i>2018-19 LSBA President</i></li> <li><i>Taggart Morton, L.L.C., New Orleans, LA</i></li> </ul>
12:10 – 1:10 p.m. 1.00 CLE credit hour <i>Rhythms Ballroom, 2nd Floor</i>	<b>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson • <i>Louisiana Supreme Court, New Orleans, LA</i></li> </ul> <b>Keynote Speaker (Professionalism)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dima Ghawi</li> <li><i>Dima Ghawi LLC, Baton Rouge, LA</i></li> </ul>
1:10 – 1:20 p.m.	<b>Networking Break</b>
1:20 – 2:20 p.m. 1.00 CLE credit hour Plenary # 1 <i>Rhythms Ballroom, 2nd Floor</i>	<b>Labor and Employment (Professionalism)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jack Chen • <i>Assistant General Counsel for Employment Policy and Society, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA</i></li> <li>Jenny R. Yang • <i>Strategic Partner, Working IDEAL, Washington, D.C.</i></li> </ul>
2:20 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Networking Break</b>
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. 1.00 CLE credit hour Plenary # 2	<b>Trending Legal Issues (Ethics)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Royce I. Duplessis • <i>Duplessis Law Firm, LLC, State Representative, District 93, New Orleans, LA</i></li> <li>Ben Meiselas • <i>Geragos &amp; Geragos, Los Angeles, CA</i></li> <li>Alysson L. Mills • <i>Fishman Haygood, LLP, New Orleans, LA</i></li> </ul>

## Excellence in Diversity Reception

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**March 8, 2019 • Sheraton New Orleans Hotel • 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.**

The Excellence in Diversity Reception honoring signatories of the LSBA Statement of Diversity Principles will be held on Friday, March 8, 2019, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

The LSBA has reserved a block of rooms at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 at a discounted rate of \$189.00 per night (excluding taxes and fees).

You are urged to make reservations early, as there are only a limited number of rooms available at the discounted rate. The LSBA room block is reserved for seminar attendees only.

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### BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Please select one:

- #1 Immigration
- #2 Best Practices

Lunch consists of Gumbo Yaya; Roasted Seasonal Fish with Crawfish & Cheddar Cheese Grit Cake, Vegetable Jambalaya, Smothered Green Beans & Onion, Warm Buttermilk Biscuits & Jalapeño Corn Muffins, & Sweet Butter, and Warm Bread Pudding & Whisky Glaze for dessert; Iced tea

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