

Nominee / LSBA President-Elect

Edward J. Walters, Jr.

Edward J. Walters, Jr. is a partner in the Baton Rouge firm of Walters, Thomas, Cullens, LLC. He received a BS degree in accounting in 1969 from Louisiana State University and his JD degree in 1975 from LSU Law School. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in April 1976.

Walters served as the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) secretary and editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* in 2012-13. He continues to serve on the *Louisiana Bar Journal* Editorial Board. He also served as the Fifth District representative on the LSBA's Board of Governors.

He and Michael A. (Mike) Patterson have taught a course titled "Advanced Trial and Evidence" at LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center for more than 25 years.

He received the LSU Law Center's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2015, the LSBA's President's Award in 2011, the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Distinguished Attorney Award in 2008 and the Baton Rouge Bar Association's President's Award in 1995, 1998 and 2014. He is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the LSU Law Center Board of Trustees.

He is the author of the book *Ipse Dixit: Ruminations on a Career at Law*.

Walters and his wife, Norma, have been married for 55 years and are the parents of two children. They have four grandchildren.

Nominee / LSBA Treasurer

C.A. (Hap) Martin III

C.A. (Hap) Martin III is a member in the Monroe firm of Shotwell, Brown & Sperry, APLC. He received a BS degree in civil engineering in 1977 from Louisiana Tech University and his JD degree in 1980 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1980. He has been AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell for more than 25 years.

Martin served as the Seventh District representative on the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Board of Governors from 2015-18, the LSBA secretary from 2021-23 and on the board of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program from 2018-22. He currently serves on the *Louisiana Bar Journal* Editorial Board, the LSBA's Bar Governance Committee, the Mandatory CLE Committee and on the Governing Council of the Insurance, Tort, Workers' Compensation and Admiralty Law Section (former chair). He is a former member of the LSBA's House of Delegates from the Fourth Judicial District. He is a Master Emeritus of the Fred Fudickar American Inn of Court.

In his community, he is a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and has held numerous leadership positions in his denomination on the local, district and conference levels. He served for many years as legal counsel volunteer with the Louisiana Purchase Council of the Boy Scouts of America (and its predecessor) and has coached teams in several youth sports organizations.

Martin and his wife, Diane Caraway Martin, have been married for 46 years and they have two sons and four grandchildren.