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LSBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sixth Board District

Barry M. Barnett

LaCroix, Levy & Barnett, LLC, Alexandria. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1986.

Douglas L. (Doug) Bryan

The Bryan Law Firm, LLC, Marksville. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1991. LSBA — House of Delegates, 12th Judicial District, 1996-present; House of Delegates Liaison Committee, 2008-09; Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee, 1996-2021. Avoyelles Parish Bar Association — president, 1998; president-elect, 1997; secretary-treasurer, 1996. Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, board of directors, 2018-present. Law school — student practitioner, Loyola Law Clinic, 1990-91; member, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.

Edward L. Tarpley, Jr., APLC, Alexandria. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1980. LSBA — Sixth Board District representative, Board of Governors, 2017-20.

Eighth Board District

Senáe D. Hall

Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office, Shreveport. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2011. LSBA Young Lawyers Division — chair, 2023-24; chair-elect, 2022-23; secretary, 2021-22; at-large council representative; Wills for Heroes, 2019-23; Annual Conference, 2018-23; Mock Trial, 2022; 7 Corners CLE, 2022; Young Lawyers Conference, 2023. LSBA — Leadership LSBA Class, 2018-19. Shreveport Bar Association — Law Week, 2023; CLE Series, 2023; Bike Giveaway, 2022; Mock Trial, 2022; Lunch and Learn. Member — Louisiana District Attorneys Association; Harry V. Booth/Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court. Law school — Law Clinic, 2008-11.

Aaron R. Wilson

Attorney at law, Bossier City. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2016. Louisiana title insurance license. LSBA — member, Leadership LSBA Class, 2018-19; member, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, 2019-present; Practice Improvement Committee, various years; volunteer, Lawyers in Libraries, 2018 and 2019; Wills for Heroes, various years. Member — Shreveport Bar Association, Wills for Heroes and Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic.

LSBA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

District 1A

Lawrence J. (Larry) Centola III

Martzell, Bickford & Centola, New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — treasurer, 2022-24; Board of Governors, 2020-22; chair, Young Lawyers Division, 2012-13. New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association — treasurer, 2022-24; board of directors, 2012-present.

Lynn Luker

Attorney at law, New Orleans. Tulane Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1981. Advanced law degrees — LL.M., Admiralty (with distinction); LL.M., Energy and Environmental Law. LSBA — chair, Civil Law and Litigation Section; chair, Section Council; member, Diversity Committee; CLE speaker on ethics, professionalism and trial practice. Member — New Orleans Bar Association, former chair of ADR and Women in the Profession Sections; Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.; Federal Bar Association; Tulane Inn of Court, former president; A.P. Tureaud Inn of Court. Law school — adjunct professor and co-director, Trial Advocacy, Tulane Law School; awarded Order of the Barrister for moot court performance.

H. Minor Pipes III

Pipes Miles Beckman, LLC, New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1996. LSBA — president, 2021-22; immediate past president, 2022-23; president-elect, 2020-21; treasurer, 2016-18; Board of Governors; Nominating Committee; House of Delegates; co-chair, LSBA's Summer School for Lawyers; member, Leadership LSBA Class, 2002; recipient, LSBA President's Award, 2009. President, Louisiana Bar Foundation, 2015-16.

Robert M. (Bob) White

Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, New Orleans. Brooklyn Law School and Tulane Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1999. Advanced law degree — Admiralty. LSBA — participant, Mentor Program, since inception; member, Criminal Justice Committee, 2015-20.

Jay C. (Chris) Zainey, Jr.

Lambert Zainey Smith & Soso, PLC, New Orleans. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2008. LSBA — Board of Governors, 2022-present; Nominating Committee, several years; former member, House of Delegates; Community Action Committee, chair since 2018; CLE presenter, LSBA Annual Meeting and Admiralty Symposium. Louisiana Association for Justice — Board of Governors, 2019-present; co-chair, Membership Committee; former co-chair, New Lawyers Division, 2016-21. Member — Federal Bar Association, board of directors, 2022-present; New Orleans Bar Association, 2009-present. Volunteer, Homeless Experience Legal Protection. Adjunct faculty member, LSU Trial Advocacy Program. Law school — extern, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana, 2006-07; Law Excellence Award, highest grade in maritime personal injury course, 2007; volunteer, Thirst for Justice Legal Clinic; student member, St. Thomas More Inn of Court.

District 2A

Judge Kelly E. Balfour

19th Judicial District Court, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001.

Gideon T. Carter III

Attorney at law, Baton Rouge. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1984.

David Abboud Thomas

Walters, Thomas, Cullens, LLC, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1993. LSBA — chair, Medical/Legal Interprofessional Committee, 2015-present; member, Nominating Committee, 2023; House of Delegates, 19th Judicial District, 2014-present. Baton Rouge Bar Association — president, 2022; board of directors, 2015-present; chair, Bench Bar Conference.

District 3A

Shannon S. Dartez

Glenn Armentor Law Corp., Lafayette. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1994. LSBA — current delegate, House of Delegates, 15th Judicial District; member, House of Delegates Liaison Committee, 2023-current; former member, Board of Governors, 2022-05 and 2015-18; member, Insurance Committee, since 2005. Lafayette Bar Association — president, 2021-22; immediate past president; current member, board of directors; chair, Lafayette Bar Cares, 2019-21; chair, Lafayette Bench Bar Committee, 2017-19.

Blake R. David

Broussard & David, Lafayette. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — Board of Governors, current; Nominating Committee, current; speaker on maritime law, LSBA Admiralty Symposium, several years. Recipient, LSBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 2009. Member, Louisiana State Law Institute's Code of Civil Procedure Committee. Member — Louisiana Association for Justice, Executive Committee and former president; Lafayette Bar Association, former president and Foundation Board member; American Inn of Court of Acadiana, former president; American Association for Justice, Board of Governors; and Lafayette-Acadiana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, former president. Law school — instructor on trial advocacy, LSU Law Center, several years.

Jared E. Nelson

Liskow & Lewis, APLC, Lafayette. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2018. LSBA — Young Lawyers Division Council, District 3 representative, 2021-present; House of Delegates, 15th Judicial District, 2020-present; Leadership LSBA Class, 2019-20; co-chair, Leadership LSBA Class, 2020-21; Diversity Committee, 2019-present; Criminal Justice Committee, 2020-present. Member — Lafayette Bar Association Young Lawyers Section.

District 3C

Douglas L. (Doug) Bryan

The Bryan Law Firm, LLC, Marksville. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1991. LSBA — House of Delegates, 12th Judicial District, 1996-present; House of Delegates Liaison Committee, 2008-09; Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee, 1996-2021. Avoyelles Parish Bar Association — president, 1998; president-elect, 1997; secretary-treasurer, 1996. Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, board of directors, 2018-present. Law school — student practitioner, Loyola Law Clinic, 1990-91; member, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Charles D. Elliott

Charles Elliott & Associates, LLC, Alexandria. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1993. LSBA — Board of Governors, three terms; House of Delegates, several terms since 1997; Legal Malpractice Insurance Committee, several years; Medical/Legal Interprofessional Committee, several years. Author, Louisiana Judicial Interest Calculator. President, Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, prior service for several years. Member, Crossroads American Inn of Court, 1998-present. Law school — Order of the Coif; senior editor, *Louisiana Law Review*.

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION COUNCIL

First District

Margaret L. Manning

Phelps Dunbar, LLP, New Orleans. University of Notre Dame Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2020. LSBA — Leadership LSBA Class, 2020-21; District 1 representative, Young Lawyers Division Council, 2023-24. New Orleans Bar Association — member, Inn of Court, 2022-present; member, Young Lawyers Section, 2022-present; co-chair, YLS Inaugural Cornhole Classic, 2023. Member — New Orleans Federal Bar Association, 2022-present; New Orleans Association of Women Attorneys, Executive Board, at large, 2022-present. Law school — Notre Dame Law School Student Bar Association, Executive Council secretary, 2019-20; communications director, 2018-19; first-year representative, 2017-18. Barristers Mock Trial Team, 2018-20.

Christopher J. (Chris) Sellers, Jr.

Ochsner Health System, New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2014. Board certified health law specialist, Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. LSBA — Health Law Section, 2014-present, current vice chair; Leadership LSBA Class, 2017-18, class co-chair in 2018-19; Bar Governance Committee, 2015-present; Medical/Legal Interprofessional Committee, 2021-present; Transition into Practice Mentoring Program, 2015. Member — Health Law Advisory Commission, Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization, 2020-present; American Health Lawyers Association, 2014-18. Law school — Moot Court Board, 2012-14; National Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition Team, 2012-14, captain; American Bar Association representative, Student Bar Association, 2013-14; Ethics Committee, 2012-14; Chancellor's Student Advisory Board, 2013-14.

Emma J. Short

LaFleur & Laborde, LLC, New Orleans. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2017. LSBA — Member, Government and Public Law Section,

Corporate and Business Law Section, and Civil Law and Litigation Section, all 2017-present. New Orleans Bar Association — Committee member, Business Litigation Section, Business Transactions, Complex Litigation, Women in the Profession, Young Lawyers Section, all 2017-present. Member — National Lawyers Guild, Women in Public Finance (Louisiana Chapter), National Association of Bond Lawyers. Law school — William L. Crowe, Sr. Scholar; articles editor of the *Loyola Law Review*; interned in both federal district court and appellate state court chambers; taught in writing clinic; member of the Moot Court.

Second District

Rory V. Bellina

Chehardy Sherman Williams Recile & Hayes, Metairie. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2014. Board certified health law specialist, Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. LSBA Young Lawyers Division — District 2 representative, 2021-present; chair, Awards Committee, 2022; member, CLE Committee, 2023. Member, LSBA Health Law Section, 2016-present.

Christina K. (Cristy) Guzman

Jeffrey Hufft, Attorney at Law, LLC, Metairie. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2020. LSBA — member, Young Lawyers Conference Committee. Board member, Jefferson Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. Volunteer, Expungement Clinic hosted by the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana. Law school — Rule XX at the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office.

Fifth District

Brad W. Cranmer

Mansfield, Melancon, Cranmer & Dick, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2015. LSBA — Young Lawyers Division Council, District 5 representative, current; chair, High School Mock Trial Committee, current; presenter, Young Lawyers Professional Development Seminar, 2023; participant, Wills for Heroes, 2021-present. Baton Rouge Bar Association — chair-elect, Young Lawyers Council, 2023; member, Family Law Section; panel member, LSU Law Center "Life After Law School;" co-chair, Bench Bar 2024 Committee; organizer, Summer Sizzlin' CLE. Law school — LSU Law Student Bar Association, 2015; member, Trial Advocacy Board, 2015; co-founder, LSU Law Running Club.

Jawhay Y. King

Couch Lambert, LLC, St. Francisville. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2022.

Katie B. Meek

LSU International Services, Baton Rouge. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2019.