

## **2025-26 ELECTIONS / Candidates' Profiles / Final**

### **LSBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

#### **First Board District**

##### **Thomas L. (Louis) Colletta, Jr.**

Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard, New Orleans. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2000. Also admitted in Texas and Alabama. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2016–present. Hearing Committee chair, Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, 2020–present; Louisiana Supreme Court — Assistant Bar Examiner for Constitutional Law, 2022–present. Louisiana Bar Foundation — Chair of the Greater Orleans Community Partnership Panel, 2025–2026. Local/Specialty Bar — member, New Orleans Bar Association, Federal Bar Association New Orleans Chapter; fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2025–present.

##### **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, 2022–2025; Nominating Committee, several years; current member, House of Delegates; chairman, Wellness in Profession Task Force; chairman, Insurance, Tort, Admiralty, and Workers' Compensation Section. Local/Specialty Bar — Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association, 2022–present; Community Outreach Committee Chairman, Federal Bar Association, present; Board of Governors, Louisiana Association for Justice, 2019–present; past co-chairman, Louisiana Association for Justice Membership Committee; member, New Orleans Bar Association; past Bench Bar Panelist, NOBA. Law school — intern, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Louisiana, 2006–07; past recipient, Law Excellence Award for Maritime Personal Injury; past volunteer, Thirst for Justice Legal Clinic and Katrina Law Clinic; past student member, St. Thomas More Inn of Court.

#### **Fifth Board District**

##### **Clayton J. Borne IV**

Attorney at law, Abita Springs. Loyola University College of Law. LSBA — member, House of Delegates, 22nd JDC, 2013–2025; Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, 2015–17. Local/Specialty Bar — Greater Slidell Bar Association, president, 2018–19; vice president, 2016–17.

##### **Steven J. Farber**

Attorney at law, New Orleans. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1999. Other Professional Licenses — Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional from the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics; Certified Ethics Trainer, Louisiana Ethics Administration. LSBA — chair, Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Hearing Committee, 2023–present; chair, Government and Public Law Section, 2007–present; House of Delegates, 21st JDC, 2010–present; member, Children's Law Committee, 2020–present; recipient, LSBA Citizen Lawyer Award and Pro Bono Publico Award. Law school — faculty, Lawyers Professionalism for New Law Students program, 2017–present.

## **LSBA NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **District 2A**

#### **Hon. Kelly E. Balfour**

Judge, 19th Judicial District Court, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — Nominating Committee; House of Delegates.

#### **Carrie LeBlanc Jones**

Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2008. LSBA — Treasurer nominee, 2025–26; Board of Governors, 2020–21, 2022–25; Bar Governance Committee, 2021–present; Young Lawyers Division: chair, 2020–21; immediate past chair, 2021–22; chair-elect, 2019–20; secretary, 2018–19; District 5 representative, 2015–18; Leadership LSBA Class, 2013–14. Local/Specialty Bar — member, Baton Rouge Bar Association; BRBA Young Lawyers Section Council Member, 2017; American Health Law Association, 2023–present; Louisiana Society of Hospital Attorneys, 2023–present. Law school — LSU SBA: 3L Class President, 2007–08; 2L Class President, 2006–07; 1L Representative, 2005–06.

#### **David Abboud Thomas**

Thomas Law Firm, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1993. LSBA — House of Delegates; Nominating Committee.

## **LSBA YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION COUNCIL**

### **First Board District**

#### **Monette M. (Mo) Davis**

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann LLC, New Orleans. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2019. LSBA — Leadership Class, 2022–23; Young Lawyers Conference, 2024; Diversity Conclave, 2022, 2023, 2025. Local/Specialty Bar — New Orleans Bar Association: DEI in the Legal Industry Post-Election, 2025; Inn of Court Mardi Gras CLE, 2025; Federal Bar Association: CLE “A Seat at the Table,” 2025; Annual Meeting, 2025; Greater New Orleans Martinet Gala, 2025. Law school — Southern University Law Review Big Law Panel, 2025; Tulane Mock OCI Interviews, 2025; FBA Law School Membership Appreciation Event, 2025; 1L Diversity Reception, Stone Pigman, 2025; LCLD Law School Mock Interviews, 2023.

#### **Tori M. Howze**

Attorney at law, New Orleans. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2014. Louisiana Bar Foundation, 2024–present.

**Margaret L. Manning**

Stanley, Reuter, Alford, Owen, Munson, and Paul LLC, New Orleans. University of Notre Dame Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2020. LSBA — Leadership Class, 2021–22; YLD Council, District 1 Representative, 2023–26; Committee on the Profession, 2024–26; YLD High School Mock Trial Committee: co-chair, 2023–24; chair, 2025–26. Local/Specialty Bar — New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Council, 2023–25; NOBA Young Lawyers Section Cornhole Classic Co-chair, 2023; Young Lawyers Section Bar & Grille Co-chair, 2024; Association for Women Attorneys: Programs Co-chair, 2024, Communications Director, 2025. Law school — Notre Dame Barristers Mock Trial Team, 2018–20; Notre Dame SBA: 1L Representative, 2017–18; Communications Director, 2018–19; Secretary, 2019–20.

**Fifth Board District****Manning P. Greene**

Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea LLC, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2023. LSBA — Young Lawyers Division Conference Committee, 2024; Young Lawyers Division Awards Committee, 2025. Law school — Graduate Certificate in Energy Law and Policy, 2023; tutor, Criminal Law, 2021; CALI Award winner, Sports Law and Louisiana Civil Law of Torts, 2021; Tulane International Baseball Arbitration Competition, 2023.

**Malika L. Howard**

Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, New Orleans. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2020. Notary Public. LSBA — Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Society. Local/Specialty Bar — Loyola University New Orleans Young Alumni Board: past president, current board member. Law school — Black Law Student Association: past Social Chair, past board member; Advocacy Center: past Intramural & Selections Chair, past Executive Board Member; current judge and grader, Loyola Moot Court and Trial Advocacy.