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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

Valerie B. Bargas

Long Law Firm, Baton Rouge. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2014–2025; Nominating Committee, 2011; Access to Justice Commission, 2016–17; Board of Governors, 2008–09; Budget Committee, 2008–09; Young Lawyers Division Chair, 2008–09. Local/Specialty Bar — Louisiana Bar Foundation, president, 2017–18; Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, member, 2021–23; ABA IOLTA Commission, commissioner, 2019–20; ABOTA Louisiana, president, 2021–22; Dean Henry McMahon Inn of Court, president, 2024–26.

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 1A

Kristen D. Amond

Amond Law, New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2016. LSBA — Nominating Committee, 2024–25; Young Lawyers Division, immediate past chair; House of Delegates, member. Local/Specialty Bar — Federal Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, board member.

Barry H. Grodsky

Taggart Morton, New Orleans. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1982. LSBA — president, 2018–19; president, Southern Conference of Bar Presidents, 2018–19; secretary, past editor, *Louisiana Bar Journal*; chair, Committee on the Profession; chair, Law School Professionalism Programs; chair, Mentoring (TIP) Program (current); member, Bar Governance Committee, Long-Term Strategic Planning Committee, Board of Legal Specialization; prior member, CLE Committee, Budget Committee, Audit Committee (past chair), Nominating Committee, Fee Arbitration Panel.

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; treasurer, 2016-18; Board of Governors; Nominating Committee; House of Delegates; co-chair, LSBA's Summer School for Lawyers; member, Leadership LSBA Class, 2002. President, Louisiana Bar Foundation, 2015-16, Nominating Committee.

Graham H. Ryan

Jones Walker LLP, New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2011. LSBA — Board of Governors; president, Young Lawyers Division; CLE Committee; MCLE Committee; Access to Justice; Leadership LSBA. Local/Specialty Bar — member, Federal Bar Association; New Orleans Bar Association; Jefferson Bar Association; American Bar Association. Law school — *Louisiana Law Review*; Student Bar Association.

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.

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.

District 3C

Charles D. Elliott

Elliott Law Firm, Alexandria. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1993. Other — M.S., Computer Science, LSU. LSBA — Board of Governors, two terms; House of Delegates, multiple terms; Committee on Legal Malpractice Insurance; Committee on Lawyer/Physician Communications. Local/Specialty Bar — member, Alexandria Bar Association; Fifth Circuit Bar Association; Alternative Dispute Resolution Section. Law school — senior editor, *Louisiana Law Review*; Order of the Coif; LSU Hall of Fame.

Edward L. (Ed) Tarpley, Jr.

Attorney at law, Alexandria. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1980. LSBA — Board of Governors, 2018–21; House of Delegates, 2015–16; Criminal Justice Committee, 2019–26; Bar Governance Committee, 2025–26; Nominating Committee, 2024–25.

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

Liskow & Lewis, 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: cochair, 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.