

## **President-Elect Nominee**

### **Lawrence J. (Larry) Centola III**

Lawrence J. (Larry) Centola III is a principal of the New Orleans firm of Martzell, Bickford & Centola, where his practice focuses on class actions, products liability, including asbestos, and mass torts. He has been appointed class counsel in numerous cases across Louisiana, including the Bayou Corne sinkhole litigation, and has tried multiple cases to verdict.

Centola received his BA degree in political science in 1998 from Louisiana State University, where he served as Student Body President in 1997-98. He earned his JD degree in 2001 from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center and was admitted to practice in Louisiana the same year. He currently serves on the LSU Law Center Young Alumni Council and lectures frequently at Continuing Legal Education programs on class actions, ethics, and professionalism.

Within the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), Centola has served as the treasurer in 2022-2024, First District representative on the Board of Governors, chair of the Young Lawyers Division in 2012-13, and as a member of the Client Assistance Fund Committee. He is a past torts bar examiner for the Louisiana Bar Examination.

Centola serves as the President of the Federal Bar Association New Orleans Chapter and on the Board of Governors for the Louisiana Association for Justice. In 2008, he received the national Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Service from the American Inns of Court, presented at the United States Supreme Court to a lawyer practicing fewer than 10 years. In 2013, he received the Louisiana Association for Justice President's Award. He has also been recognized by *Super Lawyers* magazine and other professional organizations for his trial work and client service.

He and his wife, Amy, are the parents of three daughters.

## **Treasurer Nominee**

### **Carrie LeBlanc Jones**

Carrie LeBlanc Jones is of counsel in the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., where she practices in the Healthcare Section. She advises clients on a broad range of issues, including regulatory compliance, fraud and abuse, licensing, Medicare and Medicaid provider enrollment, and appeals. She works closely with hospital executives, medical executive committees, and physician leaders on medical staff matters involving practitioner credentialing, privileging, and peer review. Jones also collaborates with hospital leadership on governance matters, assisting with the review and revision of medical staff bylaws and related policies.

In addition to her healthcare practice, Jones has significant experience in regulatory, administrative, and occupational licensure law. She previously served as general counsel and chief legal officer for the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, where she managed licensure issues, disciplinary hearings, administrative rulemaking, and legislative matters. Now she represents both boards and licensees in administrative and disciplinary matters and also advises academic institutions on issues involving research misconduct.

Jones has been an active leader in the Louisiana State Bar Association. She has served on the Board of Governors (2022–2025) and was Chair of the Young Lawyers Division (2020–2021), having previously served as chair-elect, secretary, immediate past chair, and District 5 representative. She helped launch the inaugural Louisiana Young Lawyers Conference, co-chaired the Richard N. Ware High School Mock Trial Competition, and coordinated the YLD Professional Development Seminar. She has also served on the Louisiana Bar Journal Editorial Board and the Budget Committee. An alumna of the 2013–2014 Leadership LSBA Class, she continues to support the next generation of lawyers by mentoring new attorneys and law students through the LSBA's Transition Into Practice Program and Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson's summer clerkship and fellowship programs.

Her professional service includes prior appointments to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, the Louisiana Access to Justice Commission, the Louisiana Bar Foundation Capital Area Community Partnership Panel, and the Louisiana State Law Institute Council.

Outside of the profession, Jones is active in her community. She is a parishioner of St. George Catholic Church, volunteers as a youth sports coach, and serves on the board of directors of Livingston Parish SADD. She and her husband, Aaron, have two children.