

President-Elect Nominee

Valerie T. Schexnayder

Valerie T. Schexnayder is a mediator with Schexnayder Mediation Services, LLC, in Baton Rouge. For more than 35 years, she practiced law with a large firm, a small firm and an international corporation in the areas of complex tort litigation and environmental litigation. She also served as a Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Distinguished Access to Justice Pro Bono Fellow, partnering with the Baton Rouge Bar Association to expand its pro bono outreach to veterans and their families.

She received a BBA degree in 1986 from Loyola University and her JD, *cum laude*, in 1989 from Tulane University Law School. She completed mediator training at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School.

Schexnayder served as LSBA secretary and editor-in-chief of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* from 2023-25. She served on the LSBA's Board of Governors (Fifth Board District) from 2017-20. She served in the LSBA's House of Delegates, representing the 19th Judicial District from 2011-17 and the 24th Judicial District from 1999-2005. She is a member of the Bar Governance Committee and served on the Continuing Legal Education Committee from 1999-2002. She served on the Access to Justice Commission from 2018-20 and 2024-26. She served as the Young Lawyers Division's Second Board District representative from 1996-98. She received the 1998 LSBA Young Lawyers Division's Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award. She is a member of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and previously served as chair of the Pro Bono Committee.

In her community, she serves on the board of directors for the Capital Area Finance Authority's board of trustees and Tiger Athletic Foundation. Additionally, she serves as a sustaining adviser for the Junior League of Baton Rouge, where she previously served on the board of directors. She previously served as chair of the Emerge Foundation board of directors and as a lector for Most Blessed Sacrament Church.

Schexnayder and her husband Todd are the parents of two adult sons and one grandchild.

Secretary Nominee

Adam P. Johnson

Adam P. Johnson is a partner in The Johnson Firm in Lake Charles. He received a BA in 2005 from Louisiana State University and his JD in 2008 from Southern University Law Center. He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 2009.

After clerking for Judge Robert Wyatt and Judge Ronald Ware, Johnson joined his father Terry and brother Jonathan in the practice of law. He and his brother now own The Johnson Firm in Lake Charles. The firm's attorneys focus on family, criminal defense and personal injury law.

Johnson served in the LSBA House of Delegates, representing the 14th Judicial District from 2020-22, and served on the LSBA Board of Governors (Fourth Board District) from 2022-25. He was a member of the 2013-14 Leadership LSBA Class and co-chaired the 2014-15 Leadership LSBA Class. He served as the LSBA Young Lawyers Division District 4 representative from 2015-19. He also writes the Criminal Law Section of the Louisiana Bar Exam.

He is a former president of the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association (SWLBA) and a former president of the SWLBA Young Lawyers Division.

In his community, he is a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Johnson and his wife, Ashley Leonards Johnson, are the parents of three children.