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LSBA Installs 2024-25 Officers and Board of Governors

NEW ORLEANS—The Louisiana State Bar Association’s (LSBA) 2024-25 officers and members of the Board of Governors were installed June 6 at a ceremony at the LSBA’s Annual Meeting in Destin, Fla. Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice John L. Weimer administered the oath of office.

Patrick A. Talley, Jr., a partner in the New Orleans office of the law firm Phelps Dunbar, LLP, was installed as the 84th LSBA president (2024-25 term).

Edward J. Walters, Jr., a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm Walters, Thomas, Cullens, LLC, was installed as the 2024-25 president-elect. He will assume the presidency in 2025-26.

Valerie T. Schexnayder, a mediator with Schexnayder Mediation Services, LLC, in Baton Rouge, is beginning the second year of her two-year term as secretary. She also serves as editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*, the LSBA’s bimonthly magazine.

C.A. (Hap) Martin III, a member in the Monroe law firm Shotwell, Brown & Sperry, APLC, is beginning the first year of his two-year term as treasurer.

Shayna L. Sonnier, an attorney in the Lake Charles law firm Veron Bice, LLC, will continue her service to the LSBA as the 2024-25 immediate past president.

Kristen D. Amond, an attorney in New Orleans (Kristen Amond, LLC), was installed as 2024-25 chair of the LSBA Young Lawyers Division.

Members of the 2024-25 Board of Governors also were installed by Chief Justice Weimer.

First District

- **J. Christopher Zainey, Jr.**, a partner in the New Orleans law firm Lambert Zainey Smith & Soso, PLC.
- **Graham H. Ryan**, a partner in the New Orleans office of the law firm Jones Walker, LLP.

Second District

- **Jeffrey G. Lagarde**, an attorney in the Metairie office of the law firm Staines, Eppling & Kenney, LLC.

Third District

- **Melanie W. Chatagnier**, the sole attorney and owner of Chatagnier Law Office in Thibodaux.

Fourth District

- **Adam P. Johnson**, a partner in The Johnson Firm in Lake Charles.

Fifth District

- **Carrie LeBlanc Jones**, of counsel in the Baton Rouge office of the law firm Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP.
- **Kelly M. Rabalais**, vice president of communications and strategy for St. Tammany Health System.

Sixth District

- **Barry M. Barnett**, a partner in the law firm LaCroix, Levy & Barnett, LLC, in Alexandria.

Seventh District

- **Amy J. Miller**, owner/attorney in Amy Miller Attorney at Law in Ruston.

Eighth District

- **Senae D. Hall**, an assistant district attorney in the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office in Shreveport.

At-Large Members

- **Jeffrey A. Riggs**, a partner in the Lafayette office of the law firm Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP.
- **L. Bradley Hancock**, the executive partner in the Houston, TX, office of the law firm Holland & Knight, LLP.
- **Tina L. Suggs**, in-house counsel for State Farm Insurance Co. in Metairie.

Loyola University College of Law/Faculty Representative

- **Prof. Monica Hof Wallace**, the Dean Marcel Garsaud, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Southern University Law Center/Faculty Representative

- **Prof. Donald W. North**, vice chancellor of student affairs at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge.

Louisiana State Law Institute Representative

- **André Doguet**, commissioner for the 15th Judicial District Court in Lafayette.

House of Delegates Liaison Committee

- Chair **Shannon Seiler Dartez**, an attorney with the Glenn Armentor Law Corporation in Lafayette.
- Member **Sandra K. Cosby**, a solo practitioner in Metairie.
- Member **Aaron R. Wilson**, an attorney in Wilson & Wilson, APLC, in Bossier City.

*Full profiles of the officers and members of the Board of Governors are available online at:
<http://www.lsba.org/BarGovernance/BoardofGovernors.aspx>*

*Photos of officers and members of the Board of Governors are available online at:
<https://www.lsba.org/NewsAndPublications/PressPhotos.aspx?PRPA=114>.*

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