

LSBA “FOUR CORNERS” CLE SEMINAR

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SPEAKER BIOS

Eric K. Barefield is Ethics Counsel for the LSBA, and administrates the [Ethics Advisory Service](#), which provides to members confidential, non-binding ethics opinions to Louisiana licensed attorneys. A 1995 graduate of LSU’s law school, Mr. Barefield was formerly an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans parish from 1995-1998. He also served as Deputy Disciplinary Counsel from 1998 to 2005 with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel where his duties involved investigating and prosecuting violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Craig Bayer is an award-winning technology consultant who sets up professional services firms for stress-free efficiency and productivity. His company Optiable is a productivity-centered technology service provider helping Law Firms, Engineering Companies, Financial Advisors, and other Professional Service Companies create more efficient firms. Optiable is certified in all the systems needed to keep up with high-paced firms, and offers step-by-step support when choosing and implementing those systems.

Tracy Burch, a former Louisiana litigator, is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice in Shreveport. Her indirect route to her current career started with a business degree from Oklahoma State University and an MBA from SMU. She worked in finance in New York City during the 1980s. After the 1987 stock market crash, she returned to school and earned her JD from LSU. She practiced for 15 years, primarily civil rights and employment law. Then, she returned to school again, and earned her Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from LSU in Shreveport. Focusing on lawyers and other professionals, she sees clients in her Shreveport office, and also online in video sessions.

Abid Hussain is a solo practitioner in New Orleans after seven years of corporate law in Dallas. A seasoned speaker on legal technology matters, he also provides practical legal and corporate counsel, including intellectual property and asset protection, to entrepreneurs, small business owners, real estate investors, and musicians. Prior to practice, he worked eight years with technology and software companies, including start-ups as well as giants such as Texas Instruments and Microsoft, in marketing and management positions. He now uses that business experience to help his clients as an attorney. Abid is a graduate of the Bronx High School of Science, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Oregon, School of Law.

Richard P. Lemmler, Jr. has been Ethics Counsel for the LSBA since May 2002 and has been responsible for the development and day-to-day administration of the LSBA's lawyer advertising filing and evaluation process since its inception. He frequently presents CLE on legal ethics and lawyer advertising; he has written several articles for the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. Before joining the LSBA staff, he practiced law in New Orleans for 14 years as a solo general practitioner. He also served two consecutive three-year appointments to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, first as a lawyer member of a hearing committee and then as chair of a hearing committee.

Winfield E. Little, Jr. is a 39 year practicing attorney with special training as a mediator, having attended the prestigious Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University's, School of Law. In addition to his experience as a practicing attorney, he has served as attorney chair for over 50 medical malpractice review panels.

Tom O'Connor is a nationally known consultant, speaker and writer in the area of computerized litigation support systems and and electronic discovery. He is the author of *The Lawyers Guide to Summation and (with Bruce Olson) EDiscovery for Small Cases*, both published by the ABA, as well as the recently released *LitigationWorld Quick Start Guide to Mastering E-Discovery*. He graduated from The Johns Hopkins University with a BA in Political Science and later earned a J.D. degree from a small non-descript evening program in the Boston area. He currently resides in New Orleans.

J.E. "Buddy" Stockwell, III is the Executive Director of the Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (LAP), a non-profit corporation, which assists, on a confidential basis, lawyers or judges regarding professional impairments which may be caused by alcohol/drug abuse, mental health problems or gambling addiction. With 121 hours of accredited study in substance abuse counseling, he has served on the LSBA Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for over 15 years. A frequent speaker and LAP monitor, he has assisted in interventions involving lawyers and judges. Prior to LAP, he was a solo practitioner in Baton Rouge, and an associate with Roy, Kiesel & Tucker.