



## SPEAKER BIOS

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**Amanda Aguiard CPA** knew from the age of sixteen that she wanted to be an accountant (yep, it's true!). She has never looked back. She loves spreadsheets and bank reconciliations, and is a fanatical planner. She holds a Masters Degree in Taxation from the University of Denver, where her love of the outdoors came second only to her love of obscure tax law. She spends any spare time cooking for her two kids, volunteering on charity fundraiser committees, and reading historical fiction. She is slightly obsessed with Penzey's Spices and Chris Thile.

**Rachel Thyre Anderson**, a law school graduate of University of California at Davis, was headed to municipal law when the California economy took a hit. So she took a position with a bankruptcy firm and returned to her native Louisiana. Except for a criminal law clerkship year at the Louisiana Supreme Court, she has represented bankruptcy clients since. She quotes her first bankruptcy mentor: "Bankruptcy is the quintessential 'general practice' area of law, involving federal and state law, and touching on family law, tax law, contract law, and pretty much every other area you can think of." Rachel recently obtained her first student loan discharge in a bankruptcy case, relieving her client of more than \$150,000 in what is normally non-dischargeable debt.

**Eric K. Barefield** is Ethics Counsel for the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA). A 1995 graduate of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Barefield began his professional career as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish (1995-98). From 1998-2005, he served as Deputy Disciplinary Counsel with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and was responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct. He joined the LSBA staff in 2005, working first with the Practice Assistance Program's alternatives to discipline. Barefield coordinated the launch of the LSBA's Law Office Management Assistance Program and the Solo and Small Firm Conference before accepting his current position focusing on the Ethics Advisory Service.

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**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.

**Michael Carbo** represents inventors, authors, filmmakers, artists, and musicians and other performers. His practice includes Internet and social media law and the legal implications of emerging technologies. In addition to obtaining patents, trademarks, and copyrights for clients, he renders advice on trade secret programs and intellectual property agreements. He has been lead trial counsel in patent infringement lawsuits, as well as a testifying expert in patent law and procedure. He has tried to verdict disputes involving music and computer software copyright infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets, and criminal misuse of computers. A frequent speaker on intellectual property, he has for the past 29 years taught the patent law course at Loyola Law School. He holds degrees in electrical engineering and law from Tulane University.

**Honorable Susan M. Chehardy** is the Chief Judge of the Louisiana 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal. She was elected to the appellate bench in 1998 as the court's first woman judge, and was reelected in 2012. Prior to her service to the appellate bench, she served as judge for the 24<sup>th</sup> JDC, after an active general litigation personal injury practice with the firm of Chehardy, Sherman, Ellis and Breslin; and later with her own litigation firm, Chehardy & Nielsen. A law graduate of Loyola University, she is also a member of the Fifth Circuit Judges Association, the Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Association, the Association of Women Judges and the American Judicature Society. Among other organizations. A frequent lecturer for the Louisiana Judicial College and the LSBA, she serves several committees and boards by appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

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**Mark A. Cunningham** is a partner with the Corporate Compliance and White Collar Defense Team in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker LLP. A graduate of Tulane law School, he earned an LLM (Trade Regulation) from New York University Law School. Prior to assuming the role of President, Mark served in several leadership positions in the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), including President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor of the Louisiana Bar Journal, and a member of the Board of Governors and House of Delegates. His other leadership positions in the legal community include service as a member of the board of directors of the New Orleans Bar Association. He is a former Chair of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education and the New Orleans Pro Bono Project.

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**David Jefferson Dye**, is a solo practitioner who focuses his practice on natural resource and environmental matters, and breach of fiduciary duty claims. "Car-free" since Hurricane Katrina, Jeff is certified as a League Cycling Instructor (LCI) by the League of American Bicyclists. He holds a BS in vertebrate zoology from the University of Memphis and a Master of Environmental Management degree from Duke University. Jeff worked as an environmental scientist for a natural gas pipeline company before earning his JD from Tulane University, where he studied Louisiana Civil, environmental, and maritime law and was on the Tulane Maritime Law Journal.

**Shawn L. Holahan** is the Practice Management Counsel and Legislative Committee Liaison for the LSBA, and administrates the LSBA’s fee dispute arbitration program. A former member of the ABA LP Division’s Publishing Board, she is a member of the ABA LP’s State and Local Outreach Committee and is serving her second term as a member of the ABA’s TECHSHOW Planning Board. She is also the current Chair of the Practice Management Advisors of North America. Prior to her position at the bar, she was a partner with a medium sized law firm in New Orleans (labor and employment matters primarily) and had completed two federal clerkships in the USDC. (E.D. La.). Understanding that lawyers just want to get back to practicing law without tech getting in the way, she seeks to demystify the process of choosing tech that is appropriate for the particular lawyer and practice.

**Nicholas Hite**, a graduate of Tulane University Law School, was chosen as a fellow for the LIFT program of the Louisiana State Bar Association. An advocate for social justice and true equality, he believes that income should not be a barrier to quality legal representation. He is the founder of Hite Law Group, LLC to provide expansive and inclusive legal service for all individuals, proudly specializing in the unique needs of the LGBTQ community and all forms of non-traditional families.

**Will Hornsby**, thirty-five years ago, armed with little more than his IBM Selectric, hung out his shingle on the day he was admitted to practice. He states that no one suggested this was a good idea. After eight years of an unremarkable practice, and in need of affordable health insurance, he saw an ad in a newspaper and applied for a job at the ABA in Chicago, where he serves as Staff Counsel to its Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services. His focus? The marketing of legal services – which is why he is here. Will has written a couple of books and a handful of law review articles, with titles like *Gaming the System: Approaching 100% Access to Legal Services through Online Games*. He has posted 1,084 tweets of amazing insights, which as near as he can tell, are read by dozens (@willhornsby). He is a frequent speaker at programs and conferences around the country. Will serves as a chair of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Hearing Panel, is a member of the steering committee of the Justice Entrepreneurs Project incubator, and is an adjunct professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law. He loves Louisiana cooking and will graciously accept any and all restaurant recommendations.

**Abid Hussain** is a solo lawyer in New Orleans who has practiced corporate law for more than nine years in Texas and Louisiana. 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.

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**Judy Perry Martinez**, a Louisiana native, has been a lawyer for over 30 years but with some interesting twists and turns. Her steady rise through the legal ranks after Tulane Law School began at the New Orleans law firm of Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn where she was a commercial litigator for 21 years and partner. In 2003, she undertook a position with Northrop Grumman, a major aerospace and defense company with 65,000 employees worldwide, and eventually served as its Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer. Earlier this year, Judy retired from Northrop Grumman to pursue another full-time career – this time in public service, an area that has always been close to her heart and for which she always found time. Over the years, she has donated her energetic leadership and considerable expertise to various ABA and LSBA bar committees concerning women in the profession, domestic violence, diversity, professionalism, quality of life, and gay and lesbian rights, to name a few. Her latest achievement has been as Chair of the ABA's Commission on the Future of Legal Services which has taken the lead in the ABA's effort to educate the legal profession regarding the need for affordable legal services. She has brought together the keenest heads on the issue, and has positioned the Commission to lead the way in the improvement of the delivery of, and access to, legal services in the United States. The Commission's work is focused on helping lawyers break the mold of traditional legal services to include innovation, legal technology, the encouragement of new models for regulating legal services and educating tomorrow's legal professionals, while fostering the development of financially viable models for delivering legal services that meet the public's needs. The wind beneath all her careers has been provided by her husband Rene and four grown children.

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