

LSBA “FOUR CORNERS” CLE SEMINAR

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SPEAKER BIOS

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.

Austin Benton is an attorney at the firm of Benton, Benton & Benton. Austin primarily practices in the areas of family and personal injury. In addition to practicing law, Austin is the owner of Ayla, which is a legal software company that Louisiana judges and attorneys have chosen to automate their petitions, letters, and judgments.

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.

Mark C. 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.

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.

Sarah Pfeiffer is a family attorney, mediator, collaborative practitioner and [Wevorce](#) associate and a solo practitioner serving the Greater New Orleans area. With over 200 training hours in alternative dispute resolution, she has been recently appointed to the board of the Louisiana chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), and is an active member of the Collaborative Divorce Alliance of Greater New Orleans and the International Academy of Collaborative Practitioners (IACP). She subscribes to the philosophy of Abraham Lincoln who said, "Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. As a peacemaker, the lawyer has superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough.

Todd Slack is an attorney with the Huber, Slack, Thomas & Marcelle law firm. He has a general litigation practice with an emphasis in business, technology and personal injury. He has an undergraduate degree in Computer Science and worked in that field before he graduated from Loyola Law School in 1996. He's currently finishing up a Master's Degree in Digital Forensic Science, studying the interplay between law and technology. He serves on several boards, including the Bar Association's Technology Task Force.