

**2016 Suit Up for the Future High School Summer  
Legal Institute and Intern Program**  
*Award Winning Diversity Pipeline Program*

**2013 ABA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENT**



*Strengthening diversity in the legal profession  
A partnership of the Louisiana State Bar Association,  
Just the Beginning, and Louisiana Bar Foundation  
A Diversity Pipeline Program  
New Orleans, Louisiana*



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## WELCOME ADDRESS

The Louisiana State Bar Association and the Just the Beginning Foundation are pleased to welcome you to their Summer Legal Institute and Internship Program. Through this program, we hope to encourage your interest in the law as a profession and inform you about trailblazers in the law who have paved the way to make it easier for you to become a lawyer. We aim to lead you to work hard, experience life as a law student, and stimulate your interest and knowledge of the legal profession.



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### About Us



## WHAT IS THE “LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION”?

The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) is to assist and serve its members in the practice of law, assure access to and aid in the administration of justice, assist the Supreme Court in the regulation of the practice of law, uphold the honor of the courts and the profession, promote the professional competence of attorneys, increase public understanding of and respect for the law, and encourage collegiality among its members.

Through its Diversity Committee, the LSBA is working to assess the level of racial, ethnic, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana; identify barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds; and propose programs and methods by which the LSBA can most effectively work to remove those barriers and achieve greater diversity.



## WHAT IS THE “JUST THE BEGINNING”?



The Just the Beginning (JTB), a diversity pipeline organization, is a multiracial, nonprofit organization comprised of lawyers, judges, and other citizens. It is dedicated to developing and nurturing interest in the law among young persons from various socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds that are underrepresented in the legal profession and supporting their continued advancement. JTB’s long-term goal is to increase racial diversity in the legal profession and on the bench.

Just the Beginning began as a celebration of the Integration of the Federal Judiciary on September 19, 1992, in Chicago, Illinois. The celebratory event entitled, "Just The Beginning - A Celebration of Integration of the Federal Judiciary" honored Judge James Parsons, the first African-American United States District Court Judge, on his retirement after he devoted thirty-one years on the federal bench.

Building on that celebration, the Just the Beginning Foundation offers pipeline programs aimed at introducing, cultivating and supporting underrepresented students as they travel the path towards the legal profession. JTB’s programs include its Middle School Law Camp, Summer Legal Institutes for high school students and judicial externship programs for law school students. JTB tracks and supports its students from middle school to high school, college, law school, and beyond. JTB partners with a broad and diverse coalition of bar associations, law firms and law schools to host these programs around the country and to sponsor national conferences held every two years in different cities.



*“There is no better way to exercise the imagination than the study of the law. No artist ever interpreted nature as freely as a lawyer interprets the truth.”*

**Jean Giradoux**

## WHAT IS THE “LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION”?



The Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) entity organized under the State of Louisiana. As the largest state funder of legal aid, the LBF supports service organizations throughout Louisiana that provide free, civil legal representation to the indigent, law-related education to the public and administration of justice projects. Since 1989, the LBF has distributed \$54.5 million to hundreds of Louisiana non-profit organizations to meet these goals. The LBF serves as the fiscal administrator for the State of Louisiana Child in Need of Care Program which provides free legal representation to all children in foster care and for the Louisiana Supreme Court Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Program.

Each year, the LBF awards grants to more than 70 non-profit organizations that provide access to the justice system and civil legal assistance to Louisiana's low-income citizens. Through grants, the LBF assists women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, the newly unemployed, those facing loss of their homes, disaster victims and many others by providing services that go to the very heart of the health, safety and security of many citizens and their families.

THE SUIT UP FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAM IS A PROUD RECIPIENT OF THE LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION LAW RELATED EDUCATION GRANT.



*“To laugh often and much;  
to win the respect of  
intelligent people and the  
affection of children...to  
leave the world a better  
place...to know even one  
life has breathed easier  
because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded.”*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## 2016 SUMMER LEGAL INSTITUTE

### SCHOLARS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>
Gabriella N. Ayala	12th Grade	Cabrini High School
Ashley A. Berry	11th Grade	Cabrini High School
Caroline M. Bland	College	George Washington University
Bailey M. Chauvin	11th Grade	Cabrini High School
Emma Chiao	11th Grade	Henry M. Gunn High School
Tamunobelema A. Derefaka	11th Grade	Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies
Jerrica D. Fleming	11th Grade	Northwest Rankin High School
Gabriela T. Guzman	11th Grade	Edna Karr High School
Deja S. Hansell	12th Grade	Academy of Our Lady
Asia J. Hentkowski	11th Grade	St. Mary's Dominican High School
Daryl A. Naquin Jr.	11th Grade	Holy Cross School
Olymar Ocegueda	11th Grade	Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies
Gary C. Peters	12th Grade	St. Augustine High School
Dillon A. Peters	11th Grade	St. Augustine High School
Shaela S. Phillips	11th Grade	John Ehret High School
Fatima A. Rahman	12th Grade	John Ehret High School
Kenedi A. Reed	11th Grade	Academy of the Sacred Heart
Zora D. Robinson	11th Grade	Haynes Academy for Advanced Studies
Erron M. Thomas	11th Grade	Isidore Newman School

# 2016 Suit Up for the Future

## Program Agenda

### Week One

Monday, June 13, 2016

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 9:30am	<b>Welcome</b> Presenters: Darrel J. Papillion, LSBA President Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Just the Beginning Members of the Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee, Co-chairs Scherri N. Guidry & Kandace R. Hamilton LSBA Department of Member Outreach and Diversity
9:30 am – 10:15 am	<b>Program Overview and Etiquette/Introduction of Interns and Externs</b> Presenters: Saúl G. Amezcua, Intern Taylor E. Austin, Intern Amara D. Stokes, Intern Brandon Hawkins, Extern, Honorable Karen Wells Roby Minzala Mvula, Extern, Honorable Karen Wells Roby
10:15 am – 10:45 am	<b>Break and Suit Up Photo IDs</b>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	<b>Icebreaker</b> Presenters: Members of Pipeline to Diversity & Outreach Subcommittee, Co-chairs Scherri N. Guidry & Kandace R. Hamilton
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Introduction to Mock Problem for Oral Argument</b> Presenters: Members of Pipeline to Diversity & Outreach Subcommittee, Co-chairs Scherri N. Guidry & Kandace R. Hamilton
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Legal Writing</b> Professor Mary Garvey Algero, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Mock Legal Problem Questions and Team Assignments</b>

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>
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**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 11:10 am	<p><b>College Admission Preparation Workshop (<i>Résumé and Personal Statement Writing</i>)</b></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Monica M. White, Director for Recruitment, Admissions and Programming, Dillard University, New Orleans</p> <p>Adria N. Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm, Pre-law Advisor, Dillard University, New Orleans</p>
10:00 am – 10:10 am	<b>Break</b>
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Résumé Writing Practice</b></p> <p>Presenters: Suit Up Interns</p>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<p><b>Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation</b></p> <p>Viewing of 2014 Oral Arguments</p>
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:10 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation</b>
10:00 am – 11:30 am	<p><b>Education Law</b></p> <p>Michelle A. Jackson, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Southern University Law Center</p>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p><b>Criminal Law</b></p> <p>Professor Russell L. Jones, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs &amp; a Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Endowed Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center</p>
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

**Thursday, June 16, 2016**

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b> <b><u>MEMO OUTLINE ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE</u></b>
9:00 am – 10:45 am	<b>Oral Argument Workshop (<i>How to Deliver an Oral Argument</i>)</b> Jeffrey C. Brooks, Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
10:45 am – 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation</b>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Presenters: Jackie M. McCreary, The Mosaic Company Jason M. Freas, Johnson Yacoubian & Paysse
1:00 pm – 3:10 pm	<b>Local Government Law</b> Professor Christopher J. Tyson, Associate Professor of Law, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:10 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

**Friday, June 17, 2016**

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b> <b><u>DRAFT OF RÉSUMÉ ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE</u></b>
8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Travel to field trip, Security Check: Orleans Parish Criminal District Court</b> <b>(NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED/ CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED)</b> 2700 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans
9:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Orleans Parish Criminal District Court</b> <i>(Viewing of Criminal Court Proceedings)</i> Presenters: Honorable Tracey Flemings-Davillier, Judge, Section B Honorable Laurie A. White, Chief Judge, Section A
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Travel to Louisiana Bar Center</b>
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Presenters: Amanda "Casey" Desselles, Attorney at Law Matthew S. Smith, Matthew S. Smith, Esq. Janet C. Kearney, Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation</b>
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Shadowing Assignments</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

## Week Two

Monday, June 20, 2016

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b> <b><u>DRAFT OF MEMO ASSIGNMENT DUE</u></b>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>Travel to field trip: Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office</b> 619 South White Street, New Orleans
9:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>District Attorney Presentation and Tour</b> Leon A. Cannizzaro Jr., District Attorney, Orleans Parish
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Travel to Louisiana Bar Center</b>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Travel to field trip: Orleans Public Defenders Office</b> 2601 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Orleans Public Defenders Office Presentation</b> Presenters: Derwyn Buntun, Chief District Defender Lindsey Hortenstine, Communications Director
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Travel to Louisiana Bar Center</b>
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation</b>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Job Shadowing Lunch, Louisiana Bar Center</b> <i>(Invitation to attorneys, firms, courts, and agencies providing shadowing opportunity)</i>
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Social Justice and Alternative Careers Presentation</b> Presenters: Amy E. Duncan, Project Coordinator, LSBA Department of Access to Justice Monte Mollere, Director of LSBA Department of Access to Justice Michael Schachtman, Self-Represented Litigation Counsel, LSBA Department of Access to Justice
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>

2:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**

8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Shadow Placement Day ( <i>Do NOT come to the Louisiana Bar Center!</i> ) Go directly to assigned locations.
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**Thursday, June 23, 2016**

8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Shadow Placement Day ( <i>Do NOT come to the Louisiana Bar Center!</i> ) Go directly to assigned locations.
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**Friday, June 24, 2016**

8:45 am – 9:00 am	Arrival and Check-in <b><u>FINAL RÉSUMÉ ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE</u></b>
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Travel to field trip: U.S. District Court, Eastern District of LA ( <i>NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED/ CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED</i> ) Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch at Louisiana Bar Center
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Travel to United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
3:15pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Memorandum and Oral Argument Preparation
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Sign Out and Transportation Arrival

## Week Three

Monday, June 27, 2016

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b> <b><u>FINAL MEMO ASSIGNMENT DEADLINE</u></b>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>Travel to field trip: Loyola University College of Law and Tulane University Law School</b> 7214 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans
9:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Presentation and Tour</b> Kimberly Jones, MS, JD, Director of Law Admissions, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Travel to Tulane University Law School</b> 6329 Freret Street, New Orleans
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Tulane University Law School Presentation and Tour</b> Ronald J. Scalise Jr., Vice Dean of Academic, Tulane University Law School and David T. Weinberg, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Tulane University Law School
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Travel to Louisiana Bar Center</b>
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Oral Argument Preparation</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Travel to field trip, Security Check: LA Supreme Court and Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit (NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED)</b> 400 Royal Street, New Orleans Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Viewing of Oral Arguments</b> Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Introduction to Appellate System</b> Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr., Louisiana Court of Appeal
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch and Interaction</b> Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr., Louisiana Court of Appeal
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Tour of Louisiana Supreme Court, Library and Museum</b> Valerie S. Willard, Louisiana Supreme Court, Deputy Judicial Administrator, Public Information and Community Relations
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	<b>Travel to Louisiana Bar Center</b>
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Oral Argument Preparation</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

### Wednesday, June 29, 2016

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Oral Argument Preparation</b>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> Presenters: Adria N. Kimbrough, The Kullman Firm, Pre-law Advisor, Dillard University, New Orleans Micah C. Zeno, Law Clerk, Honorable June Berry Darensburg, Twenty Fourth Judicial District Court Caroline Bordelon, Gieger, Laborde & Laperouse, LLC
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Oral Argument Preparation</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

### Thursday, June 30, 2016

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Oral Argument Preparation</b>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Oral Argument Preparation</b>
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

### Friday, July 01, 2016

8:45 am – 9:00 am	<b>Arrival and Check-in</b>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>Final Oral Argument Preparation</b>
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Travel to United States District Court, Eastern District of LA/Security Check</b> <i>(NOTE: STUDENT ID REQUIRED/ CELL PHONES NOT PERMITTED)</i> Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Oral Argument Presentations</b> Presenters: Suit Up Student Interns
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Oral Argument Presentations</b> Presenters: Suit Up Student Interns
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Deliberation by Judges</b>
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Award Ceremony (Judges' Overall Impressions of Presentations, Oral</b>

	<i>Argument Awards, Memorandum Awards, Certificates of Completion)</i>
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Sign Out and Transportation Arrival</b>

## FEDERAL FIRSTS

### *FEMALE JUDGES*

In 1934, **Florence Allen** became the first woman to serve on a U.S. Court of Appeals. She was appointed to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit in 1934.

In 1949, **Burnita Shelton Matthews** became the first woman to serve on a U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

In 1981, **Sandra Day O'Connor** became the first female justice of the United States Supreme Court.

### *AFRICAN-AMERICAN JUDGES*

In 1950, **William Henry Hastie** became the first African American to serve as an Article III judge and was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

In 1961, **James B. Parsons** became the first African American to serve on a U.S. District Court, appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

In 1966, **Constance Baker Motley** became the first African American woman to serve on a U.S. District Court, when she was appointed to the Southern District of New York.

In 1967, **Thurgood Marshall**, was appointed as the first African American justice on the Supreme Court of the United States.

### *ASIAN JUDGES*

In 1971, **Herbert Choy** became the first Asian American to serve as a U.S. Court of Appeals judge when he was appointed to the Ninth Circuit.

In 1975, **Dick Wong** became the first Asian American to serve on a U.S. District Court when he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i.

In 1998, **Susan Oki Mollway** became the first Asian American woman to serve on a U.S. District Court when she was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawai'i.

### *LATINO JUDGES*

In 1961, **Reynaldo G. Garza** became the first Latino federal judge, appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and the first Latino Court of Appeals judge, appointed to the Fifth Circuit in 1979.

In 1980, **Carmen C. Cerezo**, became the first Latina Article III judge appointed to the U.S. District Court for Puerto Rico.

In 2009, **Sonia Sotomayor** became the first Latino American justice to be appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

### ***NATIVE AMERICAN JUDGES***

In 1979, **Frank Howell Seay** became the first Native American federal judge when he was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

In 2014, **Diane Humetewa** became the first female Native American federal judge when she was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

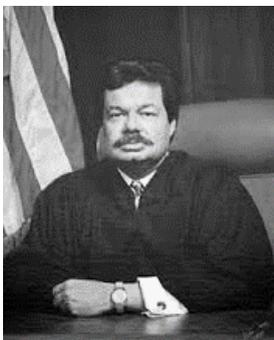
## JTBF MEMBER JUDGES IN LOUISIANA- BIOGRAPHIES

### CHIEF JUDGE CARL E. STEWART, U.S. FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS



Carl E. Stewart, born in 1950, is a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1994, Judge Stewart previously sat on Louisiana's Second Court of Appeal and served as an accomplished judge, attorney, prosecutor, and professor. Judge Stewart, who has been honored multiple times for his commitment to community service, is the first African-American ever to serve on the Fifth Circuit as it is currently constituted.

### IVAN L. R. LEMELLE, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE - RETIRED



On May 13, 1998, President Clinton appointed Judge Ivan L. R. Lemelle to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Immediately prior to his appointment as a United States District Judge, Judge Lemelle served for more than a decade as a United States Magistrate Judge (1984-1998). His appointment in 1984 made him the first African-American United States Magistrate Judge in the Louisiana Federal Courts.

Judge Lemelle was educated at Xavier University of Louisiana, where he received his Bachelor of Science, cum laude, in 1971. He received numerous scholarships to attend Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, where he received his Juris Doctorate in 1974.

### NANNETTE JOLIVETTE BROWN, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE



Nannette Jolivette Brown is a United States District Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She served as City Attorney for the City of New Orleans until becoming a Federal Judge in 2011. As City Attorney, Judge Brown had been responsible for all city contracts and oversaw all legal matters for the city.

Judge Brown received a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1985 and later attended Tulane Law School, where she received a Juris Doctorate degree in 1988 and a Master of Laws in Energy and Environment in 1998.

On March 2, 2011, Judge Brown was nominated by President Barack Obama to fill the seat of Judge Stanwood Duval. The United States Senate confirmed her appointment by unanimous consent on October 3, 2011. She received her judicial commission the following day. Judge Brown is the first African American female to serve as a District Judge on the court.

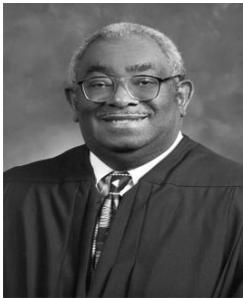
### **KAREN WELLS ROBY, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**



Judge Karen Wells Roby is a Federal Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Karen Wells Roby was appointed to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana on October 16, 1998; she took her oath of office on February 22, 1999, and began her service as a Federal Magistrate Judge.

Judge Roby is the Immediate Past President of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, a 600-member organization of United States federal judges, and the first African American Woman to serve in this leadership capacity. Judge Roby is also the First African American female to serve on the federal bench in Louisiana. Judge Roby, in addition to helping to coordinate this program, is a speaker and mock trial judge of the Law School Summer School and Intern Program and a Professor at Tulane Law School. She also has traveled to Kenya as a part of the Lawyers Without Borders program and brought U.S. Case Management Best Practices to Magistrates in Kenya.

### **LOUIS MOORE JR., U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE - RETIRED**



Judge Louis Moore, Jr. served as a federal magistrate judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He was appointed as a federal magistrate judge in 1985. Formerly, Judge Moore was an assistant U.S. attorney and a federal public defender in the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Moore also served as an assistant district attorney and an assistant public defender in Orleans Parish.

A native of Bogalusa, Judge Moore earned a B.A. degree from Southern University and a J.D. degree from Southern University Law Center. Judge Moore was inducted into the SULC Hall of Fame in 2006. His portrait was among the first unveiled for the SULC's Judicial Wall of Fame in 2011.

Judge Louis Moore, Jr. retired after twenty-seven years of service.

### **RALPH E. TYSON, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE - DECEASED**



Ralph E. Tyson served as a United States federal judge. Born in 1948, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Judge Tyson received a B.A. from Louisiana State University in 1970 and a J.D. from Louisiana State University Law Center in 1973. He was in private practice from 1973 to 1988. He served as an Adjunct Professor at Louisiana State University Law School from 1989 to 1991. He served as a Professor in the Sociology/Law Enforcement Department at Southern University from 1989 to 1998. He was a judge on the Baton Rouge City Court from 1988 to 1993. He was a judge on the Nineteenth

Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish from 1993 to 1998. In late 1998 he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. There he served as chief judge from 2005 to 2011.

## **BRIAN A. JACKSON, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE - CHIEF JUDGE, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**



Judge Brian A. Jackson received his J.D. from Southern University School of Law, where he served as the editor-in-chief of the Southern University Law Review, and his LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. Judge Jackson was a member of the U.S. Department of Justice for over sixteen years, during which he practiced law as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, an Associate Deputy Attorney General, and as the court-appointed United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana. In 2002, he entered private practice as a partner at the law firm of Liskow & Lewis, where he practiced in the firm's Commercial Litigation section. He also served as chair of Liskow's White-Collar Defense Practice Group and a member of the firm's Board of Directors.

On October 29, 2009, President Barack Obama formally nominated Jackson as District Judge and the Senate confirmed Judge Jackson on June 15, 2010. On July 25, 2011, upon the death of Chief Judge Ralph E. Tyson, he became Chief Judge of the court. In 2013, Judge Jackson was appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts to serve on the Judicial Resources Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Judge Jackson is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the National Association of Former United States Attorneys, and a member of the Federal Judges Association. He previously served on the Admissions Committee for the Louisiana Supreme Court and wrote the examination on Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence during this time.

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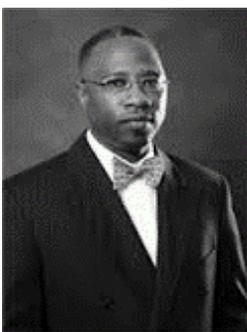
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## PROGRAM SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**Professor Mary Garvey Algero** is the Warren E. Mouldoux Distinguished Professor of Law, and she will soon become the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She directs the Lawyering Program and the Westerfield Fellowship Program. She is the author of *Louisiana Legal Research* and co-author of *Federal Legal Research*, both books published by Carolina Academic Press. She has published articles on issues of Federal Civil Procedure and Jurisdiction, the Louisiana Civil Law System, and the Contracts Clause. She frequently presents on her scholarship and teaching at professional conferences. She is a former president of the Association of Legal Writing Directors and has served on the editorial board of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*.

Professor Algero teaches courses primarily focused on civil procedure, federal courts, legal research and writing, and ethics. She has also taught Comparative Judicial Process at the University of Vienna as part of the Loyola study abroad program. Prior to joining the faculty of the Loyola New Orleans College of Law, she practiced with the law firms of McGlinchey, Stafford, Mintz, Cellini & Lang (now McGlinchey Stafford PLLC) and Pulaski, Gieger & Laborde, primarily in the areas of Aviation, Admiralty, and Products Liability. In law school she served as the editor in chief of the Loyola Law Review.



**Troy Nathan Bell** was admitted to practice law in 1990 and is admitted to practice before all federal and state courts in Louisiana. He received his B.A. from Loyola University in 1985 and his J.D. from Southern University Law Center 1990 where he was an Associate Editor of the Law Review. In addition to his varied litigation experience, he was privileged to serve as law clerk for the Honorable Revius Ortique Jr., Associate Justice, and the Honorable Felicia Toney Williams, Associate Justice *Pro Tempore* of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

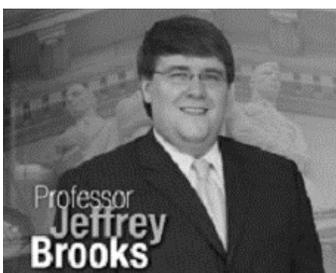
Mr. Bell has served as an Administrative Law Judge for the City of New Orleans and on national and regional trial teams for national clients. He has tried numerous cases throughout Louisiana and Mississippi, managed thousands of complex mass tort claims, and been appointed co-chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association Diversity Committee.

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. Bell is active in the community where he serves as a mentor to disadvantaged youth. He speaks at local public schools, and he is involved in the New Orleans Pro Bono Project. In addition, he is active as a coach and assistant coach at area playgrounds and is a member of his church's Male Chorus.



**Caroline Bordelon** is a graduate of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts. She attended Oxford College of Emory University before receiving her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Emory University in 2007. While serving as a member of Teach for America Hawai'i and teaching middle school mathematics, she earned a Master's in Education from Chaminade University in Honolulu. In 2015, she graduated cum laude from Tulane University School of Law, earning her J.D. and a Certificate of Specialization in Civil Law. She is also a member of the Order of Barristers.

While in law school, Ms. Bordelon helped lead the Tulane Moot Court program by serving as the Administrative Justice for Intraschool Competitions. As a member of Tulane's Moot Court Trial team, she represented Tulane at the 2014 Texas Young Lawyers' Association National Trial Competition and the 2015 ABA Labor and Employment Trial Advocacy Competition and was a winner of Tulane's 2014 Junior Intraschool Trial Competition. She also completed two judicial externships, one with Judge Edith Clement of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and another with Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.



**Professor Jeffrey C. Brooks** is the Preis PLC Director of Advocacy and Professional Practice and an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice at the LSU Law Center. Professor Brooks directs the Law Center's highly competitive Moot Court, Trial Advocacy, and Alternative Dispute Resolution programs, and coordinates the Law Center's rapidly expanding externship programs. He also teaches a course in Advanced Appellate Advocacy.

Prior to joining the Law Center faculty, Professor Brooks practiced law as an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Special Federal Litigation Division of the New York City Law Department, where he was a trial attorney representing the City of New York and the New York City Police Department in federal civil rights cases, including the complex litigation arising out of arrests made during the

2004 Republican National Convention. He previously worked as an intern for Associate Justice Stephen G. Crane of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department.

Professor Brooks received his J.D. from Tulane University Law School, and his B.A. in Geography-Anthropology from Vassar College. While at Tulane, he was Senior Notes and Comments Editor of the Journal of Law and Sexuality and a member of the Jessup International Law Moot Court and Pace Environmental Law Moot Court teams. Professor Brooks is a member of the New York State Bar and an active member of the Federal Bar Association.



**Marcus V. Brown** is executive vice president and general counsel of Entergy Corporation. As general counsel, Mr. Brown is responsible for all legal, ethics and compliance matters affecting Entergy and its subsidiaries, including providing counsel to the chairman and CEO, board of directors and senior management. Mr. Brown also leads the company's approximately 75 attorneys in 10 jurisdictional offices and six practice groups, handling major transactions, regulatory proceedings, nuclear matters, ethics and compliance, litigation, environmental and employment issues.

Mr. Brown served as senior vice president and general counsel from January 2012 through August 2013; prior to that, he was vice president and deputy general counsel. Following hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike, Mr. Brown led the company's effort to recover more than \$500 million in insurance proceeds, which were critical to rebuilding the damaged electric and gas infrastructure of Entergy's utility system. Prior to joining Entergy in 1995, Brown practiced with the New Orleans-based Stone Pigman law firm.

Following Mr. Brown's 2012 initiative to increase the company's commitment to provide legal assistance to some of its most vulnerable customers, the New Orleans Pro Bono Project named Entergy its 2013 Pro Bono Law Firm of the year.

Mr. Brown received his B.A. from Southern University A&M College and a Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center, where he was a member of the Law Review. He received his MBA from the Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business in 2002.



**Honorable Paula Brown** was elected to Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans on February 9, 2010. A native of Oceans Springs, Mississippi, she attended Tulane University on a basketball scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management from the A.B. Freeman School of Business. She went on to receive her Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Judge Brown has served as an associate attorney with the Law Office of Marie A. Bookman; a judicial law clerk for the current Chief Justice of the State of Louisiana, Bernette J. Johnson, in Civil District Court and again at the Louisiana Supreme Court; Judge *Pro Tempore* for Orleans Civil District Court; a staff attorney with the Orleans Indigent Defender's Program; an adjunct professor at Southern University at New Orleans; a trial attorney with the Regional Transit Authority; an associate attorney with Fine & Associates, PLC; and a litigator with the Hartford Insurance Group.

Some of her legal affiliations include: the A.P. Tureaud American Inn of Court, Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, Judicial Counsel of the National Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, District Judges Association, and Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.

Judge Brown is a member of Louisiana Appleseed; Louisiana Heat Foundation; I.N.S.P.I.R.E., RR, Inc. (*Increase Student Performance in Reading Excellence, Rewards Recognition*); Armstrong Family Services; and 100 Black Women, New Orleans Chapter. In addition, Judge Brown serves as a mentor in the Tulane University Women's Basketball Mentorship Program. As a breast cancer survivor, Judge Brown is passionate about promoting breast cancer awareness. She is a former board member of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, New Orleans Affiliate, and was awarded the 2015 Susan G. Komen Survivor of the Year. She was also the 2015 recipient of the Forum for Equality Leadership Award. Judge Brown is a former YWCA Role Model and a 2010 recipient of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.'s Award for Exemplary Community Service.



**Derwyn Bunton** is the Chief District Defender for Orleans Parish Louisiana leading the Orleans Public Defenders Office.

Prior to becoming Chief Defender, Mr. Bunton was the Executive Director of Juvenile Regional Services (JRS). JRS is the first stand-alone juvenile defender office in the nation and the first non-profit law office devoted to juvenile justice reform and front-line juvenile representation. He is also the former Associate Director of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (JJPL), a nonprofit

juvenile justice reform and advocacy organization. Mr. Bunton graduated from New York University School of Law in 1998.

From 2000 to 2005, Mr. Bunton aided in monitoring the settlement agreement between the United States Department of Justice, JJPL, private plaintiffs and the State of Louisiana regarding Louisiana's juvenile prisons. He was part of the litigation team that sued Louisiana over the conditions of its juvenile prisons.

During Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Bunton was part of a team of advocates and lawyers assisting the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice and the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections locate and reunite youth and adults evacuated to multiple DOC facilities across the state after being trapped by floodwaters in the Orleans Parish Prison in the wake of Katrina. In 2007, he was part of a team of lawyers representing the "Jena 6" in Jena, Louisiana.



**Honorable Camille Buras** was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended Archbishop Chapelle High School and Loyola University of New Orleans where she majored in History and obtained her Bachelor of Arts and Science degree in 1983. Judge Buras entered Loyola Law School in 1983 and received her Juris Doctorate in 1986.

Upon completion of her law studies in 1986, Judge Buras began employment at the Office of the District Attorney for the Parish of Orleans. Her various positions in the office included Deputy Chief of Trials, Sex Crimes Screener, Chief of the Economic Crime Unit and Chief of the Narcotics Strike Force. In 1994, District Attorney Harry Connick appointed her First Assistant District Attorney where she represented the office as a member of Mayor Marc Morial's Advisory Council on Domestic Violence. As First Assistant, Judge Buras also assisted in District Attorney Harry Connick's voluntary hair analysis drug testing initiative in private and public schools to detect and reduce drug abuse among teenagers.

In 1998, Judge Buras won a citywide election for the position of Judge for Section "H" for the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. She is especially proud of her work as a Drug Court Judge, where she supervised, on a weekly basis, individuals enrolled in the Criminal Court Drug Court Program. Several hundred clients have gone through the Section "H" Drug Court Program since its inception in 2000.



**Leon A. Cannizzaro Jr.** is a life-long resident of New Orleans. He is a graduate of De La Salle High School and University of New Orleans. Mr. Cannizzaro earned a law degree from Loyola University School of Law and began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish. After leaving the District Attorney's office, he worked in private practice and as a staff attorney for the Orleans Indigent Defenders Program for a short time.

In 1986, Mr. Cannizzaro embarked on a seventeen year-long calling as a judge in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court where he established of programs such as the Drug Court and Intensive Probation. He was also chosen as Chief Judge, and named the Top Overall Performing Judge by the Metropolitan Crime Commission year after year. Prior to being elected District Attorney, Mr. Cannizzaro served this community as a judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal for five years. Additionally, he has served as a faculty member at Tulane University School of Law and University of New Orleans.



**Honorable Tiffany Gautier Chase** is a native of New Orleans and has served as judge of Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Division "A" since May 2007. She has presented at numerous Continuing Legal Education seminars on a variety of civil litigation topics including recent developments in the law, medical malpractice, domestic violence, professionalism and ethics. Judge Chase is committed to providing access to justice to all litigants and works with various groups to do so. In 2010, she worked closely with the Louisiana Bar Association-Access to

Justice Committee to create Civil District Court's Self-Represented Litigant Help Desk, the first self-contained legal help desk in a Louisiana court. In 2013, Judge Chase was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court as Chairperson of the Louisiana Court Security Committee. She serves as Louisiana's Delegate to the American Bar Association-State Court Trial Judges Committee, on the District Court Rules Committee, on the Executive Committee of the District Judges' Association and on the Louisiana Judicial Council. She previously served as co-chair of Louisiana Judicial College- Louisiana State Bar Association Summer School for two years. In 2010, Judge Chase received the President's Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association and was recently honored by Family Services of Greater New Orleans.



**Jeffrey Clayman** focuses his practice on litigation: primarily, Products Liability, Tort Litigation, Toxic Tort Litigation and Insurance Coverage. His experience includes representation of insurers and their insureds in all phases of litigation in matters involving catastrophic personal injury and property loss. Jeffrey is a 2006 graduate of LSU Law Center.

**Honorable June Berry Darensburg** of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Division "C", for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, is the first African American female elected to a judgeship in Jefferson Parish. She is a 1980



graduate of Grace King High School and received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Xavier in 1985. After working in Pharmacy, she attended Loyola University School of Law, graduating in December 1994. She worked in private practice and was employed by the Jefferson Parish Indigent Defender Board. She was later employed as an Associate Attorney by the LeBlanc Butler Law Firm where she litigated in Products Liability and Insurance Defense.

She has attended The National Judicial College to study General Jurisdiction, Comprehensive Drug Court Training and Management for Presiding Judges. She has been a panelist for the National Business Institute, Jamaican Sunset CLE, Legal Aid Bureau CLE and Louisiana Judicial College. She has served as Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of I Can Help, Inc. of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, on the Lafreniere Park Advisory Board, as Vice President and Board Member of Jefferson Twenty-Five, on the Leadership Jefferson and Cuillier Career Center Advisory Board, as Former President of the Legal Aid Bureau and as Former President of the Fifth Circuit Judges Association.

She is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Jefferson Bar Association, Louis A. Martinet Society, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Association of Women Judges, Louisiana Judicial Council-NBA Division, Louisiana District Judges Association, Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges Associations and Louisiana Pharmacy Association. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Jefferson Dollars for Scholars, Jefferson Parish Children and Youth Planning Board, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Advisory Board, Westwego Rotary Club, Xavier University Investigational Review Board, Legal Aid Bureau Board and Leadership Jefferson Task Force. She is Chairperson of the Finance and Facilities Committee in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court and sits as an Intensive Probation Drug Court Judge.



**Honorable Tracey Flemings Davillier**, a New Orleans native, graduated from high school at St. Mary's Academy, Loyola University, where she studied Sociology, and Loyola Law School.

After graduating from law school, she began her career as a respected attorney at Phelps Dunbar, LLP. Judge Davillier dedicated countless hours to protecting children who had landed in the state's foster care program or fallen into the Juvenile Justice system. Judge Davillier chaired the Juvenile Division Transition Team for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office.

An outstanding legal scholar with one of our city's most prestigious law firms, Judge Davillier was successfully elected to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court in February 2010. As Deputy Chief Judge, she had a primary role in overseeing court operations. Judge Davillier quickly rose through the ranks and served as co-chair of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) and lead judge for the Delinquency Model Court Team under the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ).

In November, 2012, Judge Davillier successfully ran for election for a seat on the Criminal District Court, where she currently presides.



**Casey Desselles** is an associate at Bankston Law Firm in Albany, Louisiana, where she practices primarily in the areas of Family Law and Personal Bankruptcy. The Natchez, Mississippi native has made her home in the Northshore area since 2008. She attended Tulane Law School on a Dean's Scholarship and received her J.D. in May 2013. She also has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in English from the University of Southern Mississippi Honors College and the University of Mississippi, respectively.

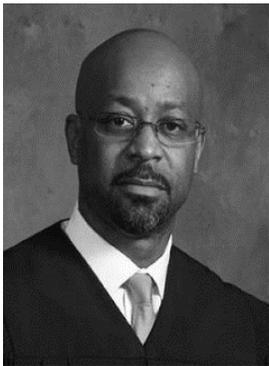
During law school, Casey interned with Judge Jerry Brown of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans, Judge Fredericka Homberg Wicker of the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, and Chief Judge Lee Romero of the Office of Administrative Law Judges in the U.S. Department of Labor.



**Amy E. Duncan** is the Training and Projects Counsel for the Access to Justice (ATJ) program at the Louisiana State Bar Association. She graduated from Louisiana State University in 2003 with a degree in Economics and Loyola Law School in 2013 with a JD/MBA dual degree. While in law school, Ms. Duncan served as Managing Editor for the Journal of Public Interest Law and Judicial Extern to the Hon. Carl J. Barbier. After law school, she worked as Program Director and Staff Attorney for Louisiana Civil Justice Center where she developed Legal Innovators for

Tomorrow (LIFT), a legal accelerator program that helps new attorneys build public interest focused solo practices.

In June 2015, Ms. Duncan joined the Access to Justice team where she is responsible for coordinating statewide legal training and education for Louisiana civil legal aid providers, staffing the Bar's Criminal Justice Committee, managing ATJ's Pro Bono Subcommittee, and working on various ATJ projects. Ms. Duncan also continues to develop the LIFT Incubator and Accelerator program.



**Honorable Lee V. Faulkner Jr.**, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and is a lifelong resident of Jefferson Parish. He graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana and Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Following law school, Judge Faulkner entered into private practice, handling personal injury, criminal, civil and domestic cases. He also served as a Public Defender for the Parish of Jefferson.

Prior to being elected as Judge, he was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as Judge Ad Hoc for Second Parish Court for the Parish of Jefferson. He also served as a Traffic Hearing Officer for Second Parish Court. Judge Faulkner was elected as a District Judge in 2008, following the retirement of the Honorable Melvin C. Zeno.

He is a member of numerous social, judicial and legal organizations, including the National Bar Association, American Judges Association, Louisiana State Bar Association and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. He also served as past President of the Jefferson Bar Association.



**Jason Michael Freas** was born and raised in New Orleans. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2009. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2014. His practice areas include Insurance Defense and Coverage Litigation, Automobile Liability, Successions and Estates, and Workers' Compensation Defense.

While attending Loyola, Mr. Freas obtained a Certificate of International Law Legal Studies and engaged in the study of International Comparative Law in Europe and Brazil. Mr. Freas has continued his interest in diverse areas of law by maintaining a litigation practice in various fields. Mr. Freas also devotes time to his church's youth group and is intent on maintaining this focus on youth in his pro-bono endeavors.



**Jordan Ginsberg** is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Louisiana and Deputy Supervisor of the Office's Fraud Unit. Mr. Ginsberg specializes in the prosecution of various complex white-collar and cyber-crimes, including child exploitation and trafficking, health care fraud, computer intrusion, and intellectual property violations. Mr. Ginsberg has successfully tried cases concerning financial and computer crimes, including the first juvenile sex trafficking matter in the Eastern District of Louisiana, and he has argued before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also serves as the Office's Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property coordinator and is an Associate Professor at Tulane Law School, where he is a member of the Trial Advocacy Faculty. Jordan graduated summa cum laude from Washington and Lee University in 2001. He was an articles editor with the University of Chicago Legal Forum and graduated from University of Chicago Law School with honors in 2004. After law school, Mr. Ginsberg served as a law clerk in the Northern District of Illinois for the Honorable Mark Filip. Before coming to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Ginsberg was an associate at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago, where he was a member of the firm's General Litigation group.



**Demarcus Gordon** is a partner in the Oil & Gas and Environmental Litigation sections at Kelly Hart & Pitre. Mr. Gordon works in state and federal courts where he represents Oil & Gas companies in legacy litigation by landowners and public entities who allege environmental damage from oil and gas exploration and production. He also has considerable experience in Environmental and Toxic Tort litigation, Class Action, and Product Liability Litigation. Mr. Gordon has successfully represented a myriad of clients in various practice areas, including clients involved in Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Enforcement actions directed at alleged clean air violations and multi-state litigation arising from a railcar explosion. In addition, he has aggressively defended clients in personal injury and property damage matters and in connection with litigation concerning pipe cleaning operations in Louisiana.



**Honorable Piper Griffin** is Judge of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Division "A", where she has served since her election to the bench in 2001.

During her fourteen years of practice, Judge Griffin worked primarily in the area of Casualty Litigation, including Products Liability, Workers Compensation, Personal Injury, Construction Litigation and Employment Relations. Prior to ascending to the bench, Judge Griffin was Special Counsel to the firm of Leake, Andersson & Mann, LLC (*presently* Leake Andersson) and worked with George J. Nalley, Jr., APLC and Carmouche, Gray & Hoffman (*presently* Hoffman Siegel et al). In 1999, she was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court as Judge Pro Tempore for the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans and served in that capacity for almost a year.

Judge Griffin holds a B.A. degree from University of Notre Dame where she received the Leonard A. Collins Senior Honorary Award in recognition of her contributions to student life at the University. In 1997, she was recognized as one of the 50 most distinguished Black graduates in the history of the University. Judge Griffin received her Juris Doctorate from Louisiana State University School of Law in 1987 and was admitted to practice in Louisiana in that year.

Judge Griffin has been active with many professional and civic organizations and is a member of various local and national Bar Associations. Judge Griffin frequently speaks at community and Continuing Legal Education events and has received numerous awards and certificates in recognition of her accomplishments and her commitment to the community.



**Scherri N. Guidry** is a native of Opelousas and graduate of Lawtell High School. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from University of Louisiana-Lafayette (then University of Southwestern Louisiana) in 1995 and went on to receive her Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1999.

She is currently working as a Senior Misdemeanor Attorney with the Fifteenth Judicial District Public Defenders office in Lafayette and handling a full range of criminal cases. She previously served as Staff Attorney for the Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc. in Monroe, Louisiana where she handled a wide variety of civil cases. These included Family Law, Consumer Law, employment related issues, landlord-tenant disputes, contract disputes, and issues involving elderly residents. Ms. Guidry previously practiced as a private attorney in Opelousas.

Prior to engaging in the full-time practice of law, Ms. Guidry was a counselor and mentor in the Upward Bound program at University of Louisiana-Lafayette--an academic enrichment program that prepares first-generation college students and students from economically disadvantaged families for the academic and social challenges of college.

Ms. Guidry is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession, the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society Lafayette Chapter, the Lafayette Parish Bar Association, and the National Association of Public Defense Attorneys.



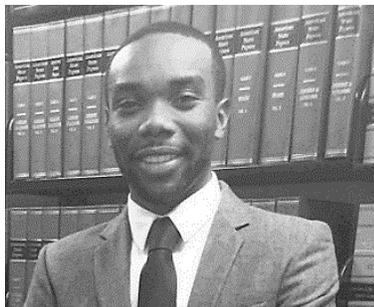
**Kristina Haley** attended University of New Orleans and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She has also taken post-graduate classes toward her Master's degree in Business Administration. She began working for the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court in July 2000. Ms. Haley has worked in various departments of the Clerk's Office and currently works for the Clerk's Office and United States Probation Office in the Space and Facilities/Emergency

Preparedness/Audit and Internal Controls Section of the Shared Administrative Services Unit.



**Kandace R. Hamilton** is an attorney at Tulane University where she serves as the Associate Director of the Office of Institutional Equity. In her role, Ms. Hamilton administers Tulane's Equal Opportunity/Anti-Discrimination policies. She primarily investigates and redresses internal complaints related to issues of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and sexual misconduct based upon protected characteristics such as age, disability, gender, gender expression, marital status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, veteran status, etc. Ms. Hamilton regularly works in the areas of Titles IV, VI, VII, and IX, VAWA, ADA, HIPAA, FERPA, and PDA, among other laws and regulations. She also conducts trainings for Tulane's workforce and student population which include nearly 4,500 employees and over 13,500 undergraduate/graduate students respectively.

Prior to joining the Office of Institutional Equity, Ms. Hamilton worked as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Madeline Jasmine at the Fortieth Judicial District Court in St. John the Baptist Parish. Ms. Hamilton serves on the Louisiana State Bar Association's (LSBA) Diversity Committee, LABWA, and the BESE Disciplinary Hearing Officer Board. She also Co-chairs the LSBA's Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee and is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Hamilton graduated cum laude from Birmingham-Southern College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 2006. Ms. Hamilton earned her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2009, graduating in the top twentieth percentile of her class.



**Brandon Hawkins** is a second-year law student at Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, Texas. Mr. Hawkins is a Posse scholar and received a full-tuition academic and leadership scholarship to Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2011. During Mr. Hawkins' undergraduate career, he was the president of the Pan-Caribbean Student Organization and the African American Alliance and served as a member of the school's Judicial Board. He also received the 2009 Extraordinary Emerging Leader Award. As a law student, Mr. Hawkins was a semi-finalist in the Catherine H. Shaw 1L Mock Trial, and he is the current Secretary for the African Law Student Association (2016-2017 academic year). Mr. Hawkins currently serves as a summer Judicial Extern with United States Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.



**Ashley Heilprin** practices in the area of commercial litigation. At Phelps Dunbar, LLP she concentrates her practice in the areas of General Business Torts, Construction Litigation and Contracts, Professional Malpractice and a variety of other corporate litigation matters. She also has experience in complex commercial matters. Ms. Heilprin is a 2013 graduate of William & Mary Law School.



**Brent Hightower** is a Librarian at the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. His service to the Court began in 2010. Previously, Mr. Hightower worked as Director of Library Services for Adams and Reese LLP and Library Systems Analyst for the Times-Picayune. Mr. Hightower holds Bachelor's degrees in History and Double Bass Performance as well as a Masters of Library and Information Science.



**Lindsey Hortenstine**, a graduate of Louisiana State University, is the Media and Communications for the Orleans Public Defenders. She has more than five years of experience in Public Relations and Communications for local and national nonprofit organizations and consumer and lifestyle brands in New Orleans and Atlanta.



**Professor Michelle A. Jackson** is the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and an adjunct professor at Southern University Law Center (SULC) in Baton Rouge, LA. In her capacity as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Professor Jackson serves as a Primary Policy researcher. She furnishes data and facts related to on-going and emerging issues of importance to the Law Center and provides confidential, complex policy and administrative support to the Chancellor.

She is responsible for the production of a comprehensive annual report, monthly reports for the Southern University Board of Supervisors, and other reports requested by the Chancellor. She chairs Search Committees for various staff positions, creates and maintains department and employee files, and supervises and evaluates faculty. Her role also includes serving as the SULC Title IX

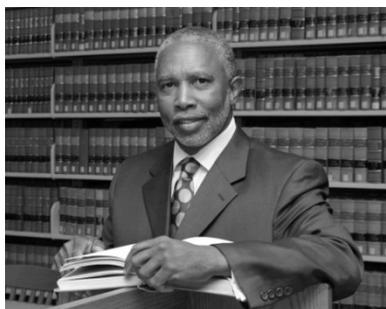
Coordinator, where she is the primary point of contact for all Title IX related issues and investigations. As Disability Coordinator, she is responsible for assessing, counseling, and administering accommodation services to students with disabilities. As an adjunct professor at SULC, she teaches Conflict of Laws, Education Law, Legal Research, and Real Estate Transactions. Professor Jackson received her B.A. in English, with distinction, from the University of Illinois at Chicago and her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.



**Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson** is the first African-American Chief Justice of Louisiana. Chief Justice Johnson was first elected to serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1994. She serves on the Court's Judicial Council and has served on the Court's Legal Services Task Force as well as the National Campaign on Best Practices in the area of Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts.

Chief Justice Johnson is a Fleur De Lis member of the New Orleans Bar Association and is active with several committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Bar Foundation. She is an active member of the A.P. Tureaud Chapter of the American Inns of Court, where she currently serves as President, along with the Louisiana State Law Institute and the National Association of Women Judges, where she has served as a District Director and is now active with the Women in Prison Project. Justice Johnson is also an active member of Omicron Nu Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the New Orleans Chapter of Links, Inc. -- both service organizations. On April 9, 2013, Chief Justice Johnson delivered the State of the Judiciary Address before the Louisiana Legislature. In May of 2013, she delivered the Commencement Address at Southern University as well as her alma mater, LSU Law School.

Chief Justice Johnson earned a B.A. from Spelman College and was one of the first African-American women to attend the law school at LSU, where she received her J.D. in 1969. She was inducted into the LSU Law Center's Hall of Fame in 1996, where her portrait now hangs.



**Professor Russell L. Jones**, the Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Endowed Professor, was named Southern University Law Center (SULC) Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs in 2007. He received a B.A. degree in 1974 from Northeast Louisiana University, his J.D. degree, magna cum laude, in 1982 from Southern University Law Center, and an LL.M. degree in 1992 from Georgetown University School of Law. He was admitted to practice law in Louisiana in 1982.

Professor Jones was recognized as the 2010 Distinguished Professor by the Louisiana Bar Foundation. He also received the 2001 Louisiana Bar Journal Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award for best featured article. Vice Chancellor Jones established the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project at SULC in 2009. The project's goal is to empower high school students by teaching civic literacy through the U.S. Constitution.

Professor Jones is a member of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Baton Rouge Bar Association, Louisiana Bar Foundation, and Jock Scott Community Partnership Panel and is Director of the SULC Marshall-Brennan Project. Professor Jones was also the Attorney Coach for the Southern University Laboratory School mock trial team. The team represented the Louisiana State Bar Association Region VII in the State competition on three occasions. In the community, Professor Jones is a member of Greater New Guide Baptist Church where he is chair of Christian Education and a Sunday school teacher.



**Susan Jones** is a librarian at the Fifth Circuit Library in New Orleans. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Centenary College, a Master of Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University, and a Juris Doctorate from Marquette University Law School.



**Janet Kearney** is a Louisiana bar member and received her J.D. from Tulane Law in 2015. She is an Assistant Professor and Cataloging and Reference Librarian at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Library. In this role she focuses on legal research and technology, teaching research skills and ensuring access to electronic resources. Her research focus is on Foreign and International Law and Comparative Law with a focus in Civil Law Systems. Ms. Kearney is a Masters student in Library and Information Science and is active in the New Orleans Association of Law Librarians.



**Adria N. Kimbrough**, a native of Mobile, Alabama, joined The Kullman Firm in 2013. Prior to joining the firm, Mrs. Kimbrough was employed as an Associate General Counsel for the University of Arkansas System where she defended two and four year colleges and universities in Employment Discrimination Litigation. She also counseled University Administrators in an effort to avoid litigation and ensure compliance with federal and state employment laws. Before working with the University of Arkansas, Mrs.

Kimbrough was in private practice where she represented corporate, municipal, and nonprofit employers in federal court and before administrative bodies. In addition to her litigation experience, Mrs. Kimbrough has provided advice to employers regarding personnel policies, leave issues, and discipline and discharge matters.

Mrs. Kimbrough received a B.A. from Talladega College in 1997 and her J.D. from the University Of Cincinnati College Of Law in 2000.



**Honorable Daniel E. Knowles, III** serves as U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Judge Knowles earned an undergraduate degree and a J.D. from Louisiana State University, 1975 and 1978 respectively. Following law school, he served as law clerk to the Honorable John C. Boutall, Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and then to the Honorable Patrick E. Carr, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. In 1982, he joined the law firm of Burke & Mayer where he practiced Admiralty and Maritime Law for twenty years.

Judge Knowles served as Judge Ad Hoc, First Parish Court, Parish of Jefferson for many years. He is also certified as a mediator by the Attorney-Mediators Institute. Judge Knowles has held numerous positions, including President, with the Mariners Club of the Port of New Orleans. Currently, he is a faculty member for the Louisiana State University Trial Advocacy Training Program and he serves on the Louisiana State Bar Association's Bar Liaison Committee for the Federal Bench. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter. Judge Knowles is a frequent speaker for various industry and legal groups including Mariners Club of the Port of New Orleans, the Louisiana State Bar Association, St. Paul Insurance Claim Conference and Louisiana State University and Loyola University.



**Honorable Ivan L. R. Lemelle** was appointed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on May 13, 1998 by President Bill Clinton. Prior to his appointment as a United States District Judge, Judge Lemelle served for more than a decade as a United States Magistrate Judge (1984-1998). His appointment in 1984 made him the first African-American United States Magistrate Judge in the Louisiana Federal Courts.

Judge Lemelle was educated at Xavier University of Louisiana, where he received his Bachelor of Science cum laude in 1971. He received numerous scholarships to attend Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, where he received his Juris Doctorate in 1974.



**Minzala Mvula** is a second-year law student at Washington University (WashU) in St. Louis, Missouri. Before enrolling at WashU Law, Ms. Mvula attended Tulane University where she majored in Political Economy and French. After completing her first year of law school, she returned to New Orleans to split her summer as an extern for Federal Judge Roby and a clerk for the law firm McGlinchey Stafford as a LCLD Scholar.

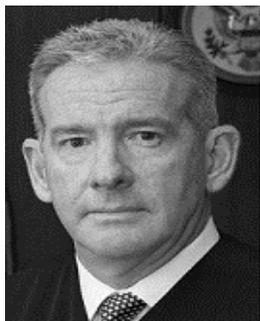


**Monte T. Mollere** is the Director of the Access to Justice Program. The program was established in 1997 as a joint effort of the Louisiana State Bar Association, The Louisiana Bar Foundation and the Louisiana Legal Services Programs to assist in the development of a strong, integrated, statewide network for the delivery of legal services to the poor. Mr. Mollere, a native of Luling, Louisiana, is a graduate of Louisiana State University where he received his B.A. in Accounting and Loyola University School of Law School in New Orleans where he received his J.D.

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Prior to taking his position as Access to Justice Director, Mr. Mollere practiced law for seven years with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Program in Hammond, Louisiana. His primary practice areas were Domestic Law, Bankruptcy Law and Consumer Law. Mr. Mollere chaired the state Domestic Law Task Force and has been active in various civic and public interest legal organizations.

In addition to acting as liaison to the Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee and Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee, Mr. Mollere works with the Louisiana Legal Services Programs, pro-bono programs, law schools, judiciary and other parties interested in facilitating access to the judicial system for the indigent.



**Honorable Michael B. North** was sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana in March 2014. Prior to becoming a Magistrate Judge, Judge North spent sixteen years in private litigation practice. He handled and tried cases in state and federal courts, throughout the country, in diverse areas of the law. These areas include: Products Liability, Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment, Maritime, and Insurance Coverage and Casualty matters. Judge North received a Bachelor of Arts

degree from Louisiana State University in 1987, and a Juris Doctorate from Tulane Law School. During his academic career at Tulane Law School, Judge North served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Tulane Law Review* and graduated first in his class.



**Darleene Peters** is counsel at Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore. She practices in the areas of Pharmaceutical & Medical Device, Products Liability, Railroad & Transportation, Insurance, Casualty, Complex Litigation, and Premises Liability Law along with science & expert work. She is a graduate of Loyola University School of Law, Loyola University College of Business, and Xavier University. Ms. Peters is the co-chairperson of the firm's Diversity Committee and is active in the National Diversity Council's New Orleans chapter as well as the

Defense Research Institute's Diversity Committee. From 2004 to 2005, she served as a Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.



**Honorable Angélique A. Reed** was elected on October 3, 1998 as the first African-American to serve as Judge in First City Court of Orleans Parish. Judge Reed is a graduate of Ursuline Academy, Xavier University of Louisiana, and Loyola University School of Law, where she was the recipient of the National Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition Award. Prior to her election to the Bench, Judge Reed was an Assistant City Attorney for twelve years, with extensive civil trial experience, and an attorney in private practice.

Judge Reed is currently serving on the Louisiana State Law Institute and the Executive Committee for the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association. Judge Reed has also held memberships in several professional and civic organizations including the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Association of Women Attorneys, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association Board of Governors, Association of Women Attorneys, and Louisiana Supreme Court Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Independent Women's Organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the Louisiana Judicial Council – NBA.



**Honorable Kern A. Reese** of Orleans Parish Civil District Court Division "L" is a graduate of St. Augustine High School, Pomona College in Claremont, California and Loyola University School of Law. Prior to taking the bench in spring 2001, he maintained a solo law practice for 16 years.

Judge Reese has served as an Associate Adjunct Professor of Tulane University School of Law for more than two decades and at Loyola University School of Law for the past four years.

Judge Reese has also served as a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) instructor and panelist for the Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, Louisiana Association for Justice, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, American Board of Trial Advocates, Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Loyola Black Law Students Association and CLE of Louisiana, LLC. He also coached the Trial Advocacy Team at Loyola University School of Law, leading them to victory at the 2007 National Championship of the American Bar Association's Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition at the John Jay School of Law in Chicago, Illinois.

During his twenty-five years as a lawyer, Judge Reese has personally mentored over 100 young people from diverse backgrounds and provided them opportunities for summer internships and clerkships in his office.

Judge Reese has also served on numerous boards and commissions including the Regional Planning Commission, Regional Transit Authority, New Orleans Industrial Development Board and Finance Authority of New Orleans, St. Frances Cabrini Parish School Board, Youth Development Association and Bancroft Park Civic Association. He is also a member of Alpha Alpha Boule, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and the Titans of Greater New Orleans.



**Honorable Karen Wells Roby** is a Federal Magistrate Judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The Honorable Karen Wells Roby was appointed to serve as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana on October 16, 1998; she took her oath of office on February 22, 1999, and began her service as a federal magistrate judge.

Judge Roby is the Immediate Past President of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association, a 600-member organization of United States federal judges, and the first African American Woman to serve in this leadership capacity. Judge Roby is also the First African American female to serve on the federal bench in Louisiana. Judge Roby, in addition to helping to coordinate this program, is a speaker and mock trial judge of the Law School Summer School and Intern Program and a Professor at Tulane Law School. She also has traveled to Kenya as a part of the Lawyers Without Borders program and brought United States Case Management Best Practices to Magistrates in Kenya.



**Professor Ronald J. Scalise Jr.** served on the faculty of the Louisiana State University Law Center since 2004, prior to joining the Tulane Law faculty in 2009. Since 2007, he held the McGlinchey Stafford Associate Professorship there. After his graduation from Tulane Law School, where he was Articles Editor of the Tulane Law Review, Professor Scalise clerked on the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and pursued his LLM at Trinity College, Cambridge University, on a Gates Fellowship. He then worked as an associate attorney in the

corporate and business section of the New Orleans law firm of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLC.

A member of the Louisiana State Law Institute and a Board member of the American Society of Comparative Law, Professor Scalise has written extensively on civil law topics, particularly in the area of successions and inheritance. He is currently editing a book on European contract law and working on another book on the civil law of property. In 2011, he was appointed to serve as an appeals judge in cases contesting decisions made by the BP oil spill compensation system. In 2012, he began a term as Vice Dean of the Law School.



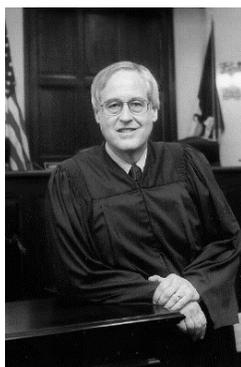
**Matthew S. Smith** practices Personal Injury Law. Prior to practicing law in Louisiana, he worked in a wide range of professions from salmon fishing to political campaigns. Mr. Smith also volunteers with PARSE, Crescent City Café, and Woodlands Conservancy.



**Honorable Raymond S. Steib Jr.** was elected as Judge of Division "A" of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court bench in 2010. For over 25 years prior to his election, Judge Steib was a solo practitioner in Gretna, Louisiana. Judge Steib is very active in State and Local Bar Associations. He is a past president of the Jefferson Bar Association. He has served on the LSBA Access to Justice Committee, Committee on the Profession and Nominating Committee. Judge Steib has been a regular presenter of Professionalism Programs to the Tulane and Loyola Law Schools' 1L and 3L classes. He is a regular volunteer to New Orleans Bar Association programs, and in 2012, he was the recipient of the Pro Bono Project Distinguished Jurist Award.



**Ann Theriot** has a background in both Marketing and Law. In her role as Recruiting Director, she serves as the Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore main contact for law schools, search firms, and other organizations dedicated to the recruitment of law students. Ms. Theriot oversees all aspects of summer associate recruiting and is primarily responsible for reviewing résumés and scheduling student interviews and office visits. She coordinates and manages every aspect of the summer associate program. As Marketing Director, she coordinates all media relations and manages social media for the firm.

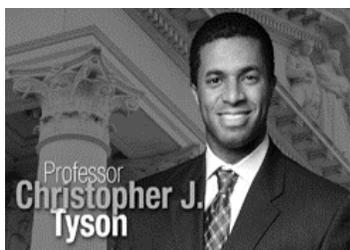


**Honorable Max N. Tobias Jr.** is a graduate of Tulane University of Louisiana, receiving both a B.A. and J.D. in 1971. After graduation, he served as a law clerk at the Louisiana Supreme Court, and thereafter worked for a large law firm, small law firm, and as a sole practitioner before being elected as a judge of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, in February 1986. He was re-elected to that position in 1990 and 1996 without opposition. He served as the Chief Judge of that court from 1994-96. In 2000, he was elected without opposition to Louisiana's Court of Appeal, Fourth

Circuit, and re-elected to that court in 2006. His current term of office ends in 2016.

In law school and since, Judge Tobias has been active in the field of equal rights for minorities and for women. In that regard, he was a member of the Louisiana Task Force of Women in the Courts and Co-Chairman of the Louisiana Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts. He has been a member of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts since 1992, a member of its board of directors since 2000, and its President from 2004-06 and 2010-2012. He was a co-chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity in the Profession from 2011-2012. He has been active on the boards of multiple charitable organizations for many years.

Judge Tobias is a member of the adjunct faculty of the Tulane University School of Law and the co-editor of the publication: *Louisiana Civil Pretrial Procedure*.



**Professor Christopher J. Tyson**, Newman Trowbridge Distinguished Associate Professor of Law, joined Louisiana State University Law Center faculty in 2010 as an Assistant Professor. He teaches and writes in the areas of Property, Real Estate Development, Local Government Law and Urban Land Use and Development.

Professor Tyson earned his B.A. in Architecture, with honors, from Howard University; a Masters of Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center. While at Georgetown, Professor Tyson served as articles editor of the Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law and received the Dean's Certificate of Recognition of Special and Outstanding Service to the Law Center Community.

Prior to earning his law degree, Professor Tyson worked in management consulting and in the Washington, DC office of United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu. After earning his law degree, Professor Tyson worked as an associate in the Real Estate Practice at the law firm Jones Walker, LLP in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He has been honored as one of the Baton Rouge Business Report's 2010 Top Forty Under 40, the National Bar Association's Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 for 2011 and the New Leaders Council's 2011 Top 40 Under 40. He is also a recipient of the National Bar Association and Impact's 2011 Excellence in Activism award.

Professor Tyson was the 2015 Democratic candidate for Louisiana Secretary of State.



**Honorable Laurie A. White** is the presiding District Court Judge at Criminal District Court in Orleans Parish, Section "A." While she is a general jurisdiction judge, she hears only criminal matters; specifically felony and capital cases. Judge White was elected to the bench by a city-wide majority vote in November 2007. Before her election, Judge White practiced law in state and federal courts throughout Louisiana for twenty years. She is also admitted to practice law in the State of Texas. In 2004, she was certified as a Criminal Law Specialist through the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA) after completing extensive requirements and passing the National Exam.

White began her career as a prosecutor in Orleans Parish and also worked in East Baton Rouge Parish as a sex-crimes prosecutor. She worked as a City Attorney defending the New Orleans Police Department in false arrest and brutality claims as well as general civil litigation matters. She handled criminal appeals for the Louisiana Appellate Project. She has litigated death penalty cases as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney. Her most success was in post-conviction habeas matters involving withholding of *Brady* or exculpatory evidence wherein new trials were granted. White practiced in the civil realm as an insurance defense attorney, and she ran her own law firm for fifteen years, managing numerous attorneys and staff while handling all types of criminal matters.

In 2014, Judge White was appointed to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice. The mission of the LCLE is to improve the operations of the criminal justice and juvenile justice system and promote public safety by providing progressive leadership and coordination within the criminal justice community. Judge White was the recipient of the Association for Women Attorneys 2013 *Michaëlle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award*. This award is given in honor of the accomplishments and example that the late Magistrate Judge Wynne set in the New Orleans legal community. Judge White was appointed to the Louisiana Sentencing Commission in 2012. Judge White was appointed to the Louisiana Sentencing Commission again in 2016 by Governor John Bel Edwards

In 2010, she successfully created and implemented legislation that formed Louisiana's first Re-Entry Court Program, which partners with the Department of Corrections and the Louisiana State Penitentiary. The program's concept is principled on educational training and job preparedness, as well as life skills and mentoring by life-sentenced inmates while in a state prison setting. The program operates at no additional cost to Louisiana and was expanded to four parishes in 2013 by the Louisiana Legislature. The American Correctional Association named the Orleans Criminal District Court/Louisiana State

Penitentiary Re-Entry Court Program their *2013 Innovation in Corrections Award* recipient. Judge White accepts participants from eleven sections of court with no additional court staff or funding for the program. Judge White spearheaded a bike-giveaway. On June 18, 2014, more than 500 bikes were transported from the NOPD Property and Evidence room to the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. The inmates in Judge White's Re-Entry Court program will repair and repurpose the bikes. The "almost new" bikes will then be transported back to NOLA for a BIKE GIVEAWAY for deserving adults and children. These bicycles were taking up valuable real estate in the evidence and property warehouse, which could be utilized to store evidence in open, active cases.



**Monica M. White** is the Director for Recruitment, Admissions and Programming at Dillard University. She is originally from Kansas City, Missouri, but moved to New Orleans to obtain her Bachelor's degree in Mass Communication from Dillard University in 2007 and her Master's degree from Tulane University in Liberal Arts in 2010. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Additionally, she serves on the Faculty/Staff Task Force for Dillard University with the charge to increase morale amongst her colleagues along with a host of professional associations and organizations.

Ms. White started her career in Higher Education as a Student Assistant in the Office of Admissions during her collegiate career at Dillard. Now, she plays an active role in changing the lives of high schools and college students by assisting them through the college admission process and serving as a mentor. She has also spearheaded fundraising and community service campaigns for her students at Dillard University.



**Valerie S. Willard** is the Deputy Judicial Administrator for the Louisiana Supreme Court, where she has been employed for nineteen years. She serves as the Court's Public Information Officer and Community Relations Director. Prior to her work at the Supreme Court, Ms. Willard was a Public Information Officer for the City of New Orleans Mayor's Office, a partner in the public relations firm Brylski & Willard, and the Project Coordinator of the Young Leadership Council's *New Orleans*

*Proud to Call it Home* campaign. She received a B.A. degree from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1979 and a J.D. degree from George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C. in 1983.



**Emily Wojna** worked in the Career Development Office before joining Tulane Law School's Office of Admission in 2014. As Assistant Director, Ms. Wojna attends recruitment events throughout the United States, coordinates admitted-student events and orientation, and counsels prospective law students throughout the application process.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Ms. Wojna attended Metairie Park Country Day School and Louisiana State University, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa. As a student at Tulane University Law School she served on the Moot Court Board, Student Bar Association, Graduate and Professional School Assembly, and Dean's Advisory Committee. She also coached and competed on the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team in Vienna and Hong Kong.



**Micah Zeno** is a 2003 graduate of the 5-Year MBA Program of the School of Business & Industry, Florida A&M University and a 2015 graduate of Tulane University Law School. He now serves as law clerk to the Honorable Judge June Berry Darensburg, Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court, Division "C".

While at Tulane, Mr. Zeno served as a student attorney in the Civil Litigation Clinic, a law clerk in the Tulane University Legal Assistance Program, Chief Justice of the Honor Board, a member of Moot Court, Parliamentarian of the Black Law Students Association, a member of the Faculty Interviewing & Appointment Committee, and a student member of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Upon graduating from Tulane, Micah was inducted into the Order of the Barristers and received the Tulane 34 Award and Tulane Student Crest Award. His professional affiliations include the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, Jefferson Bar Association, and the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society. Micah is also a member of the Young Lawyers Division Law School Outreach Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

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