

2018 Midyear Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2018
Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel
7000 Bluebonnet Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Seminar # 7152180118

This program has been approved for a maximum
of 3.00 hours of CLE credit



Hosted By:

LSBA Diversity Committee's Pipeline to Diversity & Outreach Subcommittee

12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Registration**

Part II of LSBA Disabilities Series (Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee)

CANCELLED

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Session One: "Social Security: Overview of the Law, Operating Terms and Procedure"**
(1.0 credit hour)

Monica Ferraro • Worker's Compensation, LLC • Metairie, LA
Suzette Tagesen Murphy • Worker's Compensation, LLC • Metairie, LA

2:00 - p.m. - 2:15 p.m. **Networking Break**

Women's Personal and Professional Development Workshop Series (Session 1 and 2)

CANCELLED

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Session One: "Navigating the Storms"**
(1.0 credit hour)

Jade Brown Russell • Principal • The JBR Firm • New Orleans, LA
Jil Jordan Greene • Principal | Change Management Officer • The People Group • Louisville, KY

3:15 - p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Networking Break**

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Session Two: "Take Command, Be Empowered, and Own Your Future"**
CANCELLED
(1.0 credit hour)

Kim M. Boyle • Phelps Dunbar LLP • New Orleans, LA
Marta-Ann Schnabel • O'Bryon & Schnabel, PLC • New Orleans, LA
Sharon Weston Broome • Mayor-President, City of Baton Rouge • Baton Rouge, LA

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Speaker Bios

Part II of LSBA Disabilities Series (Pipeline to Diversity and Outreach Subcommittee)

“Social Security: Overview of the Law, Operating Terms and Procedure”

Monica Ferraro recently joined the Social Security Disability Section of Workers' Compensation, LLC. Mrs. Ferraro was born in Italy. She obtained her legal degree from the University of Padua, Italy (1992). After practicing in Italy, Ms. Ferraro moved to New Orleans where in 1998 she obtained her certification to practice law in Louisiana. She has represented disability and SSI claimants at all levels of the administrative process including thousands of Social Security hearings and federal court appeals. Ms. Ferraro received awards for donating countless hours to a local wage clinic and to the Pro Bono Project. She is also active globally with Amnesty International. Monica lives in New Orleans and is an avid fan of the Saints football team.

Suzette Murphy was raised in LaPlace, Louisiana and earned her Bachelor of Science from the University of New Orleans. She later graduated from Loyola University School of Law New Orleans. Suzette is with Workers' Compensation, L.L.C., and her practice focuses on state and federal workers' compensation claims and Social Security Disability claims. Suzette has represented over one thousand injured or disabled workers in Louisiana and Mississippi. She is on the board of Animal Adoption Society, a non-profit animal rescue organization.

Women's Personal and Professional Development Workshop Series

Session One

“Navigating the Storms”

Jade Brown Russell is Principal of J.D. Russell Consulting, LLC, a full service consulting firm focusing on regulatory compliance, legal counsel, business solutions, governmental relations and strategic planning. Jade began her legal career at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago, Illinois, where she gained experience in mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, corporate governance and securities related transactions. Jade is the Co-Chair of the Solo and Small Practitioner's Section of the New Orleans Bar Association. Jade earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in Political Science from Howard University, where she was named a Patricia Roberts Harris Fellow, and is a graduate of Southern University Law Center, cum laude. Jade is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Links Incorporated. Jade is the proud mother of 10 year-old daughter, Jadon, and four year old, Dorsett.

Jil Jordan Greene is the Founder, CEO, and creative force behind The People Resource Group, a strategic management consulting firm specializing in change management systems, project management services, and leadership and development tools. Greene has been recognized in her industry by receiving the Most Powerful and Influential Women of Louisiana Award, a Woman of the Year Nominee Award, and Workforce Magazine's Game Changer Award. Jil Jordan Greene is co author of Amazon's Best-Selling Book, "Champions Never Tell: Sisters Surviving Storms in the Workplace" a diversity and inclusion tool.

Session Two

"Take Command, Be Empowered, and Own Your Future"

Kim M. Boyle practices in the areas of labor and employment, civil rights, constitutional law, commercial, tort and general litigation. Her employment practice includes representing employers in employment related claims, such as retaliation and discrimination claims as well as workplace harassment. She also handles EEOC charges and other administrative complaints through the administrative and judicial process. Her practice also includes the representation of public and private clients in a variety of commercial disputes, including breach of contract, business torts, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair trade practices and class actions, as well as representation of a number of governmental entities on an array of legal issues. Ms. Boyle was recognized by Benchmark Litigation as one of the Top 250 Women in US Litigation in 2017 and is very active in local, state and national bar activities, as well as community organizations and initiatives. She previously served as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association (2009-2010) and New Orleans Bar Association (2002-2003).

Marta-Ann Schnabel is Managing Director of the firm O'Bryon & Schnabel, P.L.C., in New Orleans. She also is a principal in The Patterson Resolution Group, L.L.C., receiving her mediation training at Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University Law School. She was the first woman to serve as Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) president in 2006-07. Schnabel was recognized as the 2014 Louisiana Bar Foundation's Calogero Justice Award recipient. She has served in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Bar Activities and Services. She received her BA degree, *honours*, in 1978 from Memorial University, Newfoundland, Canada, and her JD degree in 1981 from Loyola University College of Law (*Law Review*).

Sharon Weston Broome served as a Louisiana State Representative (District 29) and a Louisiana State Senator (District 15) prior to becoming "Mayor Broome." While in the legislature, Broome became the first female to hold the leadership position of Pro Tempore in the House and Senate. She leaves a legacy in the legislature of empowering children, families, and communities through the legislation she authored. Faith and family are a priority for Broome. She is a member of Star Hill Church. Sharon is happily married to Marvin Broome, and they are the proud parents of three children and three grandchildren. Broome was cited by the Baton Rouge Business Report as one of the "Top 25 Most Influential Women- Leading the Way in the Capital City." Today Mayor Sharon Weston Broome is truly leading the way in the Capital City as she encourages everyone to join her in building a "new Baton Rouge" where everyone sees the opportunity to pursue his or her dreams and aspirations.

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Diversity Statement

The Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) recognizes that achieving diversity in the legal profession is an evolutionary process that requires the Association's continued effort and commitment.

The LSBA is committed to diversity in its membership, Board of Governors, staff, House of Delegates, committees and all leadership positions. Diversity is an inclusive concept that encompasses race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability.

The LSBA is a richer and more effective Association because of diversity, as it increases our strengths, capabilities and adaptability. In addition, a diverse group of talented legal professionals is important to the success of law firms, law departments, public service organizations and other organizations that include attorneys.

Through increased diversity, the LSBA and its members can bring more varied perspectives, experiences, backgrounds, talents and interests to the practice of law and the administration of justice.