



Karen Wells Roby
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Biography

Judge Roby is a United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District for the Eastern District of Louisiana and has served on the court for over seventeen (17) years where she handles criminal and civil matters and also serves as a mediator. She is the Co-Chair of the ABA Litigation Sections, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and formerly Co-Chair of the Section's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.

In 2012, Judge Roby served as President of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association ("FMJA") a national organization of over 600 U.S. Magistrate Judges across the country. While President she enhanced the organizations communications, ushered in a new web presence with historical information about the association and worked diligently to protect the interest of all magistrate judges through its pay litigation which resulted in increased salaries for all U.S. Magistrate Judges. She currently serves on the association's legislative committee.

Judge Roby is a frequent speaker on various legal topics and she has had over one hundred speaking engagements throughout the United States during her career. She is also published in the areas of social media and ethics, settlement and ethics and attorney's fees. Judge Roby serves as an Adjunct Professor at Tulane University Law School where she teaches a course on E-Discovery and Digital Evidence.

She is a graduate of Tulane University Law School and Xavier University of New Orleans. She has received numerous recognitions for her service to the profession and the community.