

## **2018-19 ELECTIONS / Candidates' Profiles**

### **LSBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

#### **First Board District**

##### **Lawrence J. (Larry) Centola III**

Martzell, Bickford & Centola, New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — chair, Young Lawyers Division, 2012-13; YLD Council member, 2005-12; Nominating Committee, 2014-present; Public Information Committee, 2008-present. President, Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, 2017-18. Member — board of directors, New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, 2010-present; chair of Section on Toxic Torts, Louisiana Association for Justice, 2014-15; Executive Committee, John C. Boutall Inn of Court, 2007-12. Louisiana Bar examiner, torts, 2017-present.

##### **Louis A. DiRosa, Jr.**

Attorney at law, New Orleans. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1985.

##### **Bradley J. Tate**

Carr Riggs & Ingram, New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2009. Advanced law degree in taxation. LSBA — chair, Young Lawyers Division, 2017-18; YLD Council member, 2013-19; chair, Leadership LSBA Class, 2012-13; Bar Governance Committee, 2016-19; Committee on the Profession, 2013-19.

#### **Fourth Board District**

##### **Todd S. Clemons**

Todd Clemons & Associates, Lake Charles. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1987.

##### **Robert E. (Robby) Guillory, Jr.**

Guillory & McCall, L.L.C., Lake Charles. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1976. LSBA — president, 1999-2000; president-elect, 1998-99; Board of Governors, several terms; service on various committees and sections. Fellow and board of directors, Louisiana Bar Foundation. Southwest Louisiana Bar Association — president; president-elect; Executive Committee; chair, Medical-Legal Committee; chair, Notarial Examining Committee. Member — Louisiana Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics; Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions (assistant examiner); Louisiana State Law Institute. Law school — junior class president; Executive Committee, Student Bar Association; Delta Theta Phi.

#### **Fifth Board District**

##### **Michael E. Holoway**

Attorney at law, Folsom. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1983. LSBA — Board of Governors, 2013-16; House of Delegates, 22nd JDC, 2017-present; co-chair, Committee on the Profession, 2017-present, member since 1999, Mentoring Subcommittee chair, 2012-13; Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee, 2012-present.

**Adrian G. Nadeau**

Long Law Firm, L.L.P., Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2002. LSBA — House of Delegates, 19th JDC; Committee on the Profession; mentor, Transition Into Practice (TIP) Mentoring Program; co-chair, Leadership LSBA Class, 2009-10; member, Leadership LSBA Class, 2008-09. Member — former chair, Baton Rouge Bar Association Construction Law Section; Baton Rouge Bar Association Technology Committee; ABA Forum on the Construction Industry.

**Kelly M. Rabalais**

St. Tammany Parish Government, Mandeville. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2000. LSBA — Nominating Committee, District 1B; Committee on the Profession. 22nd Judicial District Bar Association — chair, Women in Law, 2017, 2018; member, 22nd JDC Inn of Court. Member — board of directors, Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter; chair, Federal Bar Association National Chapter State and Local Government Relations Section.

**Jack K. Whitehead, Jr.**

Whitehead Law Firm, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1986. Certified public accountant (inactive). LSBA — treasurer, 2008-10; Board of Governors, 2008-10; chair, Facilities Committee and Investment Subcommittee, 2008-10; House of Delegates, 1994-2000, 2002-08, 2010-20; chair, Mentoring Committee, 2003-04; Dues Increase Committee, 2006-07; 2015 President's Award recipient for work with the Client Assistance Fund. Member — Labor Law Advisory Committee, 2015-present; Louisiana State Law Institute Tax Sales Committee, 2015-present. American Bar Association delegate, 2010-12, 2012-14. Board member, American Red Cross Capital Region, 2013-present. Board member and officer, Boys and Girls Clubs of Baton Rouge, 1986-90; Troop Committee chair, Boy Scout Troop 7, St. Aloysius Parish, 1996-98.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**District 1A**

**Lawrence J. (Larry) Centola III**

Martzell, Bickford & Centola, New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — chair, Young Lawyers Division, 2012-13; YLD Council member, 2005-12; Nominating Committee, 2014-present; Public Information Committee, 2008-present. President, Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, 2017-18. Member — board of directors, New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, 2010-present; chair of Section on Toxic Torts, Louisiana Association for Justice, 2014-15; Executive Committee, John C. Boutall Inn of Court, 2007-12. Louisiana Bar examiner, torts, 2017-present.

**Louis A. DiRosa, Jr.**

Attorney at law, New Orleans. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1985.

**D. Skylar Rosenbloom**

Fishman Haygood, L.L.P., New Orleans. Washington and Lee University School of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2007. LSBA — Board of Governors, 2016-19; Nominating Committee, 2016; Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee, 2013-present; Committee on the Profession, 2013-present; Leadership LSBA Class, 2012-13.

**Patrick A. Talley, Jr.**

Phelps Dunbar, L.L.P., New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1982. Advanced law degree in energy and environmental law. LSBA — Board of Governors; House of Delegates; Bar Governance Committee; CLE Committee; LSBA delegate, 5th Circuit Judicial Committee, 1993-95.

**Phillip A. Wittmann**

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., New Orleans. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1961.

**District 2B**

**Michael R. (Mike) Delesdernier**

Attorney at law, Metairie. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1985. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2002-10, 2012-18. Member, Jefferson Bar Association, 2007-18.

**Shayna Beevers Morvant**

Beevers & Beevers, L.L.P., Gretna. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2012. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2013-present; House of Delegates Liaison Committee to the Board of Governors; Nominating Committee, 2017; Young Lawyers Division Council District 2 representative, 2016-present; secretary, Civil Law and Litigation Section, 2014-present. Jefferson Bar Association — Representative at large; chair, Young Lawyers Division, 2015, vice chair, 2014, secretary-treasurer, 2013.

**Raymond S. (Ray) Steib, Jr.**

Judge, 24th Judicial District Court, Gretna. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1983. LSBA — Nominating Committee, 2005-present; House of Delegates; Committee on the Profession, 1995-present; annual presenter at 1L and 3L professionalism programs; Access to Justice Committee, 2000-present; Self-Represented Litigants Subcommittee, 2006-present; Lawyers and Judges in the Classroom Program, 2011-present; mentor, LSBA Mentoring Program, 2015-present. Louisiana Bar Foundation — Fellow, 2012-present; Grants Committee, 2013-present. Member — Jefferson Bar Association, 1984-present, Executive Board, 1995-2005, president, 2002-03; Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, board member, 2000-12, president, 2004-06; St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association,

1984-present, board member, 2005-present, president, 2015-16; New Orleans Bar Association, participant in Bench Bar Conference.

### **District 3A**

#### **Blake R. David**

Broussard & David, Lafayette. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — Board of Governors, 2014-17; former member, House of Delegates; Nominating Committee, 2018; speaker, CLEs including Admiralty Symposium, 2009-18. Recipient, LSBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 2009. Member — Executive Committee, Louisiana Association for Justice; Lafayette Bar Foundation board; past president, Lafayette Bar Association; past president, American Inn of Court of Acadiana; past president and founding board member, Federal Bar Association's Lafayette Chapter. *Louisiana Super Lawyers*, 2012-19; Top 50 in Louisiana, 2019, personal injury, 2012-19. Faculty, LSU Trial Advocacy Program.

#### **Katherine L. Hurst**

Attorney at law, Lafayette. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1992. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2016-18, 2018-20; Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee, 2015-19; Committee on the Profession, 2014-19; Subcommittee to revise the Code of Professionalism, 2018; annual speaker, LSU 1L professionalism orientation. Fellow, Louisiana Bar Foundation. Member — Lafayette Bar Association, Family Law Section; Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers.

### **District 3D**

#### **Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr.**

Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea, L.L.C., Shreveport. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1978. LSBA — president, 2014-15; House of Delegates, 1998-present; recipient, LSBA President's Award, 2002; Rules of Professional Conduct Committee, member since inception; chair, Ethics Advisory Service Subcommittee. Chair, Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, 2002 (board member, 1995-2002). Adjunct professor, business law, Centenary College, 1998-2010. Member — Supreme Court Class Action-Mass Tort Rules of Professional Conduct and State MDL Committee; associate member, American Board of Trial Advocates, since 1992; National Institute of Trial Advocates, 1994-present. Law school — executive editor, *Louisiana Law Review*, 1977-78; Order of the Coif; winner, Robert L. Tullis Moot Court Competition.

#### **Aaron R. Wilson**

Wilson and Wilson, A.P.L.C., Bossier City. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2016. LSBA — member, Leadership LSBA Class, 2018-19; volunteer, Lawyers in Libraries, 2018. Member — Shreveport Bar Association, 2016-present; Bossier Bar Association, 2016-present.

### **YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION COUNCIL**

## **First District**

### **Kristen D. Amond**

Fishman Haygood, L.L.P., New Orleans. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2016. LSBA — Young Lawyers Division Awards Committee, October 2018-present. Host Committee member, New Orleans ABA Conference 2019. Member — board member, Federal Bar Association New Orleans Chapter's Younger Lawyer Section, 2018-present; Association of Women Attorneys, 2017-present. Law school — editor-in-chief, *Louisiana Law Review*, 2015-16; LSU Law Student Bar Association Ethics Committee chair and Diversity and Professionalism Committee 3L representative, 2015-16.

### **Collin R. Melancon**

Mansfield, Melancon, Cranmer & Dick, New Orleans. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2015. LSBA — Leadership LSBA Class, 2018-19; participant, Transition Into Practice mentoring program, 2015-16; participant, Bridging the Gap CLE, 2015. Member — New Orleans Bar Association; St. Thomas More American Inn of Court; Federal Bar Association. Law school — board member, *Loyola Law Review*, 2013-15; Willem C. Vis Moot Court competition, 2013-15; member and chief justice, Loyola Honor Board, 2013-15; Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, 2014-15; student member, ABA Reaccreditation Program, 2014-15.

## **Fifth District**

### **Rachal D. Cox**

McGlinchey Stafford, P.L.L.C., Baton Rouge. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2016. Junior member, Louisiana State Law Institute, 2016-17. Baton Rouge Bar Association — Belly Up with the Bar Committee, 2018; Teen Court Committee, 2018; CLE speaker, 2017.

### **Richard G. (Gary) Higgins, Jr.**

Wynne, Goux & Lobello, L.L.C., Covington. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2015. Licensed title insurance producer. LSBA — Leadership LSBA Class, 2017-18; volunteer, Wills for Heroes Program, 2015-present. Volunteer — Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, 2013-15; 22nd JDC Self-Help Desk, 2014-17; pro bono volunteer, 22nd JDC Re-Entry Program, 2017-present. Law school — senior editor, *Southern University Law Review*, 2011-14; recipient, C.A.L.I. Excellence for the Future Awards in criminal law, construction law, intellectual property law, sales and lease law and commercial paper, 2011-14; author, "Deep-Pocketed or Duty-Bound Defendant: The Evolution of 'Legacy Lawsuits' in Louisiana and the Impact of Acts 779 and 754," 41 S.U.L. Review 133 (2013); teaching assistant, legal writing, 2011-12.

### **Charles L. (Chase) Trichell**

Spencer Calahan, L.L.C., Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2016. Baton Rouge Bar Association — Belly Up to the Bar; softball tournament. Law school — Externship with then-Judge Scott Crichton (now Louisiana

Supreme Court justice); elected Executive Director of Programming; Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity; volleyball, softball, golf, basketball, football and flag football teams.