

2017-18 ELECTIONS / Candidates' Profiles

LSBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sixth Board District

Douglas L. (Doug) Bryan

Bryan Law Firm, L.L.C., Marksville. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1991. LSBA — House of Delegates, 12th Judicial District, 1996-present; House of Delegates liaison to the Board of Governors, 2009-10; Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee, 1996-present; Crystal Gavel Award Committee, 2010-11. Member — Avoyelles Parish Bar Association, 1995-present, president in 1998, secretary-treasurer in 1996; board of directors, Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, 2015-present; Louisiana Association for Justice, Board of Governors in 1999-2000. Law school — student practitioner, Loyola Law Clinic, 1990-91; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

William M. Ford

Ford Law Firm, Alexandria. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1961. LSBA — Board of Governors, 2003-06; House of Delegates; former chair, Liaison Committee; former member, Nominating Committee. Probation monitor and former hearing officer, Office of Disciplinary Counsel. President, Alexandria Bar Association, 1996-97. Recipient, Causidicus Award, 2006. Law school — LSU Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, 1959-61.

Toni R. Martin

Attorney at Law, Alexandria. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1992. Law school — comments editor, *Southern University Law Review*.

Deidre D. Robert

Louisiana Department of Justice, Baton Rouge. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — House of Delegates, 18th Judicial District, present term; co-chair, Diversity Committee; member, Access to Justice Committee; LSBA liaison to Louisiana Bar Foundation. Member — board member and Fellow, Louisiana Bar Foundation; Baton Rouge Chapter of Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.; Baton Rouge Bar Association, Membership Committee member. Law school — Moot Court Board; Student Bar Association parliamentarian; Phi Alpha Delta; Inn of Court.

Edward L. Tarpley, Jr.

Attorney at Law, Alexandria. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1980. LSBA — House of Delegates, 1992-94, 2016-18.

Seventh Board District

Paul Loy Hurd

Paul Loy Hurd, A.P.L.C., Monroe. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1978. LSBA — House of Delegates, present term; member, Criminal Justice Committee.

Justin N. Myers

Hammonds, Sills, Adkins & Guice, L.L.P., Monroe. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2011.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE**District 1B****Clayton J. Borne IV**

Judge, St. Tammany Parish, Abita Springs. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2011. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2013-present; Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, 2015-present. Vice president, Greater Slidell Bar Association, 2016-17.

Kelly M. Rabalais

St. Tammany Parish Government, Mandeville. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2000. Member — 22nd Judicial District Bar Association, 2017 Women in Law chair; Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter; board member, Federal Bar Association Local and State Government Committee. Law school — Honor Board member, 1999.

Bradley J. Tate

Carr Riggs & Ingram, Mandeville. 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; member, *Louisiana Bar Journal* Editorial Board, 2015-17; chair, Leadership LSBA Class, 2012-13; member, Committee on the Profession, 2013-18.

District 2A**Kelly E. Balfour**

Balfour Emonet Law Firm, L.L.C., Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — House of Delegates; Nominating Committee. Board of directors, Baton Rouge Bar Association.

Valerie B. Bargas

Kinchen Walker Bienvenu Bargas Reed & Helm, L.L.C., Baton Rouge. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2001. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2009-present; former chair, Young Lawyers Division. President, Louisiana Bar Foundation, 2017-18.

Frank A. Fertitta

Seale, Smith, Zuber & Barnette, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1967. LSBA — Board of Governors, 1991-93; House of Delegates, 1976-91, 1993-present; Nominating Committee, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2001, 2002-06, 2010-16; chair, Insurance, Tort, Workers' Compensation and Admiralty Law Section, 2000-01. President, Baton Rouge Bar Association, 1989-90.

Edward J. (Ed) Walters, Jr.

Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, L.L.C., Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1976. LSBA — secretary, 2012-13; Board of Governors, 2016-19; *Louisiana Bar Journal* Editorial Board, 1993-2000, 2005-present; chair, Senior Lawyers Division. Baton Rouge Bar Association — president, 1993; editor of *Around the Bar*, 1985-present. Adjunct professor of law, LSU Law Center, 1988-present.

District 2B

Erin O. Braud

Law Office of Julie E. Vaicius, Metairie. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2005.

Shayna Beevers Morvant

Beevers & Beevers, L.L.P., Gretna. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2012. LSBA — Nominating Committee, 2017; Young Lawyers Division Council District 2 representative, 2016-present; House of Delegates, 2015-present; secretary, Civil Law and Litigation Section, 2015-present; CLE presenter, 2015-17. Member — Jefferson Bar Association, 2012-present, Young Lawyers Division chair, 2015; Tulane Inn of Court, 2011-present, secretary 2016-present.

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, 2005-17; Committee on the Profession, 1995-present, annual presenter at 1L and 3L programs; Access to Justice Committee, 2000-present; Judges in the Classroom Program, 2010-present; mentor for new lawyers. Member — Judicial Leadership Class, 2013; past board president, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, member of the 50th Anniversary Bar and Judiciary Subcommittee; immediate past president and treasurer, St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association; past president, Jefferson Bar Association; member of the board of advisers, New Orleans Federalist Society.

District 2C

Daniel A. (Danny) Cavell

Morvant & Cavell, Thibodaux. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1980. LSBA — Board of Governors; Nominating Committee; House of Delegates; chair, MCLE Committee. Member — former president, Lafourche Parish Bar Association; Terrebonne Parish Bar Association.

Charles M. (Charlie) Raymond

Charles M. Raymond, L.L.C., Luling. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1979. Also licensed to practice in Mississippi and District of Columbia. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2009-10; Criminal Justice Committee, 2005-present; Bar Governance Committee, 2005-present.

Nicholas J. Zeringue

Nicholas J. Zeringue, L.L.C., Thibodaux. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1998. LSBA — House of Delegates, long-time member; former chair, Community Action Committee; former member, Legislation Committee; former member, Nominating Committee.

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; House of Delegates, 2010; Legal Malpractice Insurance Committee, 2017-present; speaker, LSBA Admiralty Symposium, 2009-15. Recipient, LSBA Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 2009. Member — Executive Committee, Louisiana Association for Justice; Lafayette Bar Foundation board, 2013-present; past president, Lafayette Bar Association; past president, American Inn of Court of Acadiana; past president, Federal Bar Association's Lafayette Chapter. Teacher, LSU Trial Advocacy Program.

Jeffrey A. (Jeff) Riggs

Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, L.L.P., Lafayette. Indiana University/Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1986. Also admitted to practice in Texas (1985-present) and U.S. Supreme Court. LSBA — House of Delegates Liaison Committee to the Board of Governors, 2006, 2008, 2010-present, Liaison Committee chair; House of Delegates, 1994-96, 1998-2002, 2005-present; Client Assistance Fund Committee, 2013-present. Lafayette Bar Association — board member, 2009-12; Bench/Bar Committee, 2004-present, chair in 2007; Editorial Committee, *Promulgator*, 2004-08. Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project — chair, 1994-96; vice chair, 1993-94; board of directors, 1991-93. Master, Duhe American Inn of Court, 2003-present. Law school — associate editor, *Indiana Law Review*, 1985-86; Indiana University Moot Court; National Order of Barristers; Dean Frandsen Award, 1986.

District 3C

Douglas L. (Doug) Bryan

Bryan Law Firm, L.L.C., Marksville. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1991. LSBA — House of Delegates, 12th Judicial District, 1996-present; House of Delegates liaison to the Board of Governors, 2009-10; Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee, 1996-present; Crystal Gavel Award Committee, 2010-11. Member — Avoyelles Parish Bar Association, 1995-present, president in 1998, secretary-treasurer in 1996; board of directors, Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, 2015-present; Louisiana Association for Justice, Board of Governors in 1999-2000. Law school — student practitioner, Loyola Law Clinic, 1990-91; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Robert L. (Bob) Bussey

Bussey & Lauve, L.L.C., Alexandria. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1985. LSBA — House of Delegates; Bar Governance Committee; Nominating Committee.

District 3D

Lauren B. McKnight

McKnight Law Group, L.L.C., Shreveport. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2004. LSBA — member, Leadership LSBA Class, 2009-10; moderator, LSBA Diversity Conclave. Member — Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc., 2006-10, vice president; National Bar Association, 2004-10; Mashantucket Pequot Tribe Bar Association.

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. Also admitted to practice in Texas. LSBA — president, 2014-15; Rules of Professional Conduct Committee, member since inception; former chair, Multijurisdictional Practice Committee; former member, Ethics 2000 Committee; former chair, Ethics Advisory Service Subcommittee. Chair, Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, 2002 (vice chair in 2001). Adjunct professor, business law, Centenary College, 1998-2010. Member — senior Inn master, Harry V. Booth/Judge Henry A. Politz Inn of Court; associate member, American Board of Trial Advocates; Shreveport Bar Association. Law school — executive editor, *Louisiana Law Review*, 1977-78; Order of the Coif; winner, Robert L. Tullis Moot Court Competition.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Michael W. (Mike) McKay

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1974. Also earned a Certificate in Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law School. LSBA — president, 2004-05; treasurer, 2000-02; Board of Governors, 1995-98; House of Delegates, 1980-90, 2007-17; chair, Insurance, Tort, Workers' Compensation and Admiralty Law Section, 1978-80. Executive Council, National Conference of Bar Presidents, 2006-09. Member — president, Baton Rouge Bar Association, 1992-93; Board of Governors, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, 2001-03; Board of Governors, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, 1980-85.

John H. Musser IV

Attorney at Law, Covington. Tulane University Law School. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1969. Also admitted to practice in Mississippi. LSBA — president, 2012-13; Board of Governors, 2008-14. Member, American Bar Association House of Delegates, 2012-18.

Charles M. (Charlie) Raymond

Charles M. Raymond, L.L.C., Luling. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 1979. Also licensed to practice in Mississippi and District of Columbia. LSBA — House of Delegates, 2009-10; Bar Governance Committee, 2005-present; Criminal Justice Committee, 2005-present.

YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION COUNCIL

Third District

William N. (Will) Abel

Law Office of Christopher H. Riviere, Thibodaux. Loyola University College of Law. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2011. LSBA — House of Delegates, 17th Judicial District; member, Outreach Committee. President, Lafourche Parish Bar Association, 2017, officer from 2015-17. Participant, Wills for Heroes, Lafourche Parish, 2016 and 2017.

Megan E. Reaux

Hill & Beyer, A.P.L.C., Lafayette. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2011.

Fifth District

Richard G. (Gary) Higgins, Jr.

Wynne, Goux & Lobello, L.L.C., Covington. Southern University Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2015. LSBA — Leadership LSBA Class, 2017-18; participant, Wills for Heroes Program, Slidell, Bogalusa, Mandeville, 2016. Volunteer — Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, 2014-17; 22nd Judicial District Court Self-Help Desk, 2015-17; Northshore Pro Bono Program, 2015-17. Law school — editor, *Southern University Law Review*, 2011-15; recipient, C.A.L.I. Excellence for the Future Award in criminal law, construction law, intellectual property law, sales and lease law and commercial paper, 2011-15; author, “Deep-Pocketed or Duty-Bound Defendant: The Evolution of ‘Legacy Lawsuits’ in Louisiana and the Impact of Acts 779 and 754,” 2013; teaching assistant, legal writing, 2012-13.

Dixon W. McMakin

Attorney at Law, Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2013. LSBA — qualified professionalism speaker, Committee on the Profession; CLE presenter, “Financial Investing and Market Conditions for Solo Attorneys.” Louisiana Bar Foundation — Fellow; member, Capital Area Community Partnership Panel. Wills for Heroes volunteer, Baton Rouge Bar Association. CLE presenter, New Orleans Bar Association, “Business Planning for Solos and Small Firms.” Law school — Student Bar Association executive treasurer; LSU Law Football Club commissioner; Phi Alpha Delta member.

Loren D. Shanklin

Smith Shanklin & Sosa, L.L.C., Baton Rouge. Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Admitted to practice in Louisiana, 2010. LSBA — participant, Young Lawyers Division Symposium, 2016, 2017. Baton Rouge Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Council — chair, 2017; chair-elect, 2016; secretary, 2015; council member, 2012-14. Member, Louisiana Association for Justice, 2011-present. Law school — LSU Student Bar Association, executive director of programming (2009-10), 2L Class representative (2008-09); vice president, LSU Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, 2009-10; member, LSU Law Barristers Bowl Committee, 2009, 2010; received honors at LSU Law Center for more than 100 hours of pro bono services, 2010.