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WELCOME ADDRESS

The Louisiana State Bar Association and the Just the Beginning Foundation are pleased to welcome you to its law school summer school 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 hope to make you work hard, experience life as a law student, as well as stimulate your interest and knowledge of the legal profession.

"Integrity is the key to understanding legal practice. Law's empire is defined by attitude, not territory or power or process."

-Ronald D. Dworkin



ABOUT US



WHO IS THE LSBA?

The mission of the Louisiana State Bar Association 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; to identify barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds; and to propose programs and methods by which the LSBA can most effectively work to remove those barriers and achieve greater diversity.

*We hope to
nurture your
interest in
law as a
profession.*

WHO IS THE JTB?



The Just the Beginning, 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 underrepresented in the legal profession and to supporting their continued advancement. JTBF'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. JTBF's programs include its Middle School Law Camp, Summer Legal Institutes for high school students and judicial externship programs for law school students. JTBF tracks and supports its students from middle school to high school, to college, to law school, and beyond. JTBF partners with a broad and diverse coalition of bar associations, law firms and law schools to put on these programs around the country as well as 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

WHO IS THE LBF?

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. We serve 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, we assist 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 of our 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

2014 SUMMER LEGAL INSTITUTE SCHOLARS

Name:	Grade:	School
Amanda Angele' Addison	College Freshman	Mount Carmel Academy
Saul Garcia Amezuca	12 th	Helen Cox High School
Miles Edwin Ballard	11 th	Benjamin Franklin High School
Alexis Nicole Calderon	College Freshman	New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School
Sarah Chiasson	12 th	Abeka Academy Homeschool
Sara DeRouen	12 th	Slidell High School
Morgan-Me'Lyn Grant	11 th	New Orleans Center for Creative Arts
Bria I. Hays	12 th	International High School of New Orleans
Troyjea Kellup	12 th	Sophie B. Wright
Carine Mary Lama	11 th	Academy of the Sacred Heart
Hannah Marie Lampo	College Freshman	Mount Carmel Academy
John Patrick Larson	College Freshman	St. Paul's
David Louis Lawson, Jr.	College Freshman	Sci Academy
Synise Pierre	11 th	Sophie B. Wright
Skyler Katie Ockman	12 th	Cabrini High School
Evan Vedros	12 th	Haynes Academy
Cassidy Marie Wells	12 th	Academy of Our Lady

Week One Law School Summer School: Louisiana State Bar Center

Monday, June 9, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Registration
9:00-9:45	Overview and Welcome Joseph L. "Larry" Shea, Jr., LSBA President Judge Karen Wells Roby, JTBF Member Ashley Heilprin, Tiffany Smith, Sheila Wilkinson, Pipeline Subcommittee Members Tricia R. Pierre, Director of Member Outreach and Diversity Law Student Interns: Lannette Richardson, Minah Faheem
9:45-10:55	Pre-Test
10:55-11:00	BREAK; Bar ID photos
11:00-12:00	Thinking Critically Overview (5Ws and How); How to Brief a Case; Overview of Blue Book Citation
12:00-12:30	LUNCH & Interaction with Ashley R. Jones, Ashley Heilprin, Tiffany Smith
12:30-2:00	Introduction to Law, Legal Concepts Torts I, Professor W. Penn Dawson (Loyola)
2:00-2:15	BREAK
2:15-4:00	Torts II, Professor W. Penn Dawson (Loyola)
4:00-5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Check in
9:00-9:15	Overall discussion/Review of Torts I Concepts & Q/A
9:15-10:30	Open Table Discussion: How did law school students get to this point in their academic career?
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:00	ADR, Professor Imre Szalai (Loyola)
12:00-1:00	LUNCH & Interaction with Ashley Heilprin, Shannon Lindsey, Hamida Labi
1:00-2:45	Criminal Law, Professor Bobby Harges (Loyola)
2:45-3:00	BREAK
3:00-4:30	Presentation Preparation
4:30-5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Check in
9:00-9:30	Travel to Field Trip Location (4th Circuit & Louisiana Supreme Court)
9:30-9:45	Security
9:45-11:30	Viewing of Oral Arguments at 4th Circuit Judge Max N. Tobias, Jr.

11:30-1:00	LUNCH & Interaction: Angela White Bazile, Executive Counsel in the Office of Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson Judge Max N. Tobias, Jr. Darla Nguyen, 2013 Suit Up Alumnae
1:00-3:00	Library Tour/Museum Tour, Judge Max N. Tobias, Jr. Lecture on Appellate Court System, Judge Max N. Tobias, Jr.
3:00-3:30	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
3:30-3:45	BREAK
3:45-4:45	Presentation Preparation
4:45-5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

Thursday, June 12, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Check in
9:00-10:00	Presentation Pair Ups
10:00-10:50	Education Law, Michelle Jackson (SULC)
10:50-11:00	BREAK
11:00-12:00	Education Law, Michelle Jackson (SULC)
12:00-1:00	LUNCH & Interaction with Michelle Jackson, Shannon Shelton, Kourtnei Mason, Michael T. Joseph, Jr.
1:00-2:00	Jeopardy!
2:00-2:15	BREAK
2:15-3:30	Preparation for College Essay Presentation
3:30-4:00	Memo & Oral Argument Crash Course, Sonali Gupta and LaChiquita McCray, Externs to Judge Karen Wells Roby
4:00-4:45	Memo Outline
4:45 5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

Friday, June 13, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Check in
9:00-10:30	Legal Research & Writing, Professor Mary Algero (Loyola)
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:00	Legal Research & Writing, Professor Mary Algero (Loyola)
12:00-1:00	LUNCH & Interaction with shadowing employers
1:00-3:00	Movie Screening: Freedom Riders
3:00-3:15	BREAK
3:15-4:25	Post-Test
4:25-4:30	BREAK
4:30-4:45	Review of Post-Test Answers
4:45-5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

WEEK TWO: FEDERAL COURT DAY/FIELD PLACEMENT

Monday, June 16, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Check in; Due date for draft of memo
9:00-9:15	Travel to Federal Court
9:15-9:30	Security
9:30-9:45	"Welcome to Federal Court" Karen Wells Roby, U.S. Magistrate Judge Richard Westling, 1 st Asst. U.S. Attorney
9:45-10:30	Tour of Courthouse- Kristina Haley, Chief Deputy Clerk Secretary
10:30-10:55	Presentation: Jordan Ginsburg, Assistant U.S. Attorney
11:00-11:30	Presentation - Judge Ivan L. R. Lemelle
11:25-11:30	BREAK
11:30-12:00	U.S. Marshal and ATF Presentation Maurice Lightfoot, Asst. U.S. Marshal Katherine A. Barton Scanlon and K-9 "Madison"
12:00-12:15	Travel to Lunch
12:15-12:45	LUNCH & Interaction
12:45-1:00	Travel to Presentation
1:00-2:00	Law Clerk Panel Topic: What is it like working in the courts as a young attorney? Amenah Abdelfattah, Law Clerk to Judge Karen Wells Roby William Collins, Law Clerk to Judge Helen "Ginger" Berrigan Mirais Holden, Law Clerk to Judge Carl J. Barbier
2:00-2:30	Visit with U.S. Fifth Circuit Judge Stephen A. Higginson
2:30-3:00	Tour of 5 th Circuit Court of Appeals Library, Brent Hightower
3:00-3:15	Travel from Federal Court to Louisiana Bar Center
3:15-3:30	BREAK
3:30-4:45	Presentation Preparation
4:45-5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Field Placement Day

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Field Placement Day

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Field Placement Day

Friday, June 20, 2014

Field Placement Day

WEEK THREE: COURT VISITS

Municipal, Criminal, Civil, and Federal Courts, Law Schools and Final Competition

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014

8:30-8:45	Drop off/Arrival at Criminal District Court (2700 Tulane Avenue NOLA) Check in
8:45-9:00	Security
9:00-11:15	Criminal Court Visit, viewing of criminal proceedings Judge Tracey Flemings-Davillier Judge Camille Buras
11:15-11:30	Travel to District Attorney's Office
11:30-12:00	Presentation, District Attorney, Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr.
12:00-12:15	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
12:15-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-2:00	Presentation Preparation
2:00 2:15	Presentation Preparation
2:15 2:30	Presentation Preparation
2:30 3:45	Presentation Preparation
3:45 4:00	Presentation Preparation
4:00 4:45	Presentation Preparation
4:45 5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Check in; Due date for draft of memo
9:00-9:15	Travel to Federal Court
9:15-9:30	Security
9:30-11:00	Federal Court Trial
11:00-11:15	Travel to Louisiana Bar Center
11:15-11:45	Group Discussion about Oral Arguments/Memos
11:45-12:15	LUNCH
12:15-12:30	Prepare for departure to Law Schools
12:30-1:00	Travel to Tulane Law School (By taxi)
1:00-2:15	Field Trip @ Tulane Law Tour: Carol O'Hea, Assistant Director of Admissions, Tulane University School of Law Presentation: Professor Ronald J. Scalise, Jr., Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Tulane University School of Law
2:15-2:30	Travel to Loyola Law School

2:30-3:30	Field Trip @ Loyola Law School Tour and Presentation: Ashley R. Jones, Admissions Counselor, Loyola University New Orleans School of Law
3:30-4:00	Travel from Loyola Law to Bar to Louisiana Bar Center
4:00-4:45	Presentation Preparation
4:45-5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Check in
9:00-11:00	Resume Writing, Resume Evaluation Seminar, Danielle Dayries
11:00-11:15	BREAK
11:15-12:30	Social Justice Presentation – Michael Schachtman, Jonathan Rhodes, Amy Duncan, Monte Mollere
12:30-1:30	LUNCH & Interaction with Chauntis Jenkins, Alisha Johnson, Alex Navarre-Davis
1:30-2:30	Presentation Preparation
2:30-2:45	BREAK
2:45-4:15	Review of Memos/Oral Argument Practice/Finalize Memos
4:15-4:45	Presentation Preparation
4:45-5:00	Review of Assignment Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

Thursday, June 26, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Registration, Check in
9:00-10:30	Presentation Preparation
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-12:00	Presentation Preparation
12:00-1:00	LUNCH & Interaction with Adria N. Kimbrough
1:00-2:00	Presentation Preparation
2:00-2:15	BREAK
2:15-3:15	Presentation Preparation
3:15-3:30	BREAK
3:30-4:45	Presentation Preparation
4:45-5:00	Final Q&A for Oral Argument; Sign Out, Transportation Arrival

Friday, June 27, 2014

8:45-9:00	Arrival, Check in
9:00-10:00	Final Presentation Preparation
9:30-10:00	Travel to Federal Court/Security
10:15-10:30	Presentation 1, Bria I. Hayes and Saul Garcia Amezuca
10:30-10:35	BREAK
10:35-10:50	Presentation 2, Miles Edwin Ballard and Morgan Me'Lyn Grant
10:50-10:55	BREAK
10:55-11:10	Presentation 3, David Louis Lawson, Jr. and Sarah Chiasson
11:10-11:15	BREAK

11:15-11:30	Presentation 4, Sara DeRouen and Carine Mary Lama
11:30-11:35	BREAK
11:35-11:50	Presentation 5, Skyler Katie Ockman and Cassidy Marie Wells
11:50-12:00	Travel to Court Basement for Lunch
11:45-12:45	LUNCH Guest Speakers: Dominique Bright-Wheeler and Sandra Diggs-Miller
12:45-1:00	Travel to Courtroom for Presentations
1:00-1:15	Presentation 6, Hannah Marie Lampo and John Patrick Larson
1:15-1:20	BREAK
1:20-1:35	Presentation 7, Ashley Nicole Calderon and Synise Jonquil Pierre
1:35-1:40	BREAK
1:40-1:55	Presentation 8, Evan Vedros and Amanda Angele' Addison
1:55-2:00	BREAK
2:00-2:15	Deliberations by Judges
2:15-2:30	Overall Impressions of Presentations
2:30-2:45	Announcement of Winners of Oral Argument and Legal Memorandum
2:45-3:00	Certificates of Completion
3:15-3:30	Sign Out; Transportation Arrival

*"You must remember that some things that are legally
right are not morally right."*
Abraham Lincoln (1840)

FEDERAL FIRSTS

WOMEN 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**, was appointed to serve as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

BLACK JUDGES

In 1950, **William Henry Hastie**, became the first Black 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 Black 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 black 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 Black 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 appointed to the Ninth Circuit.

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 Hawaii in 1975, and **Susan Oki Mollway** was the first Asian American woman when appointed to that same court in 1998.

LATINO JUDGES

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

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

Sonia Sotomayor became the first Latino American Justice on the Supreme Court when she was appointed in 2009.

NATIVE AMERICAN JUDGES

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 1979.

In 2014, **Diane Humetewa** became the first Native American woman 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 1950) is a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1994, 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



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 Doctor in 1974.

NANNETTE JOLIVETTE BROWN. U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE



Nannette Jolivet Brown is a United States district judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She previously had served in the role of city attorney for the city of New Orleans from May 2010 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 then attended Tulane Law School, where she received a Juris doctorate degree in 1988 and a Master of Laws in Energy and Environment in 1998.

Judge Brown was nominated to fill the seat of Judge Stanwood Duval by President Barack Obama on March 2, 2011. The United States Senate confirmed her 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.

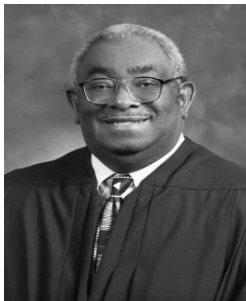
KAREN WELLS ROBY, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE



Judge 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 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 SULC. 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. recently retired after 27 years of service.

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



Ralph E. Tyson (born 1948) served as a United States federal judge. Born 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 a Private practice from 1973 to 1988. He was an Adjunct professor, Louisiana State University Law School from 1989 to 1991. He was an Instructor, Sociology/Law Enforcement Department, with Southern University from 1989 to 1998. He was a judge on the Baton Rouge City Court, Louisiana from 1988 to 1993. He was a judge on the 19th Judicial District Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, and Louisiana from 1993 to 1998. 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. degree 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 16 years, during which time 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 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 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, during which time he wrote the examination on Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

Just The Beginning Foundation

Contribute to the JTBF Judicial Externship Program by going to www.jtbf.org.



It is the spirit and not the form of law that keeps justice alive."

Earl Warren

PROGRAM SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Amenah M. Abdelfattah is a law clerk to the Honorable Karen Wells Roby, Magistrate Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Ms. Abdelfattah was born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana. She graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Louisiana Lafayette in 2010, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature and Francophone Studies. While at the University of Louisiana Lafayette, she served as President of Kappa Delta Sorority, Senate Chair of the Student Government Association and was selected as the College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Graduate of Spring 2010. Ms. Abdelfattah graduated magna cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where she served on the Moot Court Staff as an Oralist and Coach for the Judge John Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition and the National Appellate Advocacy Competition. She also served as a member of the Loyola Public Interest Law Journal as well as Class Representative for the Student Bar Association. When her clerkship ends, Ms. Abdelfattah will join the The Entertainment and Intellectual Property Law Group of Paillet & Ostendorf, L.L.P. Ms. Abdelfattah is a member of Louisiana Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Junior League of New Orleans.



Lisa M. Africk's work focuses primarily on complex litigation involving maritime law and related coverage issues. Ms. Africk has been involved in numerous personal injury and fatality cases involving challenging coverage issues. Recently, summary judgment was obtained in a hotly contested helicopter crash case wherein the presiding U.S. District Court Judge adopted much of Ms. Africk's reasoning in his final opinion. Ms. Africk also regularly represents professionals, officers, and directors. Her professional clients also include engineers and architects.



She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984 from Tulane University / Newcomb College, and she obtained both a Masters of Social Work and Juris Doctor degree in 1999 from Tulane School of Social Work and Tulane Law School. She is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, and the Tulane Inns of Court.

Professor Mary Garvey Algero is the director of the Loyola Legal Research and Writing Program and is the co-director of the Westerfield Fellows Program. She is the author of *Louisiana Legal Research* (Carolina Academic Press 2009), and is the president of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (www.alwd.org). She also serves on the editorial board of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*. She 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. Her scholarship has focused on these same areas of law and includes work on the Louisiana legal system



as well as the federal judicial system. Prior to joining the faculty of the Loyola New Orleans College of Law, Professor Algero practiced law with the New Orleans law firms of McGlinchey, Stafford, Mintz, Cellini & Lang 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.

Judge Regina H. Bartholomew graduated from Southern University at New Orleans where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. She earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola University School of Law in 1999. While in law school, she was inducted into the National Order of Barristers and received several awards and recognitions. Upon finishing law school, she completed a judicial clerkship with Judges Becnel, Jasmine and Snowdy at the Fortieth Judicial District Court in Edgard, Louisiana.



Ms. Bartholomew is currently of Counsel with the law firm of Boykin, Ehret & Utley, APLC. Ms. Bartholomew's prior employment was as General Counsel for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in Charlotte, North Carolina. Prior to this, Ms. Bartholomew was a Staff Attorney with McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC. Her previous work experience includes service as General Counsel for the Orleans Parish School Board, an attorney in private practice with several law firms, and with the United States Government at the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor in Dallas, Texas.

In addition to the practice of law, Ms. Bartholomew has devoted her life to many civic and bar association activities. Specifically, she is a member of the A.P. Tureaud Chapter of the American Inns of Court, the Louisiana Association of Black Women Attorneys, and the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society.. Further, she served as co-chair of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Foundation's Law Camp and the CLE Programs Committee of the Young Lawyers' Section of the New Orleans Bar Association. Moreover, she has served as a liaison for the Pro Bono Project of New Orleans and as a Judge for Teen Court of New Orleans.

Judge Roland L. Belsome, Jr. of the State Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit is a graduate of New Orleans Public Schools, the University of New Orleans, and Tulane University School of Law, where he has served as an Adjunct Professor. Before his election to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, he was a Judge in Orleans Parish Civil District Court and a well-known trial attorney with unusually broad experience and practice. He is an active lecturer in various continuing legal education programs given by organizations such as the Louisiana State Bar Association, Tulane Law School, Loyola Law School, the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, and others, on a wide variety of legal



topics. Judge Belsome has been deeply involved in programs that benefit inner city youth, such as his annual Christmas Bike giveaways. He has promoted opportunities for youths to become professionals and attorneys through mentoring programs and scholarships. Judge Belsome has been recognized for attempts to create new opportunities for minorities, the young, and the disadvantaged. Judge Belsome currently serves as Judge of State Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit elected from the parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines.

Philip J. Borne received his undergraduate (1984) and law degree from Loyola University of New Orleans (1989), where he was a member of the Loyola Law Review. Before and during law school, he worked as a claims adjuster. Since 1989, Mr. Borne has been engaged in a general civil trial practice, concentrating primarily in the area of worker's compensation defense.



Mr. Borne has been a speaker at various seminars in his fields of practice, including the Auto Insurance Law and Accident Seminar, the LSBA'S Auto Litigation Seminar, the Workers' Compensation for General Practitioner Seminar, the Tulane by the Hour Seminar, and the Workers' Compensation Process and Hearings Seminar. Phil is also a teacher for the Loyola Law School Workers' Compensation Skills Course.

Mr. Borne is a member of the Louisiana State and New Orleans Bar Associations, and Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

Dominique Bright-Wheeler currently serves as Assistant General Counsel of Capital One Financial Services Corporation. Dominique concentrates her practice in the area of commercial banking, mortgage origination and litigation. She currently supports the Financial Services team in Plano, TX where she primarily practices in the area of Branch and Home Equity mortgage origination, as well as the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) lending. Dominique previously supported the Bank's commercial risk management group in New Orleans, LA.



Prior to joining Capital One, Dominique was a Senior Attorney Advisor for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Fort Worth, TX. Prior to that, she was an Associate with the law firm of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr and Smith in New Orleans. She began her legal career as a Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Nadine M. Ramsey, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans.

The law is a second career for Dominique, before becoming an attorney; she spent 13 years working in the social services field, as a case worker and is the former Director of St. Philip Community Center in New Orleans.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of New Orleans and her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans.

Judge Camille Buras is a lifelong resident of New Orleans. She received her B.A. in History from Loyola University in 1983 and earned her Juris Doctor at Loyola School of Law in 1986.



Immediately out of Law School, Judge Buras worked at the Assistant District Attorney for the Magistrate and eventually worked her way up to the position of Deputy Chief of Trials. In 1992 she served as Chief of the Economic Crime Unit, where she supervised the prosecution of white collar crimes, public fraud and worthless check collections. The following year, as the Chief of Narcotics Strike Force, she supervised the prosecution of all major drug offenses and career criminal drug offenders. From November, 1993 – October 1998, Judge Buras supervised the day to day operations of the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office as the First Assistant District Attorney. In 1998, she was elected to the Criminal District Court as Section H Judge.

Judge Buras is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, the Association of Women Attorneys, Fourth and Fifth Circuit Judges' Association, and the National Association of Women Judges. She has served a panelist and speaker for many organizations.

Leon A. Cannizzaro, Jr. has served the citizens of New Orleans and their criminal justice system for his entire career. Since being elected District Attorney in November of 2008, Mr. Cannizzaro has worked aggressively to reform New Orleans' criminal justice system and to protect the citizens of this city from violent criminals. To accomplish this goal, he has instituted reforms to allow non-violent and juvenile offenders to obtain meaningful rehabilitation rather than a criminal conviction. Working with the judges of Criminal District Court, he moved domestic violence cases from Municipal Court to Criminal District Court, which he believes is a more appropriate venue for crimes of domestic violence. Furthermore, working with multiple stakeholders within the criminal justice system, he executed a policy to move non-violent misdemeanors from Criminal District Court to Municipal Court, which he believes will allow the judges of Criminal District Court to focus their attention on violent crimes.



Mr. Cannizzaro began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish. During his five years as an ADA, he worked his way up to chief of the trials division. 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 began his tenure as a judge in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. He established the Drug Court and Intensive Probation programs and often received notable recognition for his efficiency and innovation in the courtroom.

Prior to being elected District Attorney, Judge Cannizzaro served this community as a judge on the 4th Circuit Court of Appeal for five years. Additionally, he has served as a faculty member at the University of New Orleans and the Tulane University School of Law. District Attorney Cannizzaro is a life-long resident of New Orleans. He is a graduate of De La Salle High School and the University of New Orleans. He earned a law degree from Loyola University School of Law.

Judge Tiffany Gautier Chase was elected to Division A of Orleans Parish Civil District Court in May 2007. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Loyola University and her Juris Doctor from Loyola University School of Law.



Judge Chase began her legal career as a law clerk at the Louisiana Supreme Court. She had the honor of serving as a staff attorney and then as a research attorney to the Honorable Chet D. Traylor. She spent several years as an associate in the law firm of Martzell and Bickford where she practiced primarily in the areas of asbestos litigation and oil and gas.

In addition to her legal accomplishments, Judge Chase is also actively involved in community and legal activities.

Angelina “Angie” Christina is a member practicing in the commercial litigation and international law sections of the firm's New Orleans Office. Ms. Christina practices consumer finance litigation, complex litigation, corporate compliance, government relations and international law. Her professional affiliations include an active role in the New Orleans Bar Association, for which she has chaired various functions and committees and currently serves as a Board Member.



She has been involved in business, low-income housing tax-credit litigation and commercial litigation concerning both domestic and international matters. She has extensive experience in complex banking litigation and litigation involving business insurance and construction. Ms. Christina is also passionate about helping small businesses grow and thrive. She has become the trusted advisor and strategic growth partner for many business owners in her geographic region.

Ms. Christina is equally successful with her work on behalf of nonprofit organizations including The Pro Bono Project's Justice for All Ball, Homeless Experience Legal Protection (HELP), SOLACE (Support of Lawyers/Legal Personnel - All Concern Encouraged) and her alma mater, Archbishop Chapelle High School.

William C. Collins was born in Memphis, Tennessee and moved just outside of Baltimore, Maryland for junior high and high school. He attended college at the University of Maryland, College Park and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice in 2005. He earned a Master's degree in Public Policy at the University of Maryland in 2007, before attending Yale Law School. After graduation, Mr. Collins moved to New Orleans to work at the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center, representing people charged with crimes punishable by death.



From 2012 to 2013, he worked at the Louisiana Supreme Court in the Office of the Central Staff. In fall of 2013, Mr. Collins began working as a judicial clerk in the chambers of Judge Ginger Berrigan.

Professor W. Penn Dawson earned his Juris Doctor with honors from the University of Florida in 1987. For many years thereafter he practiced as a partner in the trial department of the Tampa firm of Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen. As a trial attorney he focused on legal and medical malpractice defense, representing lawyers before the Florida Bar and physicians before the Florida Board of Medicine and Agency for Health Care Administration. In 2009 he entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Grand Coteau, Louisiana, and made first vows in 2011. Upon completing his Master of Arts in Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago in May 2013, Professor Dawson moved to the Jesuit community at Loyola New Orleans to begin his regency. Penn is serving as a visiting professor at Loyola's law school where he teaches Torts, Trial Practice and Legal Ethics. He will also assist in campus ministry at the law school.



Danielle Dayries is a dynamic speaker whose purpose is to motivate, excite and enable individuals to find out how to identify and pursue a career that is fulfilling and financially rewarding. Starting her career as branding expert for corporations such as McDonald's, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Sara Lee, Ms. Dayries now utilizes her marketing expertise in assisting individuals to utilize self-branding strategies as part of an effective job search. She has a reputation for assisting each client in identifying their unique selling proposition and developing a targeted branding strategy that result in interviews and ultimately job leads.



Ms. Dayries is often requested to provide career workshops and serve as the guest career expert speaker at multiple venues, including national job fairs and trade shows. People come away from Danielle's keynotes, trainings, and workshops with an "I can do it!" perspective. She provides strategies that allow her audiences to tap into the awareness, attitudes, and action plans that cause a life-changing shift from stagnant or stuck to unstoppable. As a renowned expert, she speaks on many significant career building topics including asking for a raise or promotion, writing a resume. Ms. Dayries is currently a member of the *Loyola University New Orleans* Alumni Association and manages an internship/mentoring program with several universities. Due to her outstanding work in the business community, the Governor of Louisiana appointed Danielle to serve on the Lafayette, Louisiana Workforce Investment Board. In this role, she is responsible for aligning government and business resources so citizens can develop careers and businesses can find and retain employees.

Sandra Diggs-Miller holds the position of Senior Counsel with the Entergy Services, Inc., Legal Services Department. She earned her Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University School of Law. She served as the casenote editor of the Loyola Law Review and was a member of the Loyola Moot Court. She is admitted to practice law before the state and federal courts in the State of Louisiana. She began her practice with the prestigious law firm of Stone, Pigman, Walther, Wittmann, LLC where she focused primarily on complex commercial litigation, class action defense, and insurance defense.

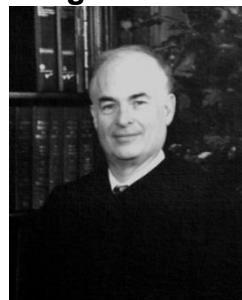


In 2000, she joined the Litigation Section of the Legal Services Department at Entergy Services, Inc., where she handles primarily property, casualty and commercial litigation matters. She is also the Chairman of the Legal Department's Diversity and Inclusion Council for Entergy. She is a member of the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, Louisiana Bar Association, Minority Corporate Counsel Association, Corporate Counsel Women of Color, Louis Martinet Society, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Amy Duncan is currently the Program Coordinator for Louisiana Civil Justice Center. Ms. Duncan received her J.D. and M.B.A. from Loyola University New Orleans in December 2013. Before law school she worked for Hertz Car Rental Company as a service quality auditor and subsequently worked as a market research analyst for Univision and Telefutura in Los Angeles. During law school, she worked as a summer intern at LCJC and Louisiana Appleseed and also served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Carl J. Barbier. Ms. Duncan took her current position after taking the Bar exam in February 2014.



Judge Stanwood Richardson Duval, Jr. is an Article III federal judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He joined the court in 1994 after being nominated by President Bill Clinton. He is serving on senior status. He was appointed by U.S. President Bill Clinton in 1994. He graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, in 1964, and from the LSU law school in 1966. He was in the private practice of law in Houma from 1966 to 1994, when he assumed his seat on the federal bench. Having been confirmed by the U.S. Senate on September 28, 1994, Duval succeeded Judge George Arceneaux, Jr., who died in office in 1993. He was also the assistant city attorney of Houma from 1970 to 1972 and the attorney for the consolidated Terrebonne Parish government from 1988 to 1993.



Calli Farrell is a freshman at LSU Honors College and a graduate of Haynes Academy. She is a two year alumni of the Suit Up for the Future program. She has been interning at a local law office for the past two years. When not at school or the office, Ms. Farrell can be found at the theater performing or in the kitchen whipping up a batch of her famous chocolate covered cheesecake truffles.



Judge Tracey Flemings-Davillier is a New Orleans native, graduating 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 Flemings-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 Flemings-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 Flemings-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 Flemings-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 Flemings-Davillier successfully ran for election for a seat on the Criminal District Court, where she currently presides.

Minah Faheem, born in India, immigrated to the United States at the age of 7. She is now a junior at Louisiana State University, where she's majoring in Political Science/Pre-Law, with a concentration in International Politics and Law. Ms. Faheem plans on studying International Law when she attends law school.



Prior to transferring to LSU, Ms. Faheem attended the University of New Orleans and was a part of the UNO Honors Program. She was also involved in Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Alpha Delta, and served as the UNO Student Government Senator.

Apart from school, Ms. Faheem works for a retail company named "Nine West" and currently serves as the Office Manager of the UNO Driftwood Newspaper. When she has free time, she enjoys learning about International Politics and spending time with her family. She has been inspired to study International Law by her influential father, who not only strove to emigrate his family from India to the US, but also struggled to raise his children in the country.

Jordan Ginsberg is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Louisiana and the Deputy Supervisor of the Office's Fraud Unit. Mr. Ginsberg specializes in the prosecution of various complex white-collar and cybercrimes, 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 (CHIP) 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 graduated from the University of Chicago Law School with honors in 2004, and he was an articles editor with the University of Chicago Legal Forum. 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.

Sonali Gupta is from Maryland and India. She completed her undergraduate degree from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. At Carleton, she double majored in Psychology and Studio Art.



Following her graduation, Ms. Gupta worked in the 2012 campaign in Virginia and later interned at ALMT Legal, a mid-size law firm in Mumbai, India. She is now studying at Tulane University Law School and is set to graduate in 2016. This summer Ms. Gupta is externing for Federal Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby.

Professor Bobby M. Harges Prior to his arrival at Loyola, Professor Harges practiced law in New Orleans with Deutsch Kerrigan and Stiles, specializing in civil and construction litigation. He also taught at the University of Mississippi School of Law.



Before entering law school, Professor Harges worked as an electrical engineer. Professor Harges' research, consulting and teaching interests include mediation and arbitration, evidence and trial practice, torts, criminal law and criminal procedure. An experienced mediator, arbitrator, and attorney-chair of medical review panels, he is the founder of the Loyola Mediation Program and the principal mediation trainer for the Loyola Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Kristina Haley grew up in Chalmette, Louisiana and graduated from Andrew Jackson High School. Following high school, she attended the University of New Orleans and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. She has also taken post graduate classes to work toward her master's in Business Administration.



After several years in the private sector, Ms. Daley began working for the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court in July 2000. She has worked in the Financial Department, for the Chief Deputy Clerk, and, currently, in the Space and Facilities/Emergency Preparedness and Internal Controls section of the Shared Administrative Services Unit.

Ashley J. Heilprin graduated from University North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a BA in Public Policy and Economics in 2007, and received her law degree from the College of William and Mary Law School in 2013. She joined Stone Pigman that year and is an associate of the firm. She focuses her practice on business litigation. Prior to joining Stone Pigman, she was a legal extern for the Honorable Ivan L.R. Lemelle of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Ms. Heilprin previously served as an extern for the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, a member of the PELE Special Education Advocacy Clinic, a research assistant for the National Center of State Courts in Virginia, and a Senate Bill Clerk for the Tennessee General Assembly.



Ms. Heilprin is a member of the American Bar Association, National Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, Louis A. Martinet Society and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association Minority Involvement Section's Job Fair Subcommittee and was selected as a member of the 2013 YLC Leadership Development Class. Ms. Heilprin also volunteers at the Covenant House New Orleans and serves on the House of Ruth Board of Directors.

Judge Karen K. Herman distinguished herself as a top prosecutor within the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, with over 20 murder convictions and 100 felony trials. During that time, Judge Herman was asked to lecture several times on DNA evidence and began teaching trial advocacy as an adjunct professor at Tulane. After Hurricane Katrina, Judge Herman was recruited to serve as the Executive Director of CourtWatch NOLA, a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to transparency and efficiency in the criminal courts.



After building CourtWatch into a prominent voice in the community, Judge Herman was elected to the Criminal District Court in 2008. While maintaining a full criminal docket, she presides over a Drug Court and the sole Orleans Parish Mental Health Court and serves on several judicial committees. Additionally, the Metropolitan Crime Commission has ranked Judge Herman as first in judicial efficiency for the past two years. She has lectured on ethics, professionalism, and various aspects of criminal procedure and constitutional law.

Judge Stephen A. Higginson graduated from Harvard College (1983) and Cambridge University (1984), he attended Yale Law School (1987), and then clerked for Chief Judge Patricia M. Wald, on the United States Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit, and then for Justice Byron White, on the United States Supreme Court.



In 1989, Judge Higginson became an Assistant United States Attorney, first in Massachusetts and then, in 1989, in Louisiana, where he also became chief of appeals. In that post, he handled or supervised all criminal and civil appeals, working on more than 100 appeals briefs. He served at the State Department from 1997-98 as deputy director of special projects for the Presidential Rule of Law Initiative, related to legal cooperation between China and the United States.

In 2004, Judge Higginson joined the full-time faculty of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, but continued as chief of appeals for the Department of Justice. In 2011, President Barack Obama nominated him to the court of appeals, one step beneath the Supreme Court. The Senate confirmed him, and Judge Higginson took his oath of office on November 2, 2011.

Mirais M. Holden



is a law clerk to the Honorable Carl J. Barbier, District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Ms. Holden was born and raised in New Orleans. She graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Drew University in 2010 with a double major in Philosophy and Spanish. In 2013, Ms. Holden graduated summa cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where she served as Articles Editor of the Loyola Law Review and as brief writer and oralist for the National Environmental Law Moot Court team. She is a recipient of Loyola's Faculty Award and Civil Law Award. When her clerkship ends, Ms.

Holden will join the commercial litigation section of Liskow and Lewis, APLC. Ms. Holden is a member of the St. Thomas More Inn of Court, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association.

Michelle A. Jackson



is the Director of Career Services at Southern University Law Center (SULC) in Baton Rouge, LA. In her capacity as Director, she is responsible for setting career counseling policies and procedures; establishing relationships that will produce career opportunities for students and law graduates; providing career counseling; coordinating and presenting workshops, seminars, and training sessions to improve student resume writing and interviewing techniques; and planning, operating and managing job fairs. Ms. Jackson is a very active in industry organizations. She is currently an elected member of NALP's Regional Resource Council, serving

as Southeast Regional Representative. She is also a member of the board of the New Orleans Legal Recruiting Association. As an adjunct professor at the Law Center, she teaches Legal Research and Real Estate Transactions.

Ms. 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. She began her legal career as an associate at Katten Muchin & Zavis in Chicago. She was then Associate General Counsel with the Cook County Assessor's Office, where she was involved in the administration of all legal issues concerning the Assessor's Office. Before joining SULC in September 2005, Ms. Jackson was in private practice in Chicago where she provided legal representation to corporate and individual clients on all matters of real estate taxation in administrative hearings before state and local tax officials, and litigated tax objections for presentation before the Illinois Circuit, Appellate, and Supreme Courts.

Chauntis T. Jenkins is a partner at Porteous, Hainkel & Johnson, LLP and practices in the firm's New Orleans office. Since joining Porteous in 2001, she has developed an extensive trial and general litigation practice with an emphasis in insurance law. She received her undergraduate degree from Loyola University New Orleans and is a graduate of Southern University Law Center. Jenkins was recognized as a 2013 Rising Star by *New Orleans CityBusiness Magazine*. In 2012, Jenkins was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as Judge Pro Tempore in Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. She serves as co-chair of the LSBA Diversity Committee. She is also chair of the



Women in the Profession Committee for the New Orleans Bar Association. She is a past chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the New Orleans Bar Association and NOBA Minorities in the Profession Committee. She remains an active member of the LSBA, New Orleans Bar Association, the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Society and Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. On a national level, Jenkins has also held various leadership positions with the ABA Young Lawyers Division, Section of Litigation, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) and Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division.

Alisha Johnson is a professional fundraiser with more than 20 years of non-profit development and communications experience. She has worked to support organizations that honor the dignity of all individuals, particularly disenfranchised youth and families. A graduate of Loyola Law School, Ms. Johnson has been Development Manager of Edible Schoolyard New Orleans since January 2011, bringing her passion for racial justice, youth empowerment, and equal access to excellent education to the good food movement work of ESYNOLA. Ms. Johnson began working in the not-for-profit arena as a Benjamin Franklin High School student and, after obtaining a Bachelors of Arts



degree in Journalism and Spanish from Washington and Lee University, expanded her capacity for public service as a Legislative Aide to Louisiana State Senator Paulette Irons from 1994-2004. She became Development Director of the Mississippi Immigrants' Rights Alliance in 2007, shortly after receiving her Juris Doctorate from Loyola, and has used her analytical, research and writing skills to make the case for current and prospective individual donor, foundation and corporate investment into innovative community-based programs. Ms. Johnson's current work supports hands-on food and nutrition education for hungry New Orleans children and families who disproportionately suffer from chronic diseases due to the lack of access to fresh, healthy, and local food.

Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson is the first African American Chief Justice of Louisiana. Chief Justice Johnson was elected to serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1994. She serves on the Louisiana Supreme 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. She is a Fleur de Lis member of the New Orleans Bar Association, and is active in several committees in the LSBA 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; the Louisiana State Law Institute and the National Association of Women Judges, where she served as District Director and is now active with the Women in Prison Project. Justice Johnson is also an active member of the Omicron Nu Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the New Orleans Chapter of Links, Inc., both service organizations. She received a BA from Spelman College and was one of the first African-American women to attend the law school at LSU, where she earned her JD in 1969. She was inducted into the LSU Law Center's Hall of Fame in 1996, where her portrait now hangs.



Ashley R. Jones is the Admissions Counselor at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. She joined the Loyola community in August 2013 as the Seasonal Recruiter in the Admissions Office.



She received her BA at Spelman College and her J.D. at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. As a law student, Ms. Jones served as a Student Ambassador and was actively involved in the Black Law Student Association and the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. earning several awards from each organization. As a Clinic student, Ms. Jones worked at the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Division, and she also interned for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, and the Louisiana State Bar Association/Just the Beginning Foundation. Ms. Jones currently serves as the Community Service Chair for the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.

Adria N. Kimbrough, a native of Mobile, Alabama, joined The Kullman Firm in 2013.



Prior to joining the firm, Ms. 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 and 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, Ms. 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, Ms. Kimbrough has provided advice to employers regarding personnel policies, leave issues, and discipline and discharge matters. Ms. Kimbrough received a BA from Talladega College in 1997, and her JD degree from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law in 2000.

Hamida Labi serves as Policy Analyst for Stand for Children Louisiana. She entered this position after working for the Obama campaign and Students For Education Reform (SFER), obtaining both political and issue campaign experience. As SFER's Louisiana State Program Director, she grew the membership base from one to eight college campus chapters in less than a year. Prior to joining SFER, she worked as the Volunteer Coordinator and Deputy Regional GOTV Lead for Organizing for America's 2012 election cycle in the battleground state of Ohio.



She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2009 with a major in Law, Justice and Society. She is also a 2012 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. During law school, she studied international human rights in London and clerked for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington D.C. She also served as a senior staff member on the *Kentucky Journal on Equine, Agricultural and Natural Resource Law*.

Ms. Labi entered education advocacy as a result of her personal experience attending public schools in Atlanta and observing the diligence and sacrifices of her mother, an 18-year veteran teacher.

Shannon Cambridge Lindsey is the owner of Shannon Cambridge Lindsey, Attorney At Law, LLC in Slidell, Louisiana, where she focuses her practice on representing injured workers under the Jones Act, General Maritime Negligence, and Louisiana State Workers Compensation. She practices Of Counsel with C. Ray Murry, Attorney At Law, LLC in Slidell, Louisiana. Ms. Lindsey received a BA degree in 2005 from Duke University and her JD degree in 2009 from Tulane University Law School. She is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, the National Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group, and the Louisiana Workers' Advocates. In her community, she serves as Director of Youth and Music Ministries at the Anointed Dove Fellowship in Picayune, Mississippi.



Kourtnei R. Mason is an associate in the New Orleans office of King Krebs & Jurgens practicing primarily in the areas of Admiralty & Maritime law. She earned her J.D. from Southern University Law Center, where she graduated cum laude in May 2012. While in law school, Ms. Mason served as Editor-in-Chief of the Southern University Law Review and completed an externship for the Honorable Chief Judge Brian A. Jackson of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. Prior to law school, Ms. Mason graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Grambling State University. Currently, she is a member of the Federal Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Louisiana State Law Institute (Junior Honorary Member, 2013), and the New Orleans Bar Association. Ms. Mason is a native of Monroe, Louisiana.



LaChiquita McCray is originally from Ferriday, Louisiana. Ms. McCray received her B.A. in English in 2009 and a master's degree in Public Health Policy and Administration, in 2011, from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is currently attending the University Of Mississippi School of Law and serving as an extern for Federal Magistrate Judge Karen Wells Roby.



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 the New Orleans area (Luling, Louisiana). He is a graduate of Louisiana State University where he received his BA in Accounting and a graduate of Loyola University School of Law School in New Orleans, where he received his J.D.



Prior to taking his position as Access to Justice Director, Mr. Mollere practiced for seven years with Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Program in Hammond, Louisiana, his primary practice being in the areas of domestic, bankruptcy 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.

Judge Susie Morgan currently serves as a federal judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She joined the court in 2012 after a nomination from Barack Obama. At the time of nomination, Judge Morgan was a partner in the New Orleans law firm of Phelps Dunbar LLP a position she had held since 2005.



Judge Morgan attended Northeast Louisiana University (now known as the University of Louisiana at Monroe), earning her B.A. in 1974. She earned in M.A. in 1976 from Louisiana State University. She went on to earn a J.D. from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1980 and served as a law clerk to Judge Henry Politz. Judge Morgan worked as an associate at Wiener, Wiess and Madison for four years before becoming a partner. She continued for ten years before moving to her partnership with Phelps Dunbar.

Judge Morgan was nominated by President Obama to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on June 7, 2011. She was nominated to the spot left vacant by the impeachment of Judge Thomas Porteous. On March 28, 2012, Judge Morgan was confirmed by the United States Senate.

Carol O' Hea is the Assistant Director of Admissions at Tulane University Law School.



Ms. O'Hea works closely with applicants throughout the entire admission process, from initial application to final decision and enrollment. She also travels as a recruiter for the Law School.

A native of New York, Ms. O'Hea earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Union College in 2008. Her interests and areas of study included European history and French language. She moved to New Orleans in January of 2009 and has been a staff member in the Office of Admission since that time.

Jonathan Rhodes serves as the statewide coordinator of legal training and education for Louisiana legal services providers at the Louisiana State Bar. He is responsible for planning continuing legal education seminars on topics of particular interest to public interest attorneys. He works closely with legal services providers, task forces, the Access to Justice Committee, the Right to Counsel Committee, Louisiana's pro bono organizations and the LSBA's CLE department. Additionally, he works with the access to justice director on other projects as necessary. Jonathan joined the LSBA staff in August 2009.



Lannette Richardson is a California native. She earned her bachelor's degree from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. She is currently a student here in Louisiana, pursuing a Masters in Public Administration degree with an emphasis in Non-Profit Management from Louisiana State University. She will begin her legal education at Southern University Law Center in August of 2014. Prior to beginning her graduate and professional studies, Ms. Richardson studied abroad and traveled throughout Latin America. There she was able to utilize her Spanish degree while volunteering in the local after school programs and women's prisons. After her travels in Latin America, she worked at



the executive level for a Fortune 500 company where she capitalized on her project management and leadership skills. Ms. Richardson enjoyed working within the private sector. However, she knew that she wanted to work in an environment that would directly and more positively affect the lives of others. She eventually transitioned to working for a non-profit, mental health treatment facility for youths in San Francisco, California. Here, she found her passion for non-profit management, community outreach, youth education and child advocacy. Ms. Richardson hopes to continue working in the public sector and on behalf of underrepresented youths after she completes her MPA and JD.

Alex B. Rothenberg's work focuses primarily on admiralty and insurance defense.



However, his practice also includes providing transactional services to clients, including drafting of contracts, contract review, assistance in the formation of various business entities, drafting of Operating Agreements, and advice and other legal services related to the management of those entities.

Mr. Rothenberg received his undergraduate degree in 2008 from Emory University, where he double majored in Philosophy and Political Science. He received his Juris Doctorate in 2012 from Tulane University Law School, where he was Senior Articles Editor for the Tulane Law Review. After law school he clerked for the Honorable Nannette Jolivet Brown on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

He was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in October of 2012, and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association.

Michael Schachtman serves as staff attorney and Self-Represented Litigation Counsel



within the LSBA Access to Justice Program. In this position, Mr. Schachtman works with the Louisiana Supreme Court, individual judicial districts, the private bar, Legal Services Corporations, pro-bono organizations, and non-legal community stakeholders to provide assistance to low-income individuals without the means to hire an attorney. Most recently, Mr. Schachtman created the LSBA Legal Education & Assistance Program (LEAP) which will provide legal assistance via public libraries across the state. Prior to working for the Bar, he was a solo-practitioner with a concentration in immigration law.

Outside of legal interests, Mr. Schachtman is the founder of New Orleans Bulldog Rescue and an active member of the Faubourg St. Roch Improvement Association.

Annie Schwener was born and raised in Aspen, Colorado and spent her youth hiking and exploring the Rocky Mountains. In 2007, she graduated from Basalt High School and went on to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder.



Ms. Schwener spent her junior year of college studying abroad in Alicante, Spain studying Spanish literature. After returning to Boulder, Ms. Schwener graduated in 2011 with honors and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs. Continuing her passion for travel and the Spanish language, she moved to South

America to teach English in Peru and Ecuador.

In 2012, Ms. Schwener and her fiancé moved to New Orleans to pursue careers in the legal industry. Now at McGlinchey Stafford law firm, Ms. Schwener heads the summer associate program and assists with lateral hiring as the Legal Recruiting Coordinator.

Joseph L. (Larry) Shea, Jr. is the 2014-15 president of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA). He is a member in the Shreveport office of Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea, L.L.C. He received a BA degree in 1974 from Tulane University and his JD degree in 1978 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (Order of the Coif and Louisiana Law Review executive editor). He was admitted to practice in Louisiana in 1978 and in Texas in 1996.



Mr. Shea served as 2013-14 LSBA president-elect and has chaired the LSBA's Ethics Advisory Service Subcommittee and the Multijurisdictional Practice Committee. He also served on the Ethics 2000 Committee. He received the LSBA President's Award in 2002.

He chaired the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Northwest Community Partnership Panel and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Harry V. Booth and Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court. Mr. Shea was inducted into the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Hall of Fame. He also has been listed in 2009-14 The Best Lawyers in America directories, including as 2013 Shreveport Litigation-Environmental Lawyer of the Year and 2014 Shreveport Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Defendants Lawyer of the Year; in 2008-13 Louisiana Super Lawyers directories; and in the 2013-14 Chambers USA Directory as a leader in the field for Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas.

Professor Ronald J. Scalise, Jr. is Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and A.D. Freeman Professor of Civil Law at Tulane University School of Law. Prior to joining the Tulane Law faculty in 2009, Professor Scalise had served on the faculty of the Louisiana State University Law Center since 2004. 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.

Shannon A. Shelton earned her B.A., *cum laude*, in Psychology and Sociology in 2002 from Loyola University New Orleans. She earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, in 2012 from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where she was a member of the *Loyola Law Review* and a William L. Crowe Sr. Scholar. While at Loyola, she was also inducted into the Order of Barristers and actively participated as a member of the Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Programs.



Ms. Shelton is an associate attorney in the New Orleans office of Kean Miller. She joined the firm in 2012 and practices in the legacy oil field, environmental litigation, and commercial litigation groups. Ms. Shelton assists in the representation and defense of Fortune 10 energy companies in disputes involving toxic tort exposure, personal injury from Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and environmental contamination. Prior to joining Kean Miller, Ms. Shelton was a judicial intern for Judge Nannette Jolivet Brown of the United States District Court for the Eastern District.

Tiffany Thomas Smith has called New Orleans “home” for many years. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in Child Development. In 2008, Mrs. Smith received her Juris Doctorate with a concentration in Civil Law and Common Law Certificate from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Following law school, Mrs. Smith served as a Judicial Law Clerk in Orleans Parish Civil District Court for three years. Mrs. Smith was admitted to practice law in the State of Louisiana in 2009. She is also admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana. She is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the New Orleans Bar Association, and the Louisiana Association of Black Women Attorneys, of which she currently serves as Treasurer.



During law school, Mrs. Smith clerked for the City Attorney’s Office in Kenner, Louisiana. Additionally, Mrs. Smith was a Student Practitioner in Loyola Law School’s Workplace Justice Clinic. As a Student Practitioner, Mrs. Smith had the opportunity to litigate her first Title VII case, in addition to advocating for indigent workers throughout the New Orleans area. Since joining Boykin, Ehret & Utley in September, 2011, Mrs. Smith has successfully advocated for individuals, small non-profit organizations, government agencies, and large corporations in the areas of insurance coverage, insurance defense, personal injury, medical malpractice, labor and employment law, and general liability matters.

Professor Imre Szalai graduated from Yale University (1996), double majoring in Economics and Classical Civilizations, and he received his law degree from Columbia University (1999, where he was named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. After graduating from law school, Professor Szalai practiced antitrust law in New York City, and then he practiced complex commercial litigation in Miami, Florida, representing clients in high risk cases in various jurisdictions. Prior to



joining Loyola's faculty in 2009, Professor Szalai served on the faculty of California Western School of Law.

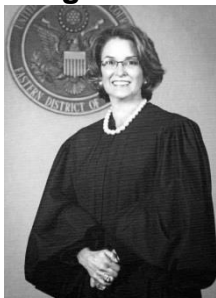
Professor Szalai's teaching interests and scholarship focus on civil procedure and dispute resolution, particularly arbitration and the Federal Arbitration Act. His scholarship has been cited in briefs filed in the United States Supreme Court and other federal and state courts in cases involving the Federal Arbitration Act.

Judge Max N. Tobias, Jr. is a judge on the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal.



A native of New Orleans, Judge Tobias received both his B.A. and *Juris Doctor* from Tulane University in 1971. Judge Tobias is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Association of Women Attorneys, the American Judicature Society, Delta Theta Phi Professional Legal Fraternity - Charter Member of the first chapter of a national legal fraternity to admit women).

Judge Jane Triche-Milazzo began her career as an elementary school teacher. She



then began working in 1986 as a paralegal for a Napoleonville, Louisiana law firm. In 1989, she shifted to being a law clerk while attending law school. From 1992 until 1998, she served as an associate at her family's law firm, and from 1998 until 2008, she was a partner in that firm. In 2008, Judge Triche-Milazzo was elected a state district judge in Louisiana.

On March 16, 2011, President Obama nominated her to fill a seat on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana that had been vacated by Judge Mary Ann Lemmon. On October 11, 2011, the United States Senate voted to confirm Judge Triche-Milazzo.

She received her B.A. from Nicholls State University in 1977. In 1992, she received her JD at Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Richard Westling is the First Assistant US Attorney at the US Attorney's Office,



Eastern District of LA. Mr Westling began serving as First Assistant in February of 2014, and is second in command to New Orleans' top prosecutor, Kenneth Polite.

Prior to his service as at the US Attorney's Office, he was a Partner in Waller, Lansden's Trial and Appellate Practice Group, where he handled matters involving health care fraud, compliance and related litigation. He also extensively handled criminal and civil tax controversies, securities fraud, environmental crimes, Foreign Corrupt

Practices Act violations, public corruption matters, and asset forfeiture cases.

Immediately prior to joining Waller, Lansden, Mr. Westling chaired the Government Investigations and White Collar Defense Group at a Washington, D.C. law firm, served

as the General Counsel of a Medicare Advantage HMO and operated his own law firm where he focused on the defense of complex criminal and civil enforcement matters. He spent seven years as a federal prosecutor serving as a Trial Attorney in the Criminal Section of the Justice Department's Tax Division in Washington, D.C. and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana. He is an experienced courtroom advocate, having tried twenty federal cases to verdict before juries in five states, argued twelve cases before federal appeals courts and handled dozens of contested.

He received his BA from Sewanee –University of the South in 1985 and his JD from Tulane University Law School in 1988.

Angela White-Bazile graduated from Southern University Law Center in May 1996.



She practiced as an Associate Attorney in the private sector, corporate sector, and government agency. She served as a Judicial Law Clerk in Civil District Court, 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, and Louisiana Supreme Court and as the Senior Research Attorney to Associate Justice Bernette J. Johnson. In February 2013, Ms. White-Bazile became the Special Counsel to Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson. In her current position, she serves as the Executive Counsel to Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson and the Associate Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Judge Fredericka Homberg Wicker is a 1977 graduate of Tulane University Law School. During her twenty years practicing law Judge Wicker served as assistant District Attorney in both Orleans and Jefferson Parishes and as an assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, ending her career there as Chief of Narcotics. In September, 1996 she was elected to the Twenty Fourth Judicial District Court for the State of Louisiana where she sat until winning her seat on the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal in February 3, 2006.



Judge Wicker was a member of the adjunct faculty at Tulane Law School and taught trial advocacy at Loyola Law School and for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. She has been a lecturer and discussion leader at both the Louisiana and National Judicial Colleges, with the Louisiana State Bar Association and the National Center for State Courts. She is currently a Masters candidate at the National Judicial College. Judge Wicker is a member of numerous bench bar committees. She is a past-president of the Louisiana District Judges Association.

Sheila M. Wilkinson comes from a unique, highly educated and resilient foundation. Her drive, motivation and passion for Social Work and the Law inspire others, giving that edge to aspire to their own true potential.



Ms. Wilkinson graduated from the University of New Orleans with a BA in Sociology, minoring in Women's Studies. From there, she went on to Tulane, where she earned a Master's in Social Work. After surviving the perils of Katrina in 2005, she returned to New Orleans intent on being a more active participant in our community. Her diverse interests led her to Loyola's College of Law, where she graduated in the spring of 2009. While at Loyola, she traveled abroad on three separate occasions and earned an International Legal Studies Certificate. Her work experience at her former firm as Project & Litigation Manager from 2001 through 2010 has prepared her for nearly any legal challenge. She currently focuses her work on Litigation Consulting, Complex Litigation (Class Actions and Multi-District Litigation), and for those in dire need, Ms. Wilkinson takes on a limited number Family Law cases.

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