

# LSBA'S FREE "FOUR CORNERS" CLE SEMINAR

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Bogue Falaya Hall  
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## SPEAKER BIOS

**Eric K. Barefield** is Ethics Counsel for the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA). A graduate of LSU's law school, Mr. Barefield was formerly an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans parish from 1995-1998, and was Deputy Disciplinary Counsel from 1998 to 2005 with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel where his duties involved investigating and prosecuting violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. He joined the LSBA staff in 2005.

**Craig Bayer** is an in demand speaker and award-winning technology consultant who sets up professional services firms for stress-free efficiency and productivity. His company Optiable is a productivity-centered technology service provider helping Law Firms, Engineering Companies, Financial Advisors, and other Professional Service Companies create more efficient firms. Optiable is certified in all the systems needed to keep up with high-paced firms, and offers step-by-step support when choosing and implementing those systems.

**Abid Hussain** is a solo practitioner in New Orleans after seven years of corporate law in Dallas. A seasoned speaker on legal technology matters, he also provides practical legal and corporate counsel, including intellectual property and asset protection, to entrepreneurs, small business owners, real estate investors, and musicians. Before practicing law, he worked eight years with technology and software companies, including start-ups as well as giants such as Texas Instruments and Microsoft, in marketing and management positions. He now uses that business experience to help his clients as an attorney. Abid is a graduate of the Bronx High School of Science, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Oregon School of Law.

**Richard K. Leefe** is the current president of the Louisiana State Bar Association and founder of the firm that now exists as Leefe, Gibbs, Sullivan & Dupré. An engineer initially, he served the army in the Viet Nam war and commanded an engineer company in the Mekong Delta. Thereafter, he earned a law degree from Loyola College of Law where he is an adjunct faculty member. Also a graduate of Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland, he obtained a LLM (Master of Laws) in International Commercial Law. He is the author of legal treatises including: *Louisiana Code of Evidence, Practice Guide*, which he updates annually; *Cases and Materials on Louisiana Negotiable Instrument Law*; and *Cases and Materials in Evidence*. He is a frequent speaker on evidence, ethics and courtroom matters.

**Richard P. Lemmler, Jr.**, Ethics Counsel for the LSBA since May 2002, has been responsible for the development and day-to-day administration of the LSBA's lawyer advertising filing and evaluation process since its inception. A frequently CLE presenter on legal ethics and lawyer advertising; he is an author of several articles for the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. Before joining the LSBA staff, he practiced law in New Orleans for 14 years as a solo general practitioner. He has served two consecutive three-year appointments to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, first as a lawyer member of a hearing committee and then as chair of a hearing committee.

**Tom O'Connor** is a nationally known consultant, speaker and writer in the area of computerized litigation support systems, electronic document depositories, trial presentation systems and electronic discovery. A designer of databases, he has trained law staffs across the country in their use. The author of *The Automated Law Firm*, a guide to computer systems and software published by Aspen Law & Business, now in its fourth edition and of *The Lawyers Guide to Summation*, published by the ABA, he graduated from The Johns Hopkins University with a BA in Political Science. He also earned a J.D. degree.

**J.E. "Buddy" Stockwell, III** is the Executive Director of the Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (LAP), a non-profit corporation, which assists, on a confidential basis, lawyers or judges regarding professional impairments which may be caused by alcohol/drug abuse, mental health problems or gambling addiction. He has 121 hours of accredited study in substance abuse counseling, and has served on the LSBA Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for over 15 years. A frequent speaker and LAP monitor, he has assisted in interventions involving lawyers and judges. Prior to LAP, he was a solo practitioner in Baton Rouge, and an associate with Roy, Kiesel & Tucker. He holds a B.S. and J.D. from LSU.

**Julie Brown White** is a partner in Schiff, Scheckman, & White LLP which focuses on legal and judicial ethics, and bar admissions matters; and represents lawyers in all stages of disciplinary proceedings. Her prior experience includes the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) where she was a prosecutor from 1998-2006, and civil litigation for several years, primarily as an associate for the firm of deGravelles, Palmintier & Holthaus. She is a frequent speaker on ethics, disciplinary and professional responsibility issues. She completed her undergraduate education at LSU and holds a J.D. from Ole Miss.

**Angela Willis** is a Certified Public Accountant who has specialized in trust accounting. With 20 years of experience, she caters to attorneys in disciplinary investigations, performs trust account reconciliations and educates on the proper handling of trust funds. She was the first trust account auditor for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel from 2010-2013. Prior to that, she has worked in an audit capacity for large title insurance companies such as First American and United General Title.