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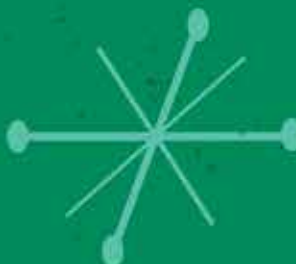
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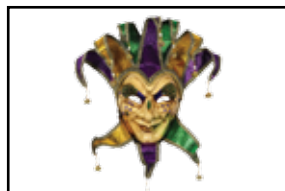
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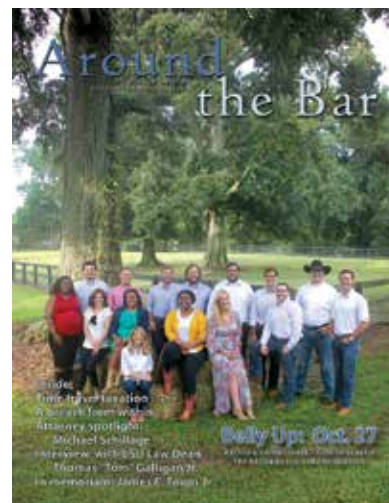
The next BRBA Bar Luncheon will be held at Juban's Restaurant Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, in honor of Veterans Day. Please register online today ([www.BRBA.org](http://www.BRBA.org)) or see the registration form inside this issue. This month's speaker is Major General Glenn H. Curtis, The Adjutant General, Louisiana National Guard.

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**Correction:**  
Druit Gremillion Jr., although pictured on the cover of the October 2017 issue, was inadvertently left off the text listing of Belly Up with the Bar members. In the photo (right), Druit is standing in the back row, third person from the left. We regret the error.





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# letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Claude Reynaud's article on Jim Toups was excellent. However, it did not mention a significant contribution that he made to the Association. When Jim returned from the ABA meeting which was traditional for BR Bar presidents, he told us about executive directors for other local groups. We ran a short advertisement and received numerous applications. Bobbi Zaunbrecher was hired and proved Jim to be accurate. On Bobbi's departure one of the excellent members of her staff, Ann Gregorie, was hired and continues to do a great job. Thanks to Jim, the Association has enjoyed healthy growth from a tiny office (with no real staff) in the old courthouse.

— Paul Marks Jr., *Mediator, MAPS Inc.;*  
*President, Baton Rouge Bar Association (1988)*

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed Claude Reynaud's tribute to Jimmy Toups. It was very well done and well deserved. I did want to add one particular point to Claude's tribute. Jimmy, as president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association,

was a leading force behind the modernization of the Baton Rouge Bar. He led the charge to hire Bobbi Zaunbrecher, our first full-time executive director. This led to the establishment of an independent and separately sited bar office. With Bobbi's enthusiasm and creativity and Jimmy's leadership, this bar underwent a metamorphosis from a sleepy southern, small town bar association to a cutting edge bar that programmatically could stand up to any local bar in the country. Without Jimmy and Bobbi, we would not be where we are today. Thank you Bobbi and thank you Captain Toups.

— Michael W. McKay,  
*President, Baton Rouge Bar Association (1992)*

The BRBA's Publications Committee thanks our former communications coordinator, Pamela Labbe, for her tireless service to *Around the Bar* for the last 17 ½ years. Pam was always extremely committed to the quality and timeliness of our magazine. She always made sure the trains ran on time. We NEVER had problems with deadlines because she always had everything planned in advance. She was also very good at hounding our authors to make sure they submitted their articles promptly. We will miss her, but we all wish her the best as she embarks upon her new career.

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# letter from the president

BY KARLI GLASCOCK JOHNSON

## Getting along

Perhaps I am spending too much time on social media, but from my perspective, the past year has been marred by excessive conflict in this country. The media is full of stories of international saber rattling, domestic political disputes, and racial division. In addition to all of that, as a litigator, I basically do conflict for a living. And we won't even discuss things at my house, where two teens reside with Scott and me! It is fair to say that I sometimes have my fill of fighting.



Karli Glascock Johnson

Maybe that is why I have struggled to come to grips with the back and forth over football players sitting and kneeling in protest during the national anthem at NFL games. It isn't the substantive debate that gets to me; it's the notion that we are so easily divided into two irreconcilable factions in this country. Even worse to me is the idea that each side wants to punish the other side with boycotts and terminations. I challenge anyone to point to a group of people that successfully resolves disputes using personal insults and retaliation instead of thoughtful and peaceful debate.

That is why I am so passionate about the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Through my involvement with the bar association, I have developed strong, positive relationships with so many judges and fellow lawyers. It is hard to cross paths with someone who isn't at least a "friend of a friend." And knowing the person changes how I view and act toward

the adversary. Furthermore, having the experience of working together on a bar association project forces me to see the truth that the areas of dispute in a lawsuit do not define the parties or their counsel. The ability to build relationships and collaborate with others in pursuit of a common purpose, brings people of different backgrounds and experiences together, each using their gifts and talents to reach a shared goal.

In my letters this year, I have talked about a variety of issues: race relations, work-life balance, camaraderie and grief. All of these issues were addressed through the lens of a common theme — the value proposition of the bar association. For me, the association is a way for local attorneys to connect to their peers, elevate their profession, and contribute to the community. Being active in the Baton Rouge Bar Association has allowed me to form many close relationships with other attorneys. And together, we have worked on projects that have helped many in the Baton Rouge community, made the profession better and hopefully made each of us better, too.

I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve as president of the BRBA. It has been a great year! 📧

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The November Bar Luncheon will be held at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, at Juban's Restaurant. The luncheon is sponsored by Electronic Business Systems / CourtCall. Please join us as we recognize Veterans Day and BRBA members who have served in the military. Glen Oaks High School Color Guard under the direction of LTC Ronald Mahomes will present the colors.

This month's bar luncheon speaker is Glenn H. Curtis, MG, The Adjutant General of the Louisiana National Guard. He is responsible for the deployment and coordination of programs, policies and plans affecting the more than 11,500 members of the Louisiana Army and Air National Guard.

General Curtis graduated from Buckeye High School. He holds a B.S. in agriculture business from LSU and a master's in strategic studies from the United States Army War



Major General Glenn H. Curtis,  
The Adjutant General

College. He enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard in March 1982. He attended the Louisiana National Guard Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in August 1984.

He was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in December 2004 and served as the Chief of Staff, Purchasing and Contracting Officer in Baghdad, Iraq. Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in November 2005, General Curtis was assigned as the Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Louisiana. He served as the Director of the Joint Staff from April 1, 2007, until Nov. 3, 2011, when

he was appointed as The Adjutant General.

Reservations for the November Bar Luncheon, scheduled to be held Friday, Nov. 10, must be made by noon Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017. Fax this completed form to 225-344-4805 or email it to [kelsie@brba.org](mailto:kelsie@brba.org).

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# Interview with Magistrate Judge Erin Wilder-Doomes

BY REBECCA WISBAR

**Born and raised in:** Topeka, Kansas

**Education:** University of Iowa, B.S. in Psychology, 1995  
Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, J.D., 1999

**Married to:** Dr. Edward Doomes, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Southern University and A&M College

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*ATB: Had you always considered becoming a lawyer? If not, what was a possible career path?*

EWD: Yes, I have always wanted to be a lawyer. When I was very young and expressed this desire, one of my extended family members discouraged me by saying that there were too many lawyers. I pointed out there were not “too many good lawyers” and remained undeterred. I entered law school because, like many aspiring lawyers, I wanted to help people. Other than that comment by that one family member, I was raised to believe that the law was a noble profession. I still believe that to be true.

*ATB: When did you know you wanted to be a judge and why?*

EWD: I had never taken the opportunity to engage in public service as a career, and the magistrate judge position seemed like a good fit. Before submitting my application I talked with my law partners at Stewart, Robbins & Brown. It was a difficult decision because as a practicing attorney, I enjoyed crafting legal arguments and briefs and trying to find an answer to a client’s query. I was reticent to leave that part of the law as I was very happy with my legal practice and my law firm in particular. I was appointed Magistrate Judge on Jan. 4, 2016. I am glad that I made the transition. This is a unique job, and my colleagues are wonderful, professionally and personally. In fact, each Monday we lunch together, and many times our spouses will even attend. I feel fortunate to be part of such a collegial group.

*ATB: When were you sworn in and by whom? Share any thoughts on the experience.*

EWD: I had the honor of being sworn in by Chief Judge Brian Jackson. I was so fortunate that my grandparents were able to be present for that ceremony. They lived

through segregation, so I think it was particularly meaningful to them to see their granddaughter sworn in as the first African American female judge in this district. Of course, it was wonderful to have my husband and children, colleagues from my former law firm and several close family members and friends present as well. The swearing-in ceremony was a more intimate ceremony than my investiture, which was also lovely. Taking the oath was a very moving experience.

*ATB: What do you find is different for you between being a judge and practicing law?*

EWD: Lawyers approach cases from the perspective of an advocate. A lawyer’s goal is to emphasize the positive aspects of the client’s case and minimize the negatives. A judge’s perspective is obviously very different. My job is not only to evaluate the information presented to figure out who is right, but also why one side is correct. I consider the reasoning in my opinions to be every bit as important, if not more so, than the result.

*ATB: What most surprised you about being a judge?*

EWD: I did not have any criminal law experience when I started as a magistrate judge, and I have been very pleasantly surprised by how well the prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers in this district get along. Both sides still zealously advocate, but the best way I can say it is that they only fight over the things worth fighting over. No offense to the civil practitioners at all (I was one for many, many years), but I think that is a good example of professionalism at work.

*ATB: What is most rewarding?*

EWD: There are many rewarding aspects to the job, but I think one of the most rewarding is the ability to provide



people with an opportunity to be heard. I like to have oral arguments because I want everyone who appears before me to know that I am listening to what they have to say and trying to get the most information to make the best decision I can. I also find settlement conferences very rewarding because it gives me a chance to talk to litigants in a much more informal setting and try to help them reach a resolution.

*ATB: What advice would you give lawyers who practice in front of you?*

For those appearing in person, I think every judge would tell you it is important to be prepared. When I come into a hearing I have read the briefs, but I have usually also done some research or prepared notes of questions I have, so I tend to ask very direct questions rather than just let the lawyers present whatever arguments they think are important. In briefs, I would encourage brevity and discourage hyperbole. Above all, it is important for lawyers to maintain their objectivity. That is absolutely necessary to managing the lawyer-client relationship.

*ATB: What is the most challenging part of being a judge?*

EWD: One of the most challenging things for me is

making a decision about whether criminal defendants will be released or detained pending trial. Magistrate judges do not have the benefit of knowing the outcome of the trial, i.e., we do not already have a determination of guilt. That certainly adds to the degree of difficulty in making the decision to deprive someone of his or her freedom.

*ATB: Tell me about your family's connection with Brown v. Board of Education?*

EWD: My mother was born in Topeka, Kansas, a few years after *Brown v. Board of Education* was decided. One of the photos on the pamphlets at the historic site in Topeka commemorating *Brown v. Board of Education* is a picture of my mom in the first grade. She is in the center of the photo reading to her class and wearing a 1950s-style dress. I have a copy of the photo in my chambers. In the photo, you can see she is still attending a segregated school, even post-*Brown*. By the 1980s my grandfather was the president of the school board in Topeka, Kansas. Then *Brown v. Board of Education* was re-opened. My grandfather was named as a defendant simply because he was school board president. I was in middle school at the time. I remember it being frustrating for him that the goals of *Brown* had still not been fully accomplished all those years later, despite his efforts as school board president. ■



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# Caring for the caregiver

BY MARSHA WADE

You've been working to get a handle on the stress in your life. You've developed a regular yoga practice or made meditation a part of your daily routine. Maybe running is your way of winding down or you've taken up painting to relax.

Then your mother falls and breaks her hip or your father begins to show troubling signs of confusion and memory loss beyond any normal age-related cognitive decline. Suddenly stress levels are rising again, as you add caregiving to your list of responsibilities.

Advances in medical science are improving prospects for a longer life span. It is inevitable that many of us will find ourselves in the role of caregiver to our aging parents while we're still in the midst of an active professional life.

Caring for elderly parents can be rewarding. It is a privilege to give back to those who cared for us, and



it can bring us into a closer relationship that may have been missing during our busy mid-career years. But arranging, overseeing and sometimes directly providing care while also juggling professional responsibilities can tip the scales from managing stress to fully stressed out.

We may find ourselves feeling exhausted, anxious, resentful and guilty. This is a common experience of those caring for an elderly parent. It even has a name — caregiver stress.

Over time, being in a persistent state of stress can lead to depression, high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes, among other unwanted consequences to our mental and physical well-being.

Adopting a strategy for self-care is the first line of defense in addressing stress before it becomes a threat to

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your health. Just as you develop a plan of care for your loved one, you also need a plan of care for yourself. We can't provide quality care to others if we aren't taking good care of ourselves.

Begin by learning to notice what you're feeling at any given moment. Don't let your thoughts run so far ahead of you that you aren't aware of what's going on in your body. Stop periodically and check in with yourself. Are you tired, hungry, stomach in knots, heart racing?

When you have identified what your body is telling you it needs, don't ignore it. As soon as you are able, address that need—take a walk, get something to eat, stop what you're doing and rest for a few minutes, do something you find relaxing.

Schedule breaks during the work day. Don't let exhaustion sneak up on you. Pay attention to those times and circumstances that are most trying, when your patience is worn thin or your energy is depleted. Schedule a break at the low point of your day. Take a walk, preferably outdoors or do a 10-minute meditation. You might prefer to just close your eyes, put your feet up and take a brief nap.

Regular breaks help us overcome physical fatigue. Research shows that giving our body and brain a rest also improves focus, attention and productivity, so don't consider these breaks as wasted or unproductive. They

are essential to your well-being.

Go easy on yourself. A parent's health crisis cannot be scheduled. The unexpected can be counted on to disrupt your best laid plans. You may need to rethink your idea of what you can reasonably accomplish. This could mean letting go of some things, giving up any tendencies toward perfectionism, and asking for help from colleagues and other family members.

Check your emotions. Resentment can arise when life is disrupted by the unexpected demands of caregiving. We may experience frustration with our limited ability to improve the situation for our parent or helplessness as we witness the inevitable mental and physical decline.

Guilt is another negative emotion likely to rear its head. You may feel guilty for not giving your parent enough of your time or guilty that time spent on caregiving means you are neglecting other commitments. You may even find yourself feeling resentful about the guilt you experience when forced to choose between conflicting demands.

Practice compassion. When you find yourself overwhelmed by demands of caregiving and wrestling with feelings of frustration, helplessness, resentment or guilt, you may be inclined to browbeat yourself for not being stronger, wiser, more competent or more patient. Compassion for yourself is what is needed. What you have undertaken is difficult. It is okay to wish that weren't the

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case. It is not helpful to berate yourself for it.

Compassion for ourselves does not come easily. Lawyers are particularly good at being self-critical. We are trained to judge, rank and critique. A self-critical attitude, however, is not conducive to managing stress. But there are practices that can help us tame the self-criticism and adopt a sense of compassion for ourselves.

A compassion meditation is one way to silence our inner critic. For this practice, find a quiet place where you can sit undisturbed for a few minutes. Settle into a comfortable position, back straight, both feet on the floor, eyes closed. Take a few deep breaths and allow your body to relax, paying special attention to any tension in your neck or shoulders, places where we often carry the weight of responsibility.

Place your right hand over your heart as if you were saying the Pledge of Allegiance. As you sit, hand over your heart, bring into your awareness a feeling of kindness toward yourself. Forgive yourself for any perceived failings that trouble you. Accept that you are doing your best in this difficult situation.

Allow a sense of compassion for yourself to flow through you and around you, enveloping you and imbuing you with a peaceful acceptance of yourself just as you are. If negative thoughts or feelings arise, release them with compassion for the part of you that still struggles with

judgment and self-criticism.

After a time, send thoughts of loving kindness out to your ailing parent. Feel a sense of compassion toward your parent for the suffering being endured, knowing that your parent also feels frustrated, helpless, resentful and guilty. If negative thoughts or feelings arise, gently release them with compassion for your parent and for yourself.

After a few minutes, bring your awareness back to the present. Take a few deep breaths and open your eyes. This meditation need not take more than 5 or 10 minutes. With practice, you can learn to retrieve a feeling of self-compassion at will.

Briefly place your right hand over your heart when you need a dose of self-compassion. This physical gesture is an anchor for the feeling of compassion experienced during the meditation, making it easier call up that feeling later by simply placing your hand over your heart.

Kristin Neff, Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Austin, is one of the world's leading experts on self-compassion. Dr. Neff has researched and written about self-compassion and its benefits. Visit her website, <http://self-compassion.org>, for more guided meditations for self-compassion, as well as other exercises for practicing self-compassion.

Caring for another is a generous gift of yourself. Honor that. Be well. ■

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# Legal analysis in a mixed jurisdiction: Louisiana's treatment of jurisprudence

BY GAIL S. STEPHENSON

Louisiana's legal system, an amalgam of French and Spanish civil law and Anglo-American<sup>1</sup> common law, is described as a "mixed jurisdiction" or, more colorfully, a "bastard strain."<sup>2</sup> Many Louisiana lawyers and judges have abandoned civilian legal analysis, which begins with an examination and interpretation of applicable legislation, in favor of the common law approach, which begins with case law. It appears, however, that efforts are underway to restore Louisiana's civil law methodology.

Most of us educated at Louisiana law schools were taught that for matters of private law, the only primary source of law in Louisiana is legislation, *i.e.*, constitutions, codes and statutes. We were likely taught that in common law jurisdictions, judges can create binding law with one decision under the doctrine of *stare decisis*. But in Louisiana, cases can be considered "highly persuasive" only if they form a long-held pattern of decisions so as to be considered jurisprudence *constante*.<sup>3</sup>

When we went out into the real world, most of us disregarded what we learned in law school about jurisprudence *constante*. Our first thought when analyzing a legal problem was usually, "I hope I can find a case on point." If we could find several cases, even better, but we did not spend a lot of time trying to establish that these cases had developed into jurisprudence *constante*. We just used analogical reasoning to convince the court that because another court had decided a similar issue in our favor, it should do the same.

Most of the time that worked. A judge in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge is unlikely to ignore a First Circuit case, even if there is only one, and the First Circuit is unlikely to ignore the Louisiana Supreme Court's decisions. The Louisiana Supreme Court has even stated that Louisiana lower courts are "bound to follow" its decisions.<sup>4</sup>

But under civilian legal methodology, a proper legal analysis begins with the legislation that is being analyzed.<sup>5</sup>

Justice Weimer, arguably the most scholarly justice currently on the Louisiana Supreme court, has taken it upon himself to school his fellow justices on proper civilian analysis methodology through concurring opinions. In 2016 he described the majority's discussion of prior jurisprudence as "edifying" but "ultimately unnecessary" because the "language of the statute command[ed]" the result.<sup>6</sup> In another 2016 case he concurred because the majority limited its analysis to factors set forth in a prior case, stating that "because of the primary role of statutory law, any applicable traditional methods of statutory interpretation should be exhausted before resorting to assistance from the jurisprudential test."<sup>7</sup>

Justice Crichton, in a recent concurrence, has also affirmed the primacy of legislation and secondary role of jurisprudence. He stated that the Civil Code is "the primary source of law, and precedent serves merely as an example of a prior judge's interpretation and application of legislated law." The majority opinion spoke of the need to avoid "metastization" of legal error, which occurs when courts blindly follow a prior legal decision. Justice Crichton agreed, adding that "it is up to this Court to uphold the law as written ... ."<sup>8</sup>

As Louisiana is a mixed jurisdiction, courts often "cross verify judicial outcomes" by doing both a statutory analysis and a jurisprudential analysis, which Professor Vernon Palmer of Tulane refers to as "a double means of validating the result," or a "double reasoning pattern."<sup>9</sup> According to Palmer, under this method, the court analyzes the statute, using the Louisiana Civil Code articles on statutory interpretation, and also does a second analysis using case law. If the two results converge, the judge knows his decision is correct. If the results conflict, the judge then has to examine the reasoning used in each analysis, asking himself whether the statutory analysis was incorrect, or whether the judges in the prior cases got it wrong.<sup>10</sup> According to Justice Dennis, "if a judge [in

the prior case] ignores a clearly applicable Code rule and follows another jurisdiction's case, his example of using the wrong starting point or source of law should not be influential at all."<sup>11</sup>

Although some judges are sticklers for civilian methodology, many judicial opinions are based solely on jurisprudence. Why do so many judges use common law analysis methods and simply follow jurisprudence? Professor Mary Algero of Loyola attributes this to "a systemic respect for jurisprudence."<sup>12</sup> Professor John Henry Merryman, perhaps a bit more of a cynic, posits four reasons that civil law judges act like their common law counterparts when it comes to jurisprudence: 1) they do not want to risk being reversed on appeal; 2) they are impressed by the authority of the higher court; 3) they are persuaded by the other court's reasoning; or 4) "they are too lazy to think the problem through themselves."<sup>13</sup>

In this author's opinion, Merryman's first reason is probably the strongest—judges do not like to be reversed. A good example is Judge Parro's statement in a case where the appellant urged the First Circuit to ignore a Louisiana Supreme Court case because it had not attained jurisprudence constante status:

Reminding this court that civilian doctrine allows this court not to be rigidly bound by the reversal in *Hamilton*, as it did not rise to the level of *jurisprudence constante*, [appellant] invites this court to ignore the supreme court's *Hamilton* decision ... . We decline that invitation. Having been clearly advised by the supreme court of this court's error in not one, but two, decisions, we will not repeat that error by ignoring the supreme court in this decision.<sup>14</sup>

So what should a lawyer in a civil law jurisdiction do? Legislation is unquestionably the superior source of law. Thus, it makes sense to begin legal analysis by examining statutory law, using the rules for statutory analysis provided in Civil Code articles 9 through 13. If your statutory analysis leads to the result you want, favorable case law is icing on the cake.

If the case law is unfavorable, however, examine the court's legal reasoning in those cases. Make it easy for the court to disregard the prior case. Explain how the result would have been different if the court had analyzed the legislation properly. And be sure to remind the court, in the words of Justice Dennis, that "case law is invaluable as previous interpretation of [the law], but it is nevertheless secondary information."<sup>15</sup> ■



<sup>1</sup> Vernon Valentine Palmer, *Mixed Jurisdictions Worldwide* 3 (Vernon Valentine Palmer ed., 2d ed. 2012).

<sup>2</sup> Paul Brosman, *Louisiana—An Accidental Experiment in Fusion*, 24 Tul. L. Rev. 95, 95 (1949).

<sup>3</sup> Louisiana Civil Code article 1 reads: "The sources of law are legislation and custom." Comment (b) to that article states that legislation and custom are primary sources of law. The Louisiana Supreme Court, however, has stated jurisprudence constante has "considerable persuasive authority" but "is not the law." *Doerr v. Mobil Oil Corp.*, 00-0947 (La. 12/19/00), 774 So.2d 119, 128. In 2016 Justice Weimer wrote in a concurrence, "[J]urisprudence, even when it arises to the level of jurisprudence constante, is a secondary source of law." *Billeaudeau v. Opelousas Gen. Hosp. Auth.*, 16-0846 (La. 10/19/16), 218 So.3d 513, 529 (Weimer, J., concurring).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., *Oliver v. Magnolia Clinic*, 11-2132 (La. 3/13/12), 85 So.3d 39, 44. Intermediate appellate court judges often note that they are "bound to follow" the supreme court. See, e.g., *Cunningham v. Marullo*, 14-0931 (La App. 4 Cir. 9/3/13), 150 So.3d 21, 29 (Tobias, J., concurring).

<sup>5</sup> Even legal writing textbooks written primarily for students in common law jurisdictions state that a proper legal analysis should begin with the applicable statutory law. See, e.g., Christine Coughlin et al., *A Lawyer Writes* 58 (2013).

<sup>6</sup> *Fecke v. Bd. of Supervisors*, 15-1806 (La. 9/23/16), 217 So.3d 237, 2016 WL 5390302 (Weimer, Jr., concurring).

<sup>7</sup> *Billeaudeau*, 218 So.3d at 529 (Weimer, J., concurring).

<sup>8</sup> *Succession of Toney*, 16-1534 (La. 5/3/17), \_\_\_ So.3d \_\_\_, 2017 WL 1709827 (Crichton, J., concurring).

<sup>9</sup> *Palmer*, *supra* note 1 at 308, 311.

<sup>10</sup> The author worked for the Louisiana First Circuit for 15 years and can attest that this method is frequently used.

<sup>11</sup> James L. Dennis, *Interpretation & Application of the Civil Code & the Evaluation of Judicial Precedent*, 54 La. L.Rev. 1, 15 (1993).

<sup>12</sup> Mary Garvey Algero, *Considering Precedent in Louisiana: Balancing the Value of Predictable and Certain Interpretations with the Tradition of Flexibility and Adaptability*, 58 Loy L. Rev. 113, 115 (2012).

<sup>13</sup> John Henry Merryman & Rogelio Pérez-Perdomo, *The Civil Law Tradition* 47 (2007).

<sup>14</sup> *E.-W. of Metairie, Inc. v. Stewart*, 08-1771 (La. App. 1 Cir. 5/6/09), 2009 WL 1231036 at \*4.

<sup>15</sup> *Ardoin v. Hartford Acc. & Indem. Co.*, 360 So. 2d 1331, 1334 (La. 1978).



# bar news

BY PAMELA LABBE


## BRBF Arts Judicata spotlights lawyer creativity & talent

The Arts Judicata was held Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, at the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge. Co-chairs Renee Chatelain and J. Richard Williams along with BRBA staff member Donna Buuck planned the event, along with assistance from the Arts Judicata Committee. The event featured live music and art created by BRBA members. The theme was Paint the Town Rouge, and attendees were encouraged to wear red.

Event sponsors were Total Care Injury and Pain Centers; Porteous, Hainkel and Johnson; Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, LLC; Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge; Findlaw, a part of Thomson Reuters; Linda Law Clark; Odeh Consulting; Plantation Tire Plus; Roly Poly Sandwiches; Sen. Bodi White; Geaux Rouge; PeRfect LA Events; Cottonwood Books; and Downtown Duplicating, LLC. Special thanks to the food and beverage sponsors for the event, which included the Beer Industry League of Louisiana, Canefield Tavern, Hannah Q Smokehouse, Indie Plate, Jolie Pearl Oyster Bar, Ronnie's Boudin & Cracklin's, Uncle Ben's Coffee and Louisiana Craft Brewers Guild.

## YLS Cocktails with the Court to be held Nov. 9

The Manship Theatre in the Shaw Center for the Arts, 100 Lafayette St., will be the venue of the BRBA Young Lawyers Section's annual Cocktails with the Court, a reception honoring area judges and their law clerks. The event will be held 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017.

This project is funded in part by the American Bar Association on behalf of its Young Lawyers Division through the Fund for Justice and Education. Reception sponsors include Citizens Bank & Trust; DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP; Marionneaux Kantrow, LLC; Saunders & Chabert; and Smith Shanklin Sosa, LLC. For more information about this reception, contact Susan Kelley at 225-214-5559 or [susan@brba.org](mailto:susan@brba.org). 



Photographed (above) at Arts Judicata Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, are (L to R) Monica Vela-Vick, Judge Lisa Woodruff-White, Hayden A. Moore, Valerie Black, Gracella Simmons and Ta-Tanisha Youngblood.

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Authors and literary artists Van Mayhall, Michael Rubin and Kimberly Spruill showcased their newest book titles at tables at the event, which was held at the Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge.

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BRBA President-elect Linda Law Clark, President Karli Glascock Johnson and Treasurer Amy C. Lambert were photographed at the Baton Rouge Bar Association September Bar Luncheon held Sept. 12, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. H. Alston Johnson III was the luncheon speaker.

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# Southeast Louisiana Legal Services celebrates 50th anniversary

BY LAURA TUGGLE & JEFF WITTENBRINK

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services is celebrating its golden anniversary of helping those with no gold. Its year-long celebration of legal services for the poor kicks off Nov. 9, 2017, beginning with an invitation-only event at the Louisiana Supreme Court on Royal Street from 4 to 5:30 with a CLE and four speakers. ABA president Hilarie Bass, LSBA President Dona Kay Renegar, Legal Services Corporation President Jim Sandman and SLLS Board of Directors President Vivian Guillory will speak on the future of civil legal aid. A reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. follows, as well as the grand opening of the Justice Is Golden exhibit. The exhibit commemorates SLLS' 50-year history and will remain on display at the Louisiana Supreme Court Museum during SLLS's 50th anniversary year.

The first organized pro bono legal service institution in the New Orleans area was the Legal Aid Bureau, which had a few staff members handling almost nothing but family law. The Bureau was formed after New Orleans Bar Association members who provided volunteer assistance to the poor during the Depression were struck by the number of people who needed legal help. People lined up around the block to get a volunteer lawyer. The Bureau was created as a nonprofit to help deliver civil legal aid with financial support from New Orleans Bar Association members and the United Way.

Federal funding for civil legal aid became available in 1967 through the Office of Economic Opportunity. The New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation (NOLAC) was incorporated Nov. 6, 1967, and opened six offices in New Orleans by 1968. It eventually served five parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines and St. Charles.

The members of the original NOLAC Board of Directors were or became notables in their own right.<sup>1</sup> John P. "Jack" Nelson, the first chair of the board, was, by reputation, phenomenal.



Photographed are (L to R) Vivian Guillory, SLLS Executive Director Laura Tuggle and SLLS Deputy Director Roxanne Newman. Guillory is the SLLS 2017 Board President.

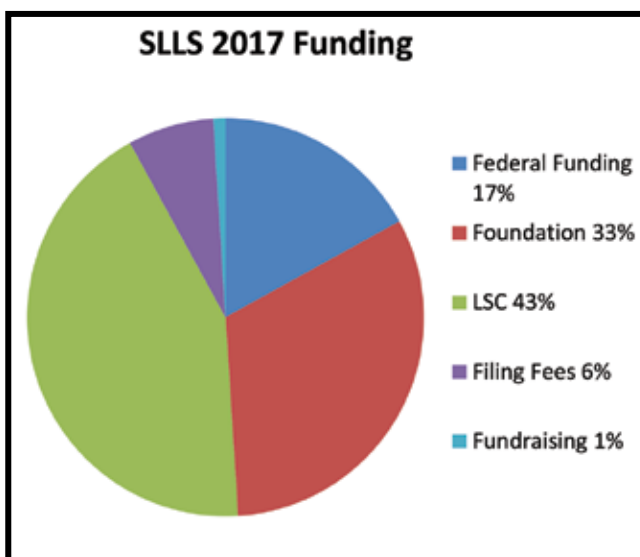
He donated a lot of time believed in the organization. Revius Ortigue, later the first African American elected to the Louisiana Supreme Court, was one of the original NOLAC board members. He was also appointed to serve on the first national Legal Services Corporation Board. Marcel Garsaud, a Loyola law professor, was also one of NOLAC's original board members, as was Ernest "Dutch" Morial, later the first African American mayor of New Orleans.

The first director of NOLAC when the doors opened in 1968 was Richard Buckley, who made the princely sum of \$15,000 per year. At that time a managing attorney made \$9,600 per year, a secretary \$6,000, and the custodian \$3,000. Buckley left the program in 1971 to become the director of Alaska Legal Services.

Back then, NOLAC was organized into a main office with 12 employees, and six "neighborhood offices" with five to seven people each. Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Johnson worked for NOLAC in the early 1970s; she supervised five people as Managing Attorney of the Lower Ninth Ward office. Today SLLS maintains only one New Orleans office but has expanded from serving five parishes to covering 22 parishes from six offices.

In the early days, civil legal aid was fully federally funded. Fifty years later, Legal Services Corporation federal funds account for only 43 percent of SLLS's income; it now has almost 75 different funding sources. The

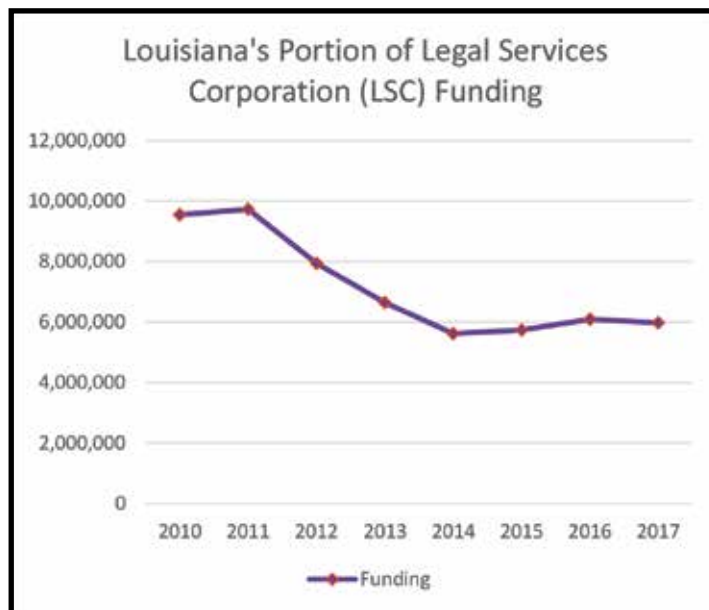
Louisiana Bar Foundation is the second largest funder, followed by other federal funding, such as Violence Against Women Act grants, and private foundations. For example, after the August 2016 flood, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and the W.J. Kellogg Foundation funded a five-partner collaborative project led by SLLS to help flood survivors clear titles in order to obtain recovery resources. Other organizations that contributed to the flood project included the Capital



Area United Way, the Greater New Orleans Foundation, Baptist Community Ministries, Equal Justice Works, the AARP Foundation, the Louisiana Bar Foundation and a Lutz Fellowship.

Six directors led NOLAC from 1968 to 1988, changing fairly frequently. Mark Moreau started at NOLAC as a staff attorney under the VISTA program in 1975. He left briefly after a few years to get an L.L.M. in tax and worked on Wall Street for a period of time but was wooed back. He became NOLAC's executive director in 1988 and later its co-executive director after a program merger. He served as a visionary leader until illness forced his retirement in fall 2013.

Congress began funding civil legal aid through the Legal Services Corporation in 1974, with nine Louisiana programs across the state. SLLS originally served only five parishes: Tangipahoa, Livingston, Washington, St. Helena



and St. Tammany. Its first executive director was Lila Hogan, followed by Brian Lenard, who remained its director and later its co-executive director for almost 35 years.

In the early 2000s, Legal Services Corporation began requesting its field programs to merge and reconfigure. By 2003, NOLAC and SLLS had merged into one program serving 10 parishes, assuming the SLLS name. When the programs

merged, Moreau and Lenard became co-executive directors until Moreau retired in 2013, followed by Brian in 2014. The lengthy directorships of both men gave their respective programs a great deal of institutional stability and formed the basis for the program as it presently exists. Laura Tuggle, a long-term NOLAC/SLLS attorney, became its sole executive director in May 2014. The entire leadership of SLLS is now female, including Board

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The federally requested merging and reconfiguration has reduced Louisiana's civil legal services to two programs, SLLS and Acadiana Legal Services. Four civil legal services programs existed in Louisiana in 2010: Capital Area Legal Services, Acadiana Legal Services, North Louisiana Legal Services and SLLS. In summer 2011, SLLS assumed responsibility for the operations of civil legal aid in the 12 parishes previously served by Capital Area Legal Services, and in January 2017, Acadiana Legal Services took over civil legal services in the prior service area of North Louisiana Legal Services.

Over the past 50 years, SLLS has made an incredible difference in the lives of the vulnerable people it serves. In 2016, SLLS helped approximately 26,000 people directly and served another 13,500 in legal clinics and at outreach events. Over 143,000 people accessed self-help information from its Louisiana Law Help public-information website. SLLS helped its clients achieve or avoid the loss of over \$22.3 million last year. Its work also has had a profound economic impact on society. According to a recent study done last year by the Louisiana Bar Foundation, every dollar invested in civil legal aid provides an \$8.73 return. This includes not only direct economic benefits to low-

income people but cost savings to society. For example, emergency-room costs are decreased when SLLS helps vulnerable people obtain health-care benefits, and law enforcement costs are reduced when it protects domestic-violence victims.

During its 50th year, SLLS will host an event at each of Louisiana's four law schools — two in the spring and two in the fall. Each will have a CLE and reception. SLLS will also hold several community forums to engage and educate members of the public about the importance of civil legal aid. Finally, with 75 percent of all lawyers in Louisiana living or working in SLLS' 22-parish service area, SLLS plans to launch a "50 for 50" campaign, encouraging every Louisiana lawyer to donate \$50 to support civil legal aid in honor of SLLS's 50th Anniversary.

To support this golden opportunity or learn more, visit [www.SLLS.org](http://www.SLLS.org). 

<sup>1</sup> The members of the first board of directors of NOLAC were Milton E. Brener, J.C. Green, Nils R. Douglas, Jerry Mashaw, John P. Dowling, Ernest N. Morial, Marcel Garsaud, John P. Nelson Jr., George J. Gulotta, Robert Nicholas, James C. Gulotta, Revius O. Ortique Jr., Mary Ellen Hamilton and Bettye Parker.

## *Save the Date!*

### **OPENING OF COURT, MEMORIAL & NEW MEMBER CEREMONY**

**JAN. 24, 2018**

The following BRBA members passed away  
and will be eulogized in January:

William Ray "Bushie" Aaron  
William Beck  
J. Barrett Benton  
Emmett Boudreaux  
Chester Boyd  
Leonard Cardenas  
Lawrence Arny "Larry" Durant  
Bobby Lee Forrest  
Holt Benton Harrison  
David W. Price  
E. Wade Shows  
John Frederick "Jack" Sieberth  
W.P. Wray  
A.N. "Thanassi" Yiannopoulos

For more information, contact Ann K. Gregorie  
at [ann@BRBA.org](mailto:ann@BRBA.org) or 225-214-5563.

## **GAIL'S GRAMMAR**

When reading a business letter, we appreciate writers who get to the point quickly. Many lawyers, however, start letters with unnecessary phrases. As an example, think of the following phrases we've all probably used to begin a letter:

*I want to encourage you ...*

*I would like to invite you ...*

*I am writing to thank you ...*

The first two phrases make the reader think, "You want to or would like to, but you can't?" The third is just stating the obvious. The recipient of your letters will thank you if you simply omit the intro and get straight to the point.

*Send suggestions for future Gail's Grammar columns  
to Gail Stephenson at [GStephenson@sulc.edu](mailto:GStephenson@sulc.edu),  
or call Gail at 225.771-4900 ext. 216.*



# Celebrating 70 years

## Chancellor John K. Pierre talks about the Southern University Law Center legacy BY SUSAN NELSON

*ATB: What is the importance of Sept. 1, 2017?*

JKP: Sept. 1, 2017, represents 70 years since the day that the first students started their first day of class at what was then the Southern University School of Law. Those students — Alex L. Pitcher, Leroy White, Ellyson F. Dyson, Jesse Stone, St. Elmo Johnson, and Alvin B. Jones — were pioneers as the first people of color to be able to pursue a public legal education in Louisiana.

*ATB: What led them to Sept. 1, 1947?*

JKP: It began in 1946 when Charles Hatfield applied to the LSU Law School, enclosing a picture with his application, as was the process back then. Paul M. Hebert was dean at the time. He wrote a letter to Hatfield telling him that the law did not permit him to be admitted to LSU because of his race and that he should apply to Southern University, which at that time did not have a law school. Hatfield ended up filing suit. His goal was to desegregate LSU Law at that time, but what happened was the state allocated money for the creation of a law school at Southern University.

*ATB: How much money did the state allocate?*

JKP: They allocated \$60,000. When you think about starting a law school, it was not a lot of money. Just prior to that time, the state of Missouri allocated \$200,000 to open Lincoln University School of Law in 1938 in response to a similar lawsuit filed by an African American student seeking to be admitted into the University of Missouri School of Law. The first law school classes at Southern met in what was then the library for the entire campus. A building was finally built in 1951 for the school, but it was all very small.

*ATB: What happened to those first students?*

JKP: Well, Jesse N. Stone was a civil rights leader who became a noted judge. He served first as the Dean of the Southern School of Law and then as President of the Southern University System. Alex Pitcher became a civil rights attorney who helped to prepare the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* case. Ellyson Dyson became an

attorney and educator; he provided counsel and legal services during a time of shootings, cross-burnings and mayhem in Washington Parish. Alvin Jones and St. Elmo Johnson practiced law in New Orleans, and Leroy White became a successful tax and estate attorney.

*ATB: How many graduates has the school had since that first class?*

JKP: We've had nearly 4,000 graduates over the last 70 years. Our alumni have taken positions in corporations, government, law firms, public representation, military posts and non-profit organizations all over the world. Today our buildings have grown and so has our number of students. At any given time at the Law Center we have every classroom filled. In fact, now we even teach some evening classes at our downtown campus in partnership with the SU Mentorship Academy.

*ATB: Do you think Charles Hatfield could have imagined what the law school is today?*

JKP: Since his original intention was to desegregate LSU, I don't think he could have imagined that his efforts would lead to a whole other law school blossoming and being successful. But I'm glad he did. What started as a school for those who were excluded is now a school of inclusion. We are the most diverse law school in the state of Louisiana, and one of the most diverse in the country. We are a school that welcomes people from all walks of life, like veterans, single parents and those with full-time jobs who come for our part-time evening program. Hatfield believed that access and opportunity should be open for everyone, and we've made that part of our legacy.

*ATB: What are the benefits of a diverse law school population?*

JKP: I think the biggest benefit is that our students learn from one another. They have their world views challenged, and it changes them. Those students then go out into the world better prepared to represent a wide-range of clients and organizations because their experience is so rich. Another benefit is that our students bring a wide range of contacts and experiences, which they then share with



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their classmates. Our alumni network is robust because students end up with such rich connections through our diversity.

*ATB: With 70 years behind the law school, what's next?*

JKP: We want our students to be the leaders in emerging areas such as cyber security, patents, law and technology and small-business-enterprise development. We have an agile curriculum, and we don't shy away from teaching small classes in emerging areas of law so that our students can enrich their law school careers beyond the civil and common law courses we offer. We have students who have passed the patent bar in their first year of law school and then gone on to prestigious internships with Apple and Motorola while they were still in school. The twenty-first century requires tech-savvy legal entrepreneurs, so that's what is next. The Law Center was just approved to start operating a Patent and Trademark Clinic by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and our students are working on developing legal apps.

*ATB: What does it mean to you to be the Chancellor right now?*

JKP: I am from Loreauville, Louisiana, so being here as Chancellor means a lot to me. First, it means I'm serving the state and the communities that helped build me. Second, it means that anyone from a town as small as mine in Louisiana can go on to do great things if they work hard and apply themselves. Finally, it means so much to be among my amazing students, my stellar faculty and a staff that is committed to our mission of access and opportunity.

*ATB: What was your path to becoming Chancellor?*

JKP: I graduated from Southern with a degree in accounting, and then I went on to Texas Tech, where I earned my Master's in Tax Accounting. After that I went to Southern Methodist University School of Law. I was a member of the U.S. Army JAG Corps, and I taught at schools throughout the country, including California State University, Loyola and my alma mater, SMU. I joined the faculty at the Law Center in 1990, and I became Vice Chancellor in 2006.

*ATB: What advice would you give to a person who maybe has already started his or her career and wants to go to law school?*

JKP: I would tell that person to apply to the Law Center. Charles Hatfield started something special, and there is no better testament to that than his grandson, Eric Hatfield, who just started his 1-L year. Eric came to us already a professional with a young family, and now he attends our evening program while he works full time. My advice to anyone who has considered a legal education is to take the LSAT and apply to Southern University Law Center.

*ATB: What would you say is the Law Center's motto?*

JKP: If you walk through our buildings you see the phrase "Seriousness of Purpose" over and over again. That motto is what we instill in our students. We want our students to feel the legacy of all of those who have come 70 years before them and move forward in their own direction with the seriousness and dedication that the study and practice of the law requires. ■

**SAVE THE DATE: DEC. 14**

Join us for a Holiday Party honoring the Judiciary — 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Bar Office, 544 Main St. For sponsorship information, contact Kelly Balfour ([kelly@balfouremonetlaw.com](mailto:kelly@balfouremonetlaw.com)) or Ann K. Gregorie ([ann@brba.org](mailto:ann@brba.org)).

# When you wish upon a Holiday Star . . .

BY KELLYE GRINTON & JOHN GRINTON

With the holidays rapidly approaching, the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation and members of the BRBA Young Lawyers Section are working hard to bring the annual Holiday Star Project to the Baton Rouge community for the 26th year.

Thanks to generous donations from members of the Baton Rouge legal community, the Holiday Star Project makes the holiday season a little brighter by providing Christmas gifts to underprivileged children in our area. Last year, more than 850 festively wrapped presents, including clothes, bicycles, books and toys, were delivered to local agencies and distributed to the children they serve. These gifts make a meaningful and immediate impact on the underprivileged children who receive them.


Grandparents Raising Grandchildren is just one of the many local groups that participate in the Holiday Star Program. Kathy Coleman, a member of GRG's Board of Directors, said this about the impact of the program:

Many of the grandparents in our program are on a very fixed income and for some, it is a struggle just to put food on the table and keep the lights on. For many, the generous gifts provided by Holiday Star make up most, if not all, of the Christmas gifts these kids receive. The Holiday Star Project takes a huge burden off of the grandparents and allows them to provide their grandchildren a little extra holiday cheer, where their financial situation may not otherwise allow.

Last year, the Holiday Star Project distributed 89 gifts to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren for children in need. This year, the Holiday Star Project Committee hopes to spread even more joy by reaching more children, but we need YOUR help! We ask that local firms and individuals who have made valuable contributions to this program in the past consider taking on a few more "Stars," and those who may not have previously participated as "Star Gazers" consider becoming involved this year.

Star Gazers can be groups or individuals. For each child sponsored, short wish lists detailing the age, gender and interests of the specific child will be provided, so that items can be easily purchased and tailored to fit each child's needs.

For those who prefer to make a monetary donation, Holiday Star Project volunteers will serve as "personal shoppers" to purchase gifts using any funds received. Gifts will be delivered to the agencies Dec. 5, 2017.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact and spread holiday cheer to those in our community that need it most! For more information about the Holiday Star Project or to become a Star Gazer, please contact Susan Kelley, at [susan@brba.org](mailto:susan@brba.org). 



## *The Young Lawyers Section Holiday Star Project*

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The Baton Rouge Bar Foundation will mail your star and child's wish list directly to you, along with instructions. Should you have any questions, call Susan Kelley at (225) 214-5559.

## in memoriam

BY GRANT GUILLOT

# Remembering E. Wade Shows

When I was first asked to draft an In Memoriam for Edmond Wade Shows, a former president of our Bar Association, two words came to mind — “no words.”

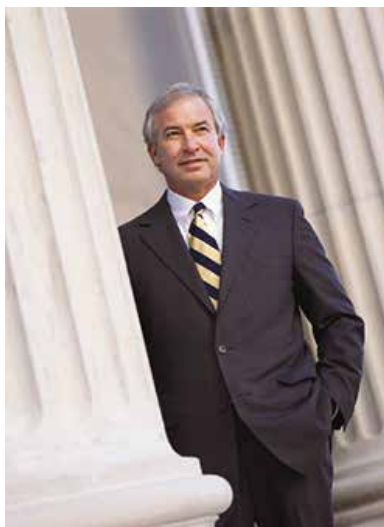
In the five years I worked for the man, I could never find the precise words to describe him. Phrases such as “one of a kind,” “a man of mystery,” and more lightheartedly, “a strange bird,” come to mind. After all, Wade was so very strange, a walking contradiction if you will. On one hand, he was laidback, mild-mannered, calculated and mysteriously private. Yet, at the same time, he was excitable, theatrical (as anyone who has ever seen him argue in court will tell you), impulsive (often deciding on a whim to drive overnight across state lines to buy various animal-skin belts), and curious about the personal lives of others.

Wade had an uncanny ability to bring out the individuality in people and make people feel so special when they engaged in conversation with him. Granted, you could hold his attention for only five minutes at any given time (try sitting through a deposition with him!), but during those five minutes he truly made you feel like gold.

Wade never had any children of his own, but that’s not to say he was not paternal. Far from it, actually. His employees, and especially the younger attorneys who worked for him, were the beneficiaries of Wade’s fatherly advice and abundant generosity.

Wade was exceedingly methodical in all decisions he made, from his uniquely tailored vision for each individual associate to the meticulous organization of every aspect of his wardrobe. Wade had a gift for seeing the specific level of potential in a person and driving that person to reach it. If he knew you were capable of more, he did not rest — and he certainly would not let you rest — until you reached the summit of the mountain. Anything short of that would simply not do for Wade Shows.

Wade was a living embodiment of the American dream, rising from humble beginnings in New Orleans and pouring decades of devotion and ambition into establishing and maintaining a successful law practice in Baton Rouge. Among the vast array of



E. Wade Shows

accolades he achieved during his 42-year career are:

- Served as 2005-07 secretary of the Louisiana State Bar Association and editor of the *Louisiana Bar Journal*
- Served in the LSBA’s House of Delegates and on the Board of Governors
- Chaired the East Baton Rouge Parish Notary Commission from 1984-88 and 2003-04
- Served as a member of the Capital Area Legal Services board of directors
- Received the first Annie Smart Award presented by Capital Area Legal Services in 1992 for assisting in the implementation of the program in the Baton Rouge City Court for collection of filing fees earmarked for the Baton

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- Served as 2005 president of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education
- Received the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project’s Friend of Pro Bono Award in 1998
- Served as parish attorney for East Baton Rouge from 2005-08
- Received the LSBA’s Pro Bono Publico Award in 1998
- Served as the president of the BRBA in 2001
- Recognized with an award from the Louis A. Martinet Foundation Pro Bono Program in 1999.

There is much more I could say about a man who touched the hearts of so many and who selflessly gave so much of himself to ensure that others would succeed. However, Wade was not a fan of verbiage. He probably would be furious that this magazine is dedicating over 500 words to honor his memory when the space could be used for other purposes.

Nevertheless, our Bar cannot help but remember such a complicated, eccentric, and, above all, generous man. No, we could never forget Wade Shows no matter how hard we tried. That’s the irony of knowing a man who wanted so very little to be the center of attention despite everything he did for the legal community. In touching the lives of so many of us, Wade Shows will forever live on as shining star in this Bar Association’s constellation. ■



E. Wade Shows in 2001



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## CANDIDATE BIOS FOR BRBA DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE 2017 ELECTION

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All voting will be conducted electronically. Make sure the BRBA has an email address for you on file.

The 2018 Board officers are as follows: Linda Law Clark, president; Amy C. Lambert, president-elect;

Dennis Blunt, treasurer; Chris Jones, secretary; and Karli Glascock Johnson, past president.

*You will need to vote for six of the following eight candidates.*



### KELLY E. BALFOUR

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 2001. **Firm:** Balfour Emonet. Seeking second term, Director at Large. **Activities:** Bench Bar Conference Committee member, Law Day volunteer, CLE speaker, BRBA softball tournament participant; Ball Maul golf tournament participant. **Other:** LSBA House of Delegates, Nominating Committee, Assistant Bar Exam Grader.



### MELISSA M. CRESSON

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 1996. **Law Firm:** Kean Miller, LLP. Seeking fourth term, Director at Large. **Activities:** Young Lawyers Section Council (past chair, secretary/treasurer (1997-2004); Belly Up with the Bar (past chair); Young Lawyers Dress for Success Program (past chair); Bench Bar Conference Committee (member, 1998); Volunteer Committee (1997-2001); Youth Education Committee (member, instructor, mock trial coach and judge (1996-2001). **Other:** Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, board of directors, 2016 – present; Top “40 Under 40,” Baton Rouge Business Report, 2003; Outstanding Young Lawyer of Louisiana (LSBA, 2004); Playmakers of Baton Rouge (past-president and board member, 2009-12); Spring Hill College National Alumni Association (past-president, member, board of directors, 1999-2010); Spring Hill College (past member, Board of Trustees, 2006-08); Jay Cresson Memorial Foundation (co-founder); Recipient of Excellence in Community Service Award, Safety Council of Greater Baton Rouge (2005); LSBA (member); ABA (member).



### DRUIT GREMLION JR.

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 2011. **Law Firm:** Breazeale Sachse & Wilson, LLP. Seeking first term, Director at Large. **Activities:** Belly Up with the Bar Committee member and participant (2014-2017), Holiday Star Project volunteer. **Other:** LSU Law Tullis Moot Court Competitive Judge; Boys and Girls Club Summer Reading Volunteer; Federal Bar Association member (Baton Rouge chapter); Baton Rouge Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society Board Member; Boy Scouts of America—Istrouma Area Council Cooking for Character Committee member (2015-2016).



### MELANIE NEWKOME JONES

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 1991. **Law Firm:** Melanie Newkome Jones, APLC. Seeking fifth term, Director at Large. **Activities:** Family Law Section (past chair, past vice chair, past secretary, current member); Active Pro Bono panel member with more than 1,000 hours of service. **Other:** Board Certified Family Law Specialist; Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization; Family Law Board Certification Committee (past chair, present member); Baton Rouge Association of Women Attorneys (past president); First Circuit Court of Appeal Pilot Mediation Program (past director); Certified Family and Civil Mediator; 2012 recipient of the LSBA Pro Bono Publico Award.



### JENNIFER MOISANT

**Law School:** Southern University Law Center. **Year:** 2003. **Law Firm:** Manasseh Gill Knipe & Belanger. Seeking first term, Director at Large. **Activities:** Chair-elect of the BRBA Family Law Section. **Other:** Chairman of the Board of the Council on Aging.



### MARY E. ROPER

**Law School:** University of Alabama. **Year:** 1993. **Law Firm:** Shows, Cali & Walsh, LLP. Seeking first term, Director at Large. **Activities:** Member of the Publications Committee (2016-present) and Arts Judicata Committee (2016-present). YLS Past Council member. Holiday Star participant. Thirst for Justice volunteer, Easter Eggstravaganza volunteer. Junior Partners Academy volunteer. Law Day program volunteer. Teen Court volunteer. **Other:** BRAWA (vice president, 2017-2018); Dean Henry George McMahon American Inns of Court (executive committee 2015-2017); Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (served on board of directors); FBA member, Litigation Section; LSBA House of Delegates (2016-2018); LSBA Lawyers in the Classroom Program volunteer; LSU Law School Moot Court Competition volunteer judge; EBR Schools Job Shadowing program volunteer presenter



### DAVID ABBODD THOMAS

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 1993. **Law Firm:** Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, LLC. Seeking fifth term, Director at Large. **Activities:** Bench Bar Conference Committee (past chair, past vice chair, current member); Holiday Star Committee; Ball Maul Committee (past member). **Other:** Assistant Bar Examiner; LSBA House of Delegates; American Board of Trial Advocates; Wex S. Malone American Inn of Court; BRBA CLE presenter; LSBA Medical – Legal Interprofessional Committee (chairman); Louisiana Association for Justice Employment Law Section (chairman); ABA (member).



### LUKE WILLIAMSON

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 1996. **Law Firm:** Williamson Fontenot Campbell & Whittington, LLC. Seeking first term, Director at Large. **Activities:** BRBA Athletic Committee (former chair); Mock Trial Committee (former chair). **Other:** AV Rated – Martindale-Hubbell, Super Lawyers – Personal Injury.

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## CANDIDATE BIOS FOR BRBA YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017 ELECTION

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Erin Kenny, secretary; and Loren Shanklin Fleshman, past chair.

**You will need to vote for five of the following seven candidates.**



### **ASHLEY N. BUTLER**

**Law School:** Southern University Law Center. **Year:** 2014. **Law Firm:** Louisiana Department of Justice. Seeking third term, Council Member. **Activities:** YLS Council member (2016-2017); Belly Up with the Bar Committee member (2017). **Other:** Louis A. Martinet Legal Society (member); American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division scholarship recipient.



### **JOHN CONINE JR.**

**Law School:** Southern University Law Center. **Year:** 2016. **Law Firm:** Shows, Cali & Walsh, LLP. Seeking first term, Council Member. **Activities:** Belly Up with the Bar participant; attended Arts Judicata and bar luncheons; Thirst for Justice volunteer; Holiday Star Project participant. **Other:** Member of Dean Henry George McMahon Inn of Court; LSBA member.



### **CHELSEA GOMEZ CASWELL**

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 2013. **Law Firm:** Kean Miller, LLP. Seeking fourth term, Council Member. **Activities:** YLS Council member (2015-2017); Belly Up with the Bar Committee member (2016-2017); Holiday Star participant; BRBA softball tournament participant; Pro Bono representation through BRBF. **Other:** Practices in the oil and gas, labor and employment, and general litigation groups

at Kean Miller; practices in Louisiana state and federal courts; member of The Arc Baton Rouge Board of Directors.



### **KELLYE ROSENZWEIG GRINTON**

**Law School:** Loyola University College of Law. **Year:** 2012. **Law Firm:** Porteous, Hainkel & Johnson, LLP. Seeking third term, Council Member. **Activities:** Young Lawyers Section Council Member (2015-present); Firm Liaison for Arts Judicata 2017; Holiday Star Committee member (2015, 2016); Belly Up with the Bar participant (2015). **Other:** District I Finalist for Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel 2017 Frank L. Maraist Award; The Dean Henry George McMahon American Inn of Court (2015-present); and City Year of Baton Rouge Associates Board.



### **JOSEPH J. CEFALU III**

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 2012. **Law Firm:** Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson. Seeking first term, Council Member. **Activities:** Assistant editor, *Around the Bar*; Workers' Compensation Section member; Belly Up with the Bar participant; BRBA Softball Tournament participant; Holiday Star Project participant and gift delivery volunteer; Bench Bar Conference attendee. **Other:** 2017 Louisiana Arts and Sciences Museum Gala Host Committee;

co-founder, Club Blue (young professionals group affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club); Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge volunteer / mentor; LANO community leader program; mock interview volunteer, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; ABA member; LSBA member.



### **LAUREN M. TEMENTO**

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 2014. **Law Firm:** Louisiana Public Service Commission. Seeking second term, Council Member. **Activities:** YLS Council member (2016-present); Volunteer Committee (member 2014-2015); Holiday Star Committee (member 2014-2016); Easter Eggstravaganza (2016). **Other:** LSBA Public Utilities Section; Energy Bar Association; Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge - Club Blue member.



### **CHASE TETTLETON**

**Law School:** LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. **Year:** 2009. **Law Firm:** Babcock Partners. Seeking first term, Council Member. **Activities:** Thirst for Justice volunteer; participant in Young Lawyers Section activities. **Other:** Member and former president of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Federal Bar Association; named 2017-2018 Louisiana Rising Star by Super Lawyers; Life Member of Trial Masters (2015).

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*The Baton Rouge Bar Foundation would like to thank all who volunteered in August and September.*

**ASK-A-LAWYER VOLUNTEERS** — James Austin and Adam Parker, *Butler Snow*; Barbara Baier, *Louisiana Public Defender Board*; Donald Dobbins; Ellen Kinney; and Emily Ziober.

**ASK-A-LAWYER LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEER** — Allyssa Ridriguez, *LSU Law Center*.

**THIRST FOR JUSTICE VOLUNTEERS** — Kathryn Dufrene, Mary Roper and Mary Ann White, *Shows, Cali & Walsh LLP*; Terry Bonnie, *Terry L. Bonnie, APLC*; Anne Brunett; Fred Crifasi; Scott Gaspard; Allen Posey; and James Word.

**THIRST FOR JUSTICE LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEERS** — Virginia Brown and Macy Esneault, *LSU Law Center*.

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**TAKING MEDICAL LEGAL PRO BONO CASES** — Katie Mayeux, *Mayeux Law Firm, LLC*.

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**TEEN COURT** — Otha "Curtis" Nelson Jr. served as lead trainer, and Gail Adkins Grover, Monica Vela-Vick and Jamie Flowers served as trainers for the Aug. 26, 2017, Teen Court training session. The Hon. Wilson Fields presided over the swearing-in ceremony.

For the Teen Court hearing held Aug. 28, 2017, Monica Vela-Vick, Farah Gheith and Valerie Black served as teen court judges and Lana Georgiou (law student) served as attorney mentor for the teen volunteers.

For the Teen Court hearing Sept. 11, 2017, Raveen Hills and Brittany Tassin served as teen court judges and the law student volunteers were Lana Georgiou, Tyrianne Varnado, Hannah Catchings and Conner Graham. ■

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## Duty Court Schedule

### 19<sup>TH</sup> JDC CIVIL COURT

Oct. 30-Nov. 10	Judge Johnson
Nov. 13-Nov. 24	Judge Hernandez
Nov. 27-Dec. 8	Judge Fields
Dec. 11-Dec. 21	Judge Clark

### 19<sup>TH</sup> JDC CRIMINAL COURT\*\*\*

Oct. 27-Nov. 3	Judge Moore
Nov. 3-Nov. 10	Judge Higginbotham
Nov. 10-Nov. 17	Judge White
Nov. 17-Nov. 24	Judge Marabella
Nov. 24-Dec. 1	Judge Anderson
Dec. 1-Dec. 8	Judge Erwin
Dec. 8-Dec. 15	Judge Jackson
Dec. 15-Dec. 22	Judge Daniel

### BATON ROUGE CITY COURT\*

Oct. 30-Nov. 5	Judge Pro Tempore
Nov. 6-Nov. 12	Judge Prosser
Nov. 13-Nov. 19	Judge Temple
Nov. 20-Nov. 26	Judge Smith
Nov. 27-Dec. 3	Judge Alexander
Dec. 4-Dec. 10	Judge Pro Tempore
Dec. 11-Dec. 17	Judge Prosser
Dec. 18-Dec. 24	Judge Temple
Dec. 25-Dec. 31	Judge Smith

### FAMILY COURT\*\*

Nov. 2	Judge Baker
Nov. 3	Judge Greene
Nov. 6	Judge Woodruff-White
Nov. 7	Judge Day
Nov. 8	Judge Greene
Nov. 9	Judge Baker
Nov. 13	Judge Woodruff-White
Nov. 14	Judge Day
Nov. 15	Judge Greene
Nov. 16	Judge Baker
Nov. 17, 20	Judge Woodruff-White
Nov. 21	Judge Day
Nov. 22	Judge Greene
Nov. 27	Judge Woodruff-White
Nov. 28	Judge Day
Nov. 29	Judge Greene
Nov. 30	Judge Baker

### JUVENILE COURT

Nov. 1-Nov. 30	Judge Taylor-Johnson
Dec. 1-Dec. 31	Judge Haney

*NOTE: Duty Court changes at 5 p.m. each Friday unless otherwise specified. \*City Court's Duty Court schedule changes each Monday at 8 a.m. \*\*Family Court's Duty Court schedule is completely different each day, rotating on Fridays*

*\*\*\*19th JDC Criminal Court changes each Friday at noon.*

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\*Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at the Baton Rouge Bar office.

## November

### COURT HOLIDAYS

Thursday, Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov. 24	Acadian Day
Friday, Dec. 22	Christmas Eve (observed)
Monday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Monday, Jan. 1, 2018	New Years Day
Tuesday, Jan. 2	New Years (observed)

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**Ongoing:** Every Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Self Help Resource Center, 19th JDC; **CLOSED ON 11/21 & 11/25**

- 1** YLS Council Meeting & Panel Discussion, SULC, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 2** Women's Initiative Network CLE, 7:30-9:30 a.m., McGlinchey Stafford, La. Conference Rm., 14th Floor
- 4** Ask-A-Lawyer, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Baker Branch Library, 3501 Groom Rd.
- 7** Ask-A-Lawyer, 9:30-11:30 a.m., WBR Parish Library, 830 N. Alexander Ave. in Port Allen;
- Workers' Comp Section meeting & CLE, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sullivan's
- 9** Cocktails with the Court, 5-7 p.m., Gallery at the Manship Theatre
- 10** Bar Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Juban's
- 13** BRBA Board of Directors meeting, 6-8 p.m., Juban's Restaurant
- 15** Ask-A-Lawyer, 9-11:30 a.m., Catholic Charities;
- Wills for Heroes CLE, 4-5 p.m.
- 16** Wills for Heroes Event, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; FLS meeting & CLE, 12-2 p.m., Beausoleil Restaurant
- 18** Ask-A-Lawyer, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Zachary Branch Library, 1900 Church St.
- 23** BRBA Office Closed—Thanksgiving
- 24** BRBA Office Closed—Acadian Day

## December

- 5** Holiday Star Project Delivery Date
- 6** BRBA Board of Directors meeting, 6-8 p.m., location: TBA
- 7** CLE by the Hour, 8 a.m.-4:50 p.m., Renaissance BR Hotel (Dec. 8, 14, 15, 28 & 29); Ask-A-Lawyer, 9-11:30 a.m., Charles R. Kelly Community Center;
- FLS Christmas Party, 6 p.m., TBA
- 12** Admission to the Court Ceremony, 3-4:30 p.m., Russell B. Long Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse
- 14** Holiday Party honoring retiring judges, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 22** BRBA Office Closed—Holiday
- 25** BRBA Office Closed—Christmas

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