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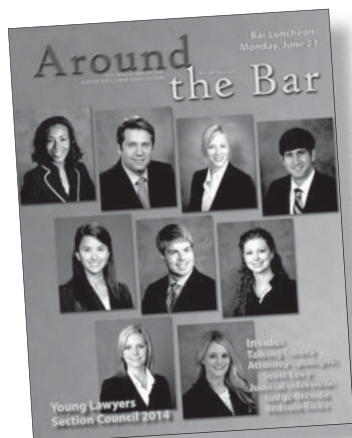
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On the cover are (L to R, top row) Laranda Moffett Walker (YLS chair); Scott M. Levy (chair-elect); Kara B. Kantrow (secretary); and Scotty Chabert (past chair). YLS Council members include (L to R, second row) Francisca Comeaux, Grant Guillot, Carrie LeBlanc Jones; (L to R, third row) Mackenzie Smith Ledet and Loren D. Shanklin.

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letter from the president

BY DARREL J. PAPILLION

More than 20 years ago, in May of 1993, I had the good fortune of landing a couple of great summer clerking jobs with big New Orleans law firms. A couple of days before I was to start working as a summer associate at the first firm, I started doing a little too much of what my close friends and associates might now call “Darrel over-analysis.” The recruiting coordinator at my first firm had told me I would be one of eight summer clerks in the firm’s New Orleans office, and, along with a couple of my LSU classmates, I’d be working with clerks from Tulane, Georgetown, Loyola and the University of Michigan.

If you’ve been following this series of letters, you know that in 1993, I was only a few years removed from Eunice, where I still planned to return after law school to hang a shingle on Second Street. I thought I’d take the King’s ransom one could make in 12 weeks as a summer associate — big New Orleans firms paid summer clerks only slightly less per week than they paid their first-year lawyers in those days — and plow it into my savings account, so I’d have a solid cushion for my third year of law school at LSU.

There was no way I was going to be a big city lawyer, or so I thought then, but I was worried about whether I had the right stuff to at least make a good showing when compared to these big shot law students from top law schools. I mentioned this to my friend and LSU classmate, Hansel Harlan (sometimes affectionately called “Mr. Justice Harlan”), and, being the consummate affable friend, he said something like, “Oh, Darrel, you’re way overthinking this. You’ll see, the first day we’ll spend most of the day at lunch, and we’ll have to leave early because I bet you a dollar, we’re going to get invited to happy hour, maybe a Zephyrs’ game, or something. You need to worry more about whether you use the right fork and have something interesting to say when the headhunters are trying to figure out whether you’ve got the right stuff. If they didn’t think you could do the legal work, they wouldn’t have hired you. They’re trying to figure out if you’re a weirdo or a creep, not work you to death.”

Hans was right, of course, but I wasn’t taking any chances. When I was a kid, every afternoon after school, in the days when most television sets had only three channels, I watched *The Beverly Hillbillies*, along with *Bewitched* or *The Andy Griffith Show*. I remember one episode of the *Beverly Hillbillies* when Jed and Jethro decided they were going to run a store, and Jed explained that Jethro would have to “get up early to outsmart those Beverly Hills shopkeepers.” Of course, as I recall, Jed and Jethro opened the store very early in the morning, and



1993 LSU Law
School Photo

Just try not to be a weirdo

ended up creating a typical Clampett disaster of some sort, forcing Milburn Drysdale and Jane Hathaway to spend the rest of the episode unwinding the problem. Well, but for the disaster part,

I took Jed Clampett’s advice to heart. I figured I’d just get to work earlier, do my best, and stay later than those city slickers, and everything would work out fine.

In reality, we spent a lot of time working, but, as Hans predicted, we spent almost as much time playing softball, going to baseball games, sipping drinks at the Columns Hotel and other fine New Orleans institutions, and enjoying many of New Orleans’ best restaurants. Apparently, my Beverly Hillbillies strategy worked out fine, though, because I was lucky enough to get more than one job offer to work as a big firm lawyer in New Orleans, and I would later spend several happy years as a lawyer at McGlinchey Stafford, before moving to Baton Rouge.

While today’s law students and young lawyers may not, because of the marvel of practically unlimited cable television channels and a plethora of reality TV shows, be able to claim inspiration from Jed Clampett and Jethro Bodine, many will have the opportunity to work as summer associates. For their sakes, I hope they get their fair share of fancy lunches and law firm entertainment before the real lawyer work begins. I hope to see many of them — and all of you — at the June Bar Luncheon being planned by the Young Lawyers Section. The luncheon will be held Monday, June 23 at The Lyceum Ballroom and will feature John G. Davies of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation as the guest speaker.

In addition to fancy lunches, summer associates (and regular ones too, as the rules undoubtedly require) can further prove their suitability for law practice in areas other than research, writing, and arguing by showing off their pitching, fielding, hitting, running, and other abilities at the annual BRBA Softball Tournament Aug 15-16 at Oak Villa-Hartley Vey Park. Last year’s event was a tremendous success, and the Bar Association is hoping for an even better event this year.

Finally, as we approach the July 24-26 Bench Bar Conference, please remember to register for what promises to be another outstanding conference. The Bench Bar Committee is hard at work organizing the conference that will include strong CLE offerings, and many opportunities for lawyers and judges to spend time learning and socializing together at the Grand Hotel Marriott in Point Clear, Ala. ■

june bar luncheon

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014

Guest speaker: BRAAF President John G. Davies

The BRBA June Bar Luncheon will take place Monday, June 23, 2014, at The Lyceum Ballroom, 124 Third St. The guest speaker will be John G. Davies of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation.

John G. Davies has served as president and Chief Executive Officer of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation since June 1988. The Baton Rouge Area Foundation is a community foundation that serves Southern Louisiana.



John G. Davies


During the past 20 years, the Foundation has collaborated to spark the revitalization of downtown Baton Rouge, raised and granted more than \$45 million for rebuilding a stronger South Louisiana after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and worked to revive neglected areas, which includes creating a redevelopment authority for East Baton Rouge. After the Gulf of Mexico oil leak, the Foundation made grants to deepwater rig workers suffering financial hardship from a \$100 million BP gift.

For over 50 years, the Foundation has granted more than \$325 million to nonprofits and to pay for civic improvement projects. During Davies' tenure, the Foundation has grown from \$5 million to nearly \$550 million in assets. He is board chair of the Wilbur Marvin Foundation, which holds

the real estate assets of the Foundation. Davies serves on the advisory committee of the David Rockefeller Center of Latin American Studies at Harvard University. He grew up in Latin America as the son of a former American diplomat stationed in Lima, Peru. Davies holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

The June luncheon has been organized by the Young Lawyers Section Council of the BRBA. Partners and associates of law firms are asked to invite their summer law clerks and to introduce them to our membership during the luncheon.

BRBA members can reserve a seat for the June Bar Luncheon at The Lyceum Ballroom, 124 Third St., for \$40 per BRBA member and \$45 per guest. *Law clerks may attend at the BRBA member rate.*

Space is limited. Please RSVP by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2014. We accept payment in advance and at the door. VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover are accepted. Fax the form below to 225-344-4805 or email it to meredith@brba.org. Make checks payable to BRBA, and mail to: P.O. Box 2241, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. BRBA members may register and pay online. 

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tales from the bar side

BY VINCENT P. FORNIAS

Anyone who has litigated with or against him knows that Pat Pendley of Plaquemine is a decades-proven savvy and skillful trial lawyer forged from The Old School way of doing things. And central to that Old School mentality is trust and reliance upon The Old Way of Doing Things. This explains why for many years Pat has relied on his lovely wife to make his travel arrangements for cross-country confabs and court appearances related to his law practice. No text messages or emails for our hero of the day. He just picks up the phone, calls home and voila! His wife takes the ball and runs with it, flight, lodging and all. Call him enchantedly enabled.

On this particular day, after a day of depositions Pat flew out of Baton Rouge in the late afternoon headed for Atlanta, thence to an unfamiliar situs, Columbus, Ga., via rental car. His ETA would be approximately half-past his usual bedtime. All went smoothly as Pat embarked in his Atlanta rental on I-85 enroute to Columbus. His final destination was the Columbus Downtown Marriott, selected by Mrs. Pendley because it advertised its proximity to the local courthouse. Apparently Pat can't spell GPS, so as he entered the 'burbs of Columbus, he visually scoured the highway darkness for what he assumed would be a billboard announcing the proper exit to reach the Marriott. Scratch that.


Like a true typical male driver, Pat was in denial of being lost and resisted stopping for directions until his fate was inevitable. He ultimately pulled off into one of those omnipresent Golden Arches, ordered a Big Mac to go, and asked an elderly employee how to get to the Marriott downtown. His finely tuned trial lawyer's instincts signaling that something was amiss were alerted when his innocent inquiry set off a frenzy of contradictory answers among the rest of the employees, who seemed to direct him, Cliff Claven style, to all points of the compass. The group's ultimate consensus was that the Marriott was anywhere but downtown, and that his destination lay in

Hello, Columbus

the direction opposite downtown just a few miles down the road. Dutifully thanking them one and all, but not particularly brimming with confidence, Pendley set out as midnight approached. After fruitlessly reversing his course, yet again, and driving thorough an area that made Brusly look like The Big Apple, Pat violated another male Old School rule, found his crumpled reservation form, and called the number for the Downtown Marriott.

Soon enough Pat was connected with the sweet voice of a young desk clerk named Misty, who sounded anything but Georgian, and she promptly confirmed his reservation and the fact that the Marriott was indeed located in downtown Columbus. Pat contributed that he was currently driving on Spring Street, and asked Misty to direct him from there. Though Spring Street was a multi-lane thoroughfare, Misty had never heard of it. Pat added that maybe it would help her to know that he was approaching its intersection with Georgia Highway 31. Silence on the Misty end. Followed by more prolonged silence. Had he lost the phone connection? Misty then stated haltingly that her Downtown Marriott was located in The Buckeye State, Ohio, where nary a peach is known to grow. Speaking like a well-trained hotelier, she then inquired whether Pat wished to cancel his night's reservation. Most of you reader(s) can guess Pat's polite reply.

By now, a weary creature of a long winter night, Pat faced the prospect of finding either a Rest Stop or an Interstate overpass to sack out in his locked rental car. Then he saw the light — the warm glow of a large green Holiday Inn sign that beckoned him. The parking lot was packed, but the gods of travel shone upon him and he was given the key to the very last available room for the night.

And wouldn't you love to be a fly on the wall to have listened in on the call that Mrs. Pendley received early the following morning? 

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bar news

BY PAMELA LABBE

Easter Eggstravaganza collects more than 17,000 eggs for hunts at three inner-city schools

The 2014 Easter Eggstravaganza Committee surpassed its egg collection goal by collecting a total of 17,114 plastic Easter eggs. This year's event chairs were Francisca Comeaux, Erik Kjeldsen and Jeanne Rougeau. Carole McGehee is the staff liaison to the committee.

We would like to thank the following law firms and individuals for egg and candy donations: Adams and Reese; Judge Yvette Alexander; Jesse Bankston; Mittie Bolton; Linda Law Clark; Decuir, Clark & Adams, LLP; Bridget Denicola; Jennifer Durham; Judge Joycelyn Y. Elmore; First Circuit Court of Appeal; Go Physical Therapy; Adrienne Henderson; Jessica Kayuha; Kean Miller, LLP; Judge Timothy Kelley; David Koch; Koch Law Firm; Louisiana Department of Justice; Louisiana Public Service Commission; LSU Delta, Delta, Delta Sorority; Dr. Jay Perniciaro; Phelps Dunbar; Shows, Cali and Walsh, LLP; St. Joseph's Academy; Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP; Jay Thompson; U.S. Attorney's Office; and Watson, Blanche, Wilson & Posner.

Volunteers who assisted with the April 16, 2014, Easter egg hunts at St. Francis Xavier Early Learning Center were Jeanne Rougeau, Lenore Heavey, Sam Reed (bunny), Shanda McClain and Annie Gunn.

On April 16, 2014, hunts were held at University Terrace, and the following volunteered: Beau Brock (Bunny), Jenna Hatty Crouisllac, Raveen Hills, Ann Kaufman and Erik Kjeldsen.

An Easter egg hunt was held April 17, 2014, at The Dufrocq School. Volunteers were David Sanders (bunny), Francisca Comeaux, Rebecca Clement, Bridget Denicola, Jessica Kayha, Erik Kjeldsen and his nephew, Christen, and Emily Ziober.



St. Francis Xavier Early Learning Center students stand with the Easter bunny (Sam Reed) after a successful Easter egg hunt April 16, 2014.



Volunteers assisted with the Easter egg hunts Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at St. Francis Xavier. Photographed above are Jeanne Rougeau, Leonore Heavey, Sam Reed (in costume), Shanda McClain and Annie Gunn.



Easter egg hunts for The Dufrocq School were held April 17, 2014. Volunteers were (L to R) Rebecca Clement, Emily Ziober, David Sanders (in costume), Bridget Denicola, Erik Kjeldsen, Francisca Comeaux, Jessica Kayuha and Christen Kjeldsen.

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(L to R) Law Day Committee Vice Chairs Robert Savage and Talya Bergeron, and Committee Chair Ryan Brown were photographed in front of the Baton Rouge River Center Theatre stage after the completion of the BRBF Law Day opening ceremony Thursday, May 1, 2014.



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Judges Trudy White, Tim Kelley and Pam Baker participated in this year's Law Day. Above they were photographed behind stage prior to the start of the naturalization ceremony.



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Corey Wyre, Ravan Jackson and Abby Chandler, all students with St. Helena Central High, participated in the Law Day Essay Contest. Wyre and Jackson won Honorable Mention, while Abby Chandler wrote the Winning Essay.



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Photographed (above) are Lynn Haynes, D'Wayne Bell, William Carrothers, Donna Buuck. Bell and Carrothers are high school students who volunteer with the BRBF Teen Court program.

BRBF Law Day celebrates the right to vote

This year's BRBF Law Day, held Thursday, May 1, 2014, attracted an estimated 700 middle and high school students and their teachers. This year's theme was: "American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Counts." Ryan Brown chaired the 2014 Law Day Committee, and Talya Bergeron and Robert Savage served as the vice chairs. Donna Buuck and Lynn Haynes are the staff liaisons to the Law Day Committee.

The Law Day activities included two separate back-to-back events: a Naturalization Ceremony for the Middle District of Louisiana, which involved 40 new citizens; and the Law Day opening ceremony. Southern University Law Center Vice Chancellor Russell L. Jones served as the Law Day speaker. By 10:45 a.m., following the completion of the opening ceremony, the students were released by school and were sent to assigned classrooms where they participated in courtroom sessions. The event concluded with lunch in the River Center Theatre lobby, where students had the opportunity to use real voting booths for a mock vote, to participate with the Fatal Vision Program and to visit the Teen Court informational table.

Special thanks to courtroom volunteers: Brad Aldrich, Judge Pamela Baker, Jesse Bankston, Claire Bergeron, Talya Bergeron, Ryan Brown, Patrick Broyles, Bubby Burns, Ben Chapman, Christie Chapman, John Fenner, Sonny Garcia, Nicholas Graphia, Hansel Harlan, Judge Todd Hernandez, Jason Hessick, Weldon Hill II, Raveen Hills, Catherine Jenkins, Chris Jones, Melanie Jones, Molly Lancaster, Linda Law Clark, Commissioner Quintillis Lawrence, Dale Lee, John London, Judge Anthony Marabella, Hayden Moore, Luke Morris, Judge William Morvant, Glen Petersen, Judge Laura Prosser, Jen Racca, Rob Ray, Cynthia Reed, Robert Savage, Wendy Shea, Hanna Thomas, Abboud Thomas, Hays Town, Monica Vela-Vick, Lance White, Mark White, Judge Trudy White, Ashley Wimberly, Jeff Wittenbrink and Judge Lisa Woodruff-White.

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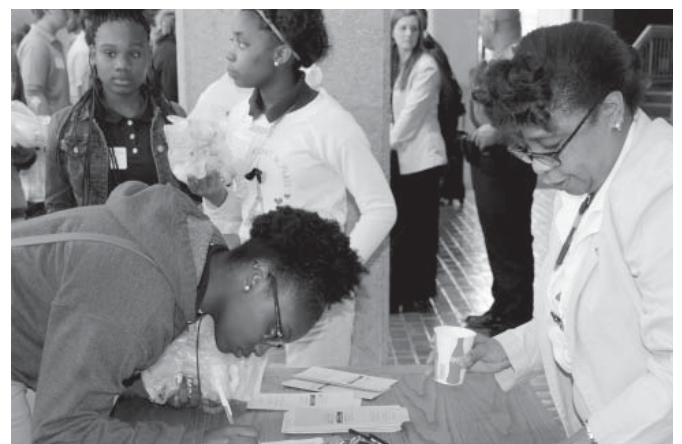


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Students volunteered for Teen Court while waiting in line for lunch. Lynn Haynes (right) answered questions and greeted the students.

Young Lawyers Section to hold its annual Summer Sizzlin' CLE Friday, July 18

The YLS has organized its annual Summer Sizzlin' CLE for Friday, July 18, 2014. The 4.0 hour CLE seminar will take place at the Middleton Bar Center, 544 Main St. This year's sponsor will be Total Care Injury & Pain Centers. For more information about this CLE, contact Susan Kelley at 225-214-5559.

Softball tournament to be held Aug. 15-16

The BRBA Softball tournament will be held Friday, Aug. 15, and Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014, at Oak Villa Hartley-Vey Park. Sponsors include Dr. Michael J. Goff/Louisiana Health & Injury Centers and Total Care Injury & Pain Centers. To register your team or to be part of the BRBA Athletic Committee, contact Ann K. Gregorie at 225-214-5563.

Nov. 7 is the date of this year's Belly Up event

This year's BRBF Belly Up with the Bar event date is Nov. 7, 2014. The activities will take place at Live Oak Arabians. Call Donna Buuck at 225-214-5556 to join the committee or to sponsor the event.



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Katrina Gwin (president), Rebecca Arceneaux (second vice president) and Naya Wiley (president-elect) are members of the Baton Rouge Paralegal Association. Arceneaux (center) is the Baton Rouge Paralegal Association 2013-14 Paralegal of the Year. Wiley is the chair of the award selection committee and last year's award recipient.

BRBF to hold a summer institute for adolescents who reside in Gardere community

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Judge Trudy M. White participated with fifth-graders from Dalton Elementary during the April 11, 2014, Junior Partners Academy interactive play.



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Lykisha Vaughan, Cherry Roberts (LSU Law) and Meagan Smith (SULC) volunteered to portray the three little pigs in a Junior Partners Academy presentation held Friday, April 11, 2014, at the Southern Mini-Lab. Volunteers assisted with an interactive play, which was held for the fifth-grade girls from Dalton Elementary who are Junior Partners Academy participants, and with a political campaign project, which was held for the fifth-grade boys. The activities, which were held on the Southern University campus, took place in two of the Southern Mini-Labs.



Pictured (left) is the defense team prior to the start of the play.

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H. Alston Johnson III will provide his annual legislative update and will serve as the luncheon speaker, at which you can earn CLE credit. David LaCerte will serve as the Professionalism CLE speaker, and Charles Plattsmier will be the Ethics CLE speaker.

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attorney spotlight

BY REBECCA WISBAR

Interview with Scott M. Levy

ATB: Please tell us about your family.

SML: My wife is Candace Levy. We have three children — Adi-Ray, Michael, and Simon, who was born April 23, 2014. Adi will be five Aug. 3, and Michael is two.

Q. How did you meet your wife?

SML: We were both working and living in D.C. We were setting up events for George W. Bush's inauguration after serving on his reelection campaign.

ATB: How did you become interested in politics?

SML: My interest in politics has always been focused on the way that policy affects our daily lives. I was involved



Scott M. Levy

with student council in junior high and high school, which carried over to student government at LSU.

ATB: Tell us about your law practice.

SML: I am an associate with Adams & Reese LLP as part of the Special Business Services Practice Group. My practice consists of litigation, governmental relations, administrative and regulatory law, as well as charter school law. Prior to working here, I was Judge Tim Kelley's law clerk at the 19th Judicial District Court in Baton Rouge and also served as law clerk in Executive Counsel's Office, Office of the Governor, in Baton

Rouge during Gov. Jindal's first term.

ATB: What was your first "real job"?

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GAIL'S GRAMMAR

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- (B) So long as Darrel Papillion is in office, we'll have interesting Letters from the President in *Around the Bar*.

If you'd asked me before I researched this column, I'd have said the correct answer was **A**. I've learned, however, that either is grammatically acceptable; both "as long as" and "so long as" mean "provided that." Feel free to use whichever sounds better to your ear.

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Gail's Grammar columns to Gail Stephenson
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SML: A camp counselor at a basketball camp

ATB: *Major at LSU?*

SML: Double-majored in political science and mass communication.

ATB: *Favorite leisure activities?*

SML: Family time and anything involving my kids. I also love cooking (and eating!), following LSU Athletics, reading non-fiction literature and playing tennis and basketball.

ATB: *Best advice ever given?*

SML: The best advice I ever got came from a high school buddy during one of our student council camps; it's a cliché but I try to live by it: "Good ... Better ... Best ... Never rest, until your good is better than your best."

ATB: *If you weren't an attorney, what profession do you think you would be in?*

SML: Basketball coach. Basketball is one of my passions, and my dad was a teacher and basketball coach. I spent many enjoyable years on the court with him. As I mentioned, my first real job was at a basketball camp.

ATB: *Experience with the YLS?*

SML: I'm the chair-elect for the Baton Rouge Bar Association Young Lawyers Section and have served on the council as a member-at-large and secretary.

ATB: *Tell us about some of the Young Lawyers Section projects and events.*

SML: The YLS Section sponsors events to promote professional and social understanding and cooperation among young and recently admitted lawyers. Events such as Thirsty Thursday and Sidebar Luncheons are held throughout the year, while other events such as Cocktails with the Court and Summer Sizzlin' CLE are held annually.

In conjunction with local courts, the Young Lawyers Section also has a new program, "50 Billable Hour Club." This program was created to give young lawyers an opportunity to observe experienced litigators in the courtroom and develop their own litigation skills with the guidance of local judges. ■

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TALKING TURKEY:

Southern University Law Center expands its global footprint with ventures in Turkey BY DENA M. SONBOL



During the past couple of years, Southern University Law Center (SULC) has undertaken various academic endeavors with several universities in Turkey. SULC's engagements in Turkey are an extension of the Law Center's continued involvement in globalization through its several international initiatives. During the past decade, the Law Center's faculty and students have engaged in international initiatives with countries such as the United Kingdom, Russia, Haiti and, most recently, Turkey.

In Spring 2012, Southern University's Dean of International Students along with the university's liaison for Turkey approached Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., regarding an opportunity for the Law Center to forge academic relationships with universities in Turkey. Chancellor Pitcher welcomed the opportunity for an additional international initiative, as it is in line with the Law Center's interest in globalization. The administration and faculty believe in the importance of creating opportunities for faculty and students to expand their international perspectives and engage in open dialogue aimed at promoting positive change on a large and small scale. These opportunities are also designed to enhance the Law Center's student education by allowing students to learn firsthand through their experience, and secondhand through the experiences of their professors who return from these opportunities with perspectives and knowledge that they bring to the classroom and study of law.

After discussions with the Rector and Vice Rector of Kirikkale University in Kirikkale, Turkey, Chancellor Pitcher agreed to initiate a student and faculty exchange program. In August 2012, the Law Center welcomed its first exchange student, Abdulkadir Yildiz, a Ph.D. student in law at Istanbul University and a teaching assistant at Kirikkale University. Mr. Yildiz is on his

way to becoming an attorney in Turkey. Legal education in Turkey requires four years of study at a university "faculty of law," six months of training in the judiciary and six months of training at a law firm. After completing the education and training requirements, a person is allowed to register with the bar and become a lawyer provided he or she is a citizen of Turkey. Non-citizens of Turkey are not allowed to practice law unless a reciprocity agreement exists, and even then, non-citizens can only provide services related to foreigners and international law.

Mr. Yildiz visited the Law Center for an entire academic year and was able to further his scholarship by utilizing campus facilities and engaging in open discourse with Law Center faculty. The Law Center provided him with an office and numerous opportunities to audit courses to advance his research and understanding of American law. Moreover, Professor Stanley Halpin, the Law Center's Kendall Vick Endowed Professor of Public Law, graciously served as Mr. Yildiz's official mentor during his stay and offered support in academic and

non-academic areas. Mr. Yildiz returned to Turkey in July 2013 and reported his experience as being greatly illuminating and rewarding. He particularly appreciated the Law Center's Southern hospitality, collegial atmosphere and legal acumen.

Meanwhile, in early November 2012, Chancellor Pitcher visited Turkey at the invitation of the chancellors of Abant Izzet Baysal University in Bolu and Kirikkale University. At the time, Turkey was hoping to enact a new constitution that would enshrine democratic freedom upon its people, distance the country from the era of military coups and allow the country a realistic shot at joining the European Union.



The Hagia Sophia Mosque. While Hagia Sophia is the most historical building in Istanbul, Hagia Sophia is considered the birthplace of the history of architecture.



Interior of Hagia Sophia. In converting Hagia Sophia from a basilica to a mosque, Sultan Mehmed ordered removal of the bells, altar, iconostasis, sacrificial vessels, and other relics and mosaics depicting Jesus, the Virgin Mary, Christian saints, and angels. However, depicted in the picture, inside the dome, you can see a painting of the Virgin Mary with Jesus.

Turkey's system of government is a parliamentary democracy, which is a democratic form of government in which the party (or a coalition of parties) with the greatest representation in the parliament forms the government and its leader becomes prime minister. Turkey's current constitution, enacted in 1982, was born out of a 1980 military coup, which overthrew the civilian government and put the military in power for two years. During military rule, many people were exiled, executed and imprisoned for supporting groups opposed to the ideologies of the military rule. The current constitution limits cultural and political liberties by explicitly banning the recognition of different ethnic



The Valens Aqueduct, completed by the Roman Emperor Valens in the last fourth century AD, was the major water-providing system of the Eastern Roman capital of Constantinople.

groups and the teaching of any language other than the official language, which is Turkish. The constitution also provides for criminal punishment to those who publicly denigrate the Turkish Nation, the Republic or the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, which is the body given sole legislative power under the constitution. The constitution also gives the Turkish

Armed Forces, which views itself as the guardian of the secular and unitary nature of the Republic, great influence in political affairs via the National Security Council.

To that end, Chancellor Pitcher was asked to impart his legal expertise as a judge, attorney, professor and administrator on developing a framework for a democratic constitution. Chancellor Pitcher visited Turkey and spoke to three different groups of over 500 people composed of students, attorneys, and professors. At Abant Izzet Baysal University, Chancellor Pitcher discussed the process of creating a framework for a democratic constitution and the substantive components of a constitution that would preserve the people's liberties. In Istanbul, at Marmara University, the Chancellor gave a lecture titled, "Achieving Social Justice in a Democratic Constitution" to a group of more than 200 members of the practicing bar and law

faculty. The audience was very eager to hear the Chancellor's lectures and engaged him with countless questions and ideas. With his presentation, Chancellor Pitcher hoped to expose current and future lawyers in Turkey to democratic institutions and processes so they may have that perspective as they go on to shape their country's future.

Chancellor Pitcher also presented an informative PowerPoint to faculty and administrators at Kirikkale University regarding the Law Center. This presentation led to a lively and in-depth discussion on the differences between legal education in the United States and Turkey.

After Chancellor Pitcher's return from Turkey, Professor Evelyn Wilson, the Law Center's Horatio C. Thompson Endowed Professor of Law, was also invited to visit Turkey to expose students, attorneys and professors to another aspect of the American legal system. With joint sponsorship from the Law Center and Kirikkale University, Professor Wilson visited Kirikkale University in early November 2013 and presented to six different groups of students in the law and political science departments of the university. Professor Wilson presented on the civil and common law systems of property in the United States through a comparative analysis with Turkish property law.

Later, in December 2013, I headed to Turkey to make the last and final presentation of 2013. I visited Kirikkale University for two weeks and spoke to four groups of students on the historical framework that led to the American legal system and the doctrines of checks and balances, separation of powers and state sovereignty. The audience also questioned me on the current events in Egypt given my Egyptian heritage. Luckily, I had been keeping up with Egyptian news and politics.

In May 2014, Chancellor Pitcher traveled to Turkey to visit Siirt University, which is located in Southeastern Turkey near Armenia. Chancellor Pitcher spoke at an educational conference regarding the American jury trial system, where he drew on his robust career as a judge in all levels of the judicial system. The educational conference had more than 8,000 students and faculty in attendance. As gratitude for his time and knowledge, Siirt University bestowed on Chancellor Pitcher an honorary doctorate degree. Chancellor Pitcher is eager to share his expertise and benefit from the educational conference as he gained additional international perspectives on law and education that he can bring back to the Law Center's faculty and students. ■



Istanbul has many mosques, nearly one on every corner, the Hagia Sophia is particularly significant. Famous in particular for its massive dome, it is a prime example of Byzantine architecture and is said to have changed



Interview with 21st Judicial District Court Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks

BY RACHEL L. EMANUEL, Ph.D.

Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks grew up in Hammond, La., where her father was a professor and head of the Department of Sociology, Social Welfare, and Criminal Justice at Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU). He established the Criminal Justice program at the university. Her mother was active in civic organizations and was secretary to the president of SLU until she chose to stay at home to raise her family when Ricks was born.

Judge Ricks attended SLU's Lab School from pre-K through 12th grade, and earned an undergraduate degree from Southeastern. While at SLU, she was awarded a scholarship to attend the Engalitcheff Institute for Comparative Political and Economic Systems (ICPES) at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She also attended graduate school at LSU, but left to attend law school before completing her thesis for a political science degree. She was employed by the Louisiana State Senate first as a Legislative aide and then as a staff analyst/attorney. She is a 1984 graduate of Southern University Law Center.

After graduating from law school, Judge Ricks continued to work at the Louisiana State Senate, commuting from Amite to Baton Rouge. After a year, she was offered and accepted a job in a law practice close to home. Shortly after returning to Amite, Ricks opened her own law practice, which she maintained for 12 years before being elected judge.

While in private practice she was also a contract attorney for the State of Louisiana, legal counsel to a local municipality, and an Assistant District Attorney for the 21st Judicial District Court. During her eight years as an assistant DA, she handled misdemeanors, felonies, and civil litigation for the many boards and commissions the District Attorney is responsible for representing. The civil litigation included representing the Tangipahoa Parish Council, the various drainage boards, the Library Board, and many, many others. She also maintained a general jurisdiction private practice, but did not handle criminal cases.

A 17-year veteran on the court, Judge Ricks was first elected judge in Louisiana's 21st Judicial District Nov. 5, 1996. She became the first female elected in the 21st JDC since Judge Fannie Burch in the 1950s. Her current term as judge for Division E expires Dec. 31, 2014. She is seeking re-election for another term.

ATB: Who had the most influence on you as a high school student? What was that influence and why?

JBBR: Teachers, friends of my parents and youth leaders in my church all answered questions about life issues. Those individuals and my parents provided stability and guidance for my life, both in high school and college. The defining moment when I knew that I wanted to attend law school came in college when I attended Georgetown University and worked for a Congressman at the U.S. Capitol. I saw our government and our legal system at work and I knew I wanted to be a part of it. That experience had more influence on me than anything in high school.

ATB: Who had the most influence on you as a law student? What was that influence and why?

JBBR: First would be my husband and my parents who were unwavering in their support and encouragement. I also have to credit my classmates and study partners as well as those I worked with while employed at the Louisiana State Senate. I commuted from Amite to Baton Rouge every day to work and attend law school. While working at the Legislature and watching our legal system in action, I realized that I loved everything about the law.

ATB: What interests you about the practice of law?

JBBR: Particularly in Louisiana, we are blessed with a rich legal doctrine both from a historical and a practical perspective. In practice, I loved working with my clients to find a resolution to their problems. Not all cases had happy endings, but there were those that were so rewarding, especially the adoptions when you could see a childless couple first hold their new child. Those were the chill bump days.

ATB: How did your parents feel about you becoming a lawyer and now serving as a judge?

JBBR: They were thrilled! When Mom graduated from LSU, very few women attended law school, but she always said she would have loved to become a lawyer. Dad had many friends in the legal field from policemen and FBI agents to lawyers, judges and DA's. These friends were always at the house and I heard many tales from the courtroom. Mom and Dad believed in me and encouraged me to set goals and pursue them. They along with my husband, children, other family members and friends were my source of strength throughout the campaign, and today.

ATB: What impressed you most about your legal education at Southern University Law Center?

JBBR: My oldest child was born during my senior year in law school. Being a new mom, commuting from Amite to Baton Rouge daily and the long hours working at the Legislature, particularly during the session, were challenging. I was impressed by everything from the teachers, to my classmates to the phenomenal education I received. I was probably most impressed by the fact that SULC was willing to accept into its program students of all ages and diverse backgrounds and help us pursue our dream of becoming lawyers, judges and leaders in all walks of life.

ATB: Who have been your role models and mentors?

JBBR: My role models have definitely been my parents. They showed me that everything in life comes from a good work ethic combined with drive, determination and dedication. Yet they also made sure that I learned that nothing could be accomplished without compassion and understanding. We have to look beyond what revolves around us and try to see every situation from someone else's perspective. I carry those values into the courtroom, but some cases are particularly challenging because I can

only rule on the evidence presented although I know there is "something missing." A case may only be decided on the evidence presented in court, so what the parties present, or may not present, can be the deciding factor in a win or loss in a case. My mentors have been my friends from law school and other sitting judges, especially a best friend who is a judge in Baton Rouge.

ATB: Describe what you would call a defining moment for you while you were practicing law?

JBBR: One that I shall always remember involved two clients who met with me within a few weeks of each other, and told me almost the same thing! The first had an appointment and failed to show. Worried about him I called his home and his wife answered. He told his wife to tell me he was sorry that he lost track of the time and he would be there when he finished sweeping the leaves off his roof — he was 103. The second client came in with two of her children, one age 83 and the other 86 — the client was 111. Both clients came in for me to prepare their wills. They both lived for some time after the wills were prepared, but both had an incredibly contagious outlook on life. Both said to "live each day to the fullest and without regrets. Love your God, your family and your friends. Pray daily, and forgive yourself for your mistakes,

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and have fun!” Good advice from two incredible people who lived very long productive lives.

ATB: Why did you run for a judgeship?

JBBR: I believe that my diverse work history from working with the Legislature, the DA’s office, the many boards and commissions I counseled, and my private clients had prepared me for something else. All of this experience had shown me that I could do more to help people in the pursuit of justice by pursuing a judgeship. I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of the 21st Judicial District.

ATB: Describe your thoughts about your investiture.

JBBR: Overwhelming! My family and friends packed the large courtroom to overflowing. We had been told that a woman and conservative could never be elected to the 21st Judicial District Court, and thanks to all of the wonderful people who believed in me, we proved them wrong. I love my job, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

ATB: What famous jurist would are you most like?

JBBR: I could not begin to compare myself to any

famous jurist, but I always admired the independence and determination of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. My appreciation of her time on the Court showed a jurist who stood her ground and called cases the way she saw them. I think all judges wish we had the wisdom of Solomon and Deborah or could have a magic mirror to look back at the events that come before us to know all of the facts to make sure that we rule correctly. Unfortunately that is not possible, so we do our best with the information provided to us.

ATB: How do you divide your time in the work required as a judge?

JBBR: My staff can tell you that we work extremely long hours to ensure that everything is ready for court. I handle as much as possible at the courthouse, but frequently take work home with me. Technology is wonderful! We can access many court records, including warrants, from a computer, iPad or smart phone. Our workload changed somewhat beginning January 2014, as we now have two Family Court judges and one Juvenile Court judge. My caseload is civil and criminal only and not family or juvenile. Our calendar is divided into civil bench and jury weeks, and criminal “duty” and criminal jury weeks, but regardless of the calendar designation, I handle paperwork

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ATB: Describe the human element of being a judge versus the rule of law and quest for justice.

JBBR: As a judge, particularly in criminal and domestic cases, you have to try to be a good listener and observer of human nature. You cannot allow yourself to become jaded. I believe it is my responsibility to consider each person and each case on an individual basis. Whether the case involves a repeat offender in a criminal case, or a property dispute between neighbors, I must try to see through the emotions of plaintiffs, defendants, victims and witnesses and find a resolution to the matter. I have to hope that all relevant information and documents have been entered into evidence and that the testimony of the witnesses will give me an insight into the truth of the case. The legislators make the laws. We as judges must apply those laws to the facts of each particular case. That can be very difficult sometimes; however, overall the system works well and justice prevails.

ATB: Discuss your thoughts on women in the judiciary.

JBBR: I went to law school at a time when women were not readily integrated into the legal community. I have

friends who were in school with me who were the first women hired in public service in the offices where they worked. I am very supportive of my colleagues, and I enjoy mentoring those new to the legal profession, and judgeships, when asked to do so. As women we are still a new breed in the judiciary, and I believe the next 20 years will really show the value of our gender in the legal system, particularly as judges.

ATB: Describe the challenges, demands and gifts of serving in the court.

JBBR: The greatest gift is that I am honored to be elected by the citizens of Livingston, St. Helena and Tangipahoa parishes to serve as judge. I believe strongly in public service — in giving back for my many blessings. This nation was founded on the principles that I try to live by every day: the basic freedoms guaranteed to each of us by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Louisiana. Fifteen years ago I began giving copies of our U.S. Constitution to organizations to whom I had the privilege to speak. I believe those small books have had an impact on the students and individuals who have read them. I originally hoped to place a copy of our Constitution in the hands of every school student but realized that was cost prohibitive, so I give them out when

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I speak to various groups. I also provide copies to the local radio stations and newspapers that express interest in having individuals stop by and pick up copies (mailing copies also is cost prohibitive). Being elected judge has given me the opportunity to make a difference by giving these copies of the Constitution to interested people.

The challenges we face revolve around the cases themselves. I always wonder if everything necessary for me to decide a case has been presented. Do I know everything I need to know to render a fair and impartial decision? Litigants do not always remember to tell their attorney everything that the attorney needs to know to adequately represent them. The attorney may think he/she is explaining the case so that the jury or judge "gets it," but they may not be making their point. Many things may go wrong in the presentation of a case, but on the whole the system works. The demands on the judge are to make sure that everything is done timely and properly, and I must credit my incredible staff and the wonderful law clerks I have had over the years with helping me keep everything in order.

ATB: Do you miss being a practicing attorney?

JBRR: I may not have a shingle hanging outside of a building as a lawyer, but I am "practicing" the law that

I learned in school. I do miss the interaction with my personal clients, but I enjoy my time on the bench, and I believe my "clients" now are the people who elected me and placed their trust in me.

ATB: What are your favorite pastimes?

JBRR: I enjoy spending time with family and friends, especially meals and get togethers at home. I also enjoy family trips and actually visited one of my best friends from law school who had tickets for us to the 150th anniversary of Gettysburg this past July. We stayed in Gettysburg, attended the reenactments. I also enjoy reading and indulge myself by researching my family history. In fact, I am waiting on only two documents and I should have everything necessary to prove four ancestors were Patriots in the American Revolution. If those documents are accepted, I hope to join the Daughters of the American Revolution. I can then begin work trying to collect the necessary documents to prove eight other Patriots.

ATB: What would you like to be your legacy?

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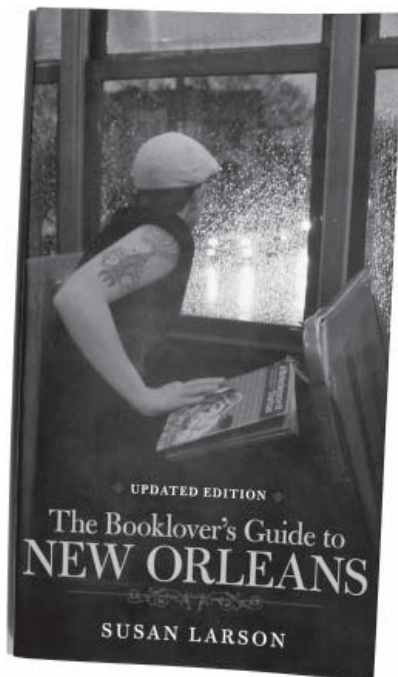
Book Review:

Larson's *The Booklover's Guide to New Orleans*

REVIEW BY ART VINGIELLO

Susan Larson was the book editor of the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* from 1988 to 2009. She shows her love of both books and her city in this useful and well-organized guide. First published by Louisiana State University Press in 1999, Larson updated her book late last year to add information that had changed in the dramatic interim. She dedicates a special section to Hurricane Katrina and its impact on the New Orleans literary scene. Numerous books, both fiction and non-fiction, written in connection with that tragic storm are highlighted with emphasis on the back story of many of the writers.

The book is packed with historical and literary information about the city and the most important authors who lived there or spent significant time in New Orleans, including William



Faulkner, Truman Capote, Tennessee Williams, Walter Isaacson, Anne Rice, Mark Twain, Walt Whitman and scores more. Larson also gives the reader lists of festivals, book stores and famed addresses to peruse and note for future visits to the city.

Some of the prominent chapters are: "A Literary Address Book," "A Literary Date Book," and chapters of reading lists of all genres. Her reading lists usually include a sentence or two about each book, but these scant descriptions sometimes fail to deliver a real sense of the book. The only other minor quibble one might have with the guide is that for all of its talk of literary places there are no maps.

According to Larson, the cornerstones of the New Orleans literary mystique are *A Confederacy of Dunces*



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by John Kennedy Toole, *Interview with the Vampire* by Anne Rice, *The Moviegoer* by Walker Percy, and *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams. Putting those four volumes over the vast array of New Orleans books might seem a bit provocative, but that's appropriate for Ms. Larson's current position as host of WWNO's public radio program *The Reading Life*.

Her guide is truly aimed at booklovers in the old-fashioned sense for she gives little reference to online information about the city or its literary history. Her comprehensive guide is devoted to all things related to New Orleans' book culture. As any volume considering New Orleans topics should, this guide includes a lagniappe section where Ms. Larson has some of her friends and colleagues give their own lists for such subjective categories as: "Professor Larry Powell's History Highlights," "Author Freddi Evans's Black Expressions in the Big Easy," and "Mardi Gras Maven Arthur Hardy's Top Twelve Dead Celebrity Grand Marshalls for Minor Krewes."

To her credit, Ms. Larson is not-so-provincial as to put

up walls around the city and fail to note influences of the region. She points out the artistic successes of Shreveport's William Joyce and Lafayette's George Rodrigue. Music and food are essential parts of New Orleans life, and those two areas are well represented in the guide with more than 30 books of each type included. She even branches out to our fair city in listing *River Road Recipes I-IV* by the Junior League of Baton Rouge among her cookbooks.

This guide is far more than a mere listing of volumes and authors. The lists are certainly useful, but it is Larson's words that breathe life into this book. As she says at the end of her Acknowledgments:

It is rare to love a city as one loves a person, but New Orleans is just that kind of place. Being here has given me a life I could never have imagined anywhere else. I wrote this book to show not just my hope for this city but the hope that is stubborn and strong here in all of us and is bringing New Orleans back, closer to greatness, every day. ■

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Domestic Violence in Our Community: Impact and Intervention — Friday, June 13

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6.25 hours of CLE/CEU credit will be available. Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m.

Program Moderators: Leslie Todd, LCSW, Past-President of Louisiana Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and Wendy L. Edwards, Past-Chair of the Family Law Section of the Baton Rouge Bar Association.

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	The Different Kinds of Domestic Violence — <i>Speakers:</i> Judge Pamela J. Baker (The Family Court in and for the Parish of EBR), Judge John Michael Guidry (First Circuit Court of Appeal), and Judge Laura Prosser (Baton Rouge City Court).
10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Jane's Story; Case Studies — <i>Speakers:</i> Assistant District Attorney Melanie Fields, District Attorney Hillar Moore III, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, Baton Rouge Police Chief Carl Dabadie Jr., Sergeant Brenda Gann of the Baton Rouge Police Dept., and City Court Prosecutor Lisa Freeman.
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Comings and Goings; Why Do Complainants File and Dismiss Again and Again? — <i>Speakers:</i> Judge Pamela J. Baker (The Family Court in and for the Parish of EBR), Judge John Michael Guidry (First Circuit Court of Appeal), and Judge Laura Prosser (Baton Rouge City Court).
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	How Do You Determine the Level of Risk; What Should Attorneys/Evaluators Be Looking for? — <i>Speakers:</i> Brandon Romano, Psy.D. and Amanda Chapoton, LPC.
3 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Common Mistakes in Domestic Violence Cases — How Do People React to Being Battered? — <i>Speakers:</i> Brandon Romano, Psy.D, Alan Taylor, Ph.D., and Amanda Chapoton, LPC.
4:15 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Overview of the Services Available in East Baton Rouge — <i>Speakers:</i> Judy Benitez (Iris Domestic Violence Center), Racheal Hebert (STAR – Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response), Sharon Pol (Children's Advocacy Center), Brett A. Villemarette, MSW, LCSW (Deputy Secretary of Programs, State of Louisiana, Department of Children and Family Services), and Cordelia Heaney (Executive Director of Women's Policy, State of Louisiana, Department of Children and Family Services).

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PRO BONO & TEEN COURT REPORTS — APRIL 2014

The Pro Bono Project is financially assisted by the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program of the Louisiana Bar Foundation; Southeast Louisiana Legal Services; Family, District and City Court Filing Fees and the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation.

PRO BONO PROJECT REPORT

We would like to thank all of our Pro Bono Project volunteers for their contributions during April.

The Thirst for Justice volunteers in April were **Caroline Bond**, **Jeff Cody**, **Beth Everett**, **William Fell**, **Grant Guillot**, **Carrie Jones**, **Megan Stafford**, **Mary Ann White**, *Shows, Cali & Walsh, LLP*; **Scott Gaspard**; **T. MacDougall Womack**, *Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP*; and **James Zito**.

The Ask-A-Lawyer volunteers were **Rodney Hastings**, *Southeast Louisiana Legal Services*; **John Hopewell**, *Certain Title*; **Paul Matzen**, **Peter Ryan**, and **Emily Ziober**.

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TEEN COURT REPORT

Yolanda Cezar, **Raveen Hills** and **DeAnne Murrey** served as judges for the April Teen Court hearing. **Cynthia Vance**, *BRCC*, served as a jury monitor.

JUNIOR PARTNERS ACADEMY

On April 11, the fifth-grade classes from Dalton Elementary School participated in two activities at the Southern University Mini-Lab. One class participated as lawyers, judges, and jurors in the case of *The Three Pigs v. The Big, Bad Wolf*. Another class ran campaigns for Junior Partners Academy presidential candidates. Judge **Trudy M. White**, **Steve Carleton**, **Preston J. Castille Jr.**, **Gail Grover**,

Jamie Gurt, **Curtis Nelson**, **Wendy Shea**, **Lykisha Vaughan** and **Sirena Wilson** conducted the presentations.

Kendra McCray, **David Saterfield** and **Meagan Smith**, *Southern University Law Center*; **Cherry Roberts**, *LSU Law Center*; **Adrijana Babic**, **Dianne Brock**, **LaQuette Brown**, **Chris Moore**, **Marie Claire Olivier**, **Ileikia Perkins**, **Shenane Porter-Ennis** and **Krystal Tate**, paralegal students from *Baton Rouge Community College*, assisted with the presentations. ■

Teen Court of Greater Baton Rouge is funded by funding from the Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice, the South Burbank Crime Prevention District and the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation. The Youth Education Program is financially assisted by the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

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May 19-May 30	Judge Judge Kelley
June 2-June 13	Judge Hernandez
June 16-June 27	Judge Clark
June 30-July 11	Judge Bates
July 14-July 25	Judge Caldwell
July 28-Aug. 8	Judge Fields
Aug. 11-Aug. 22	Judge Morvant
Aug. 25-Sept. 5	Judge Kelley

19TH JDC CRIMINAL COURT***

May 30-June 6	Judge Anderson
June 6-June 13	Judge Erwin
June 13-June 20	Judge Jackson
June 20-June 27	Judge Daniel
June 27-July 4	Judge Moore
July 4-July 11	Judge Johnson
July 11-July 18	Judge White
July 18-July 25	Judge Marabella
July 25-Aug. 1	Judge Anderson
Aug. 1-Aug. 8	Judge Erwin
Aug. 8-Aug. 15	Judge Jackson
Aug. 15-Aug. 22	Judge Daniel
Aug. 22-Aug. 29	Judge Moore
Aug. 29-Sept. 5	Judge Johnson

BATON ROUGE CITY COURT*

May 26-June 1	Judge Prosser
June 2-June 8	Judge Temple
June 9-June 15	Judge Wall
June 16-June 22	Judge Alexander
June 23-June 29	Judge Ponder
June 30-July 6	Judge Prosser
July 7-July 13	Judge Temple
July 14-July 20	Judge Wall
July 21-July 27	Judge Alexander
July 28-Aug. 3	Judge Ponder
Aug. 4-Aug. 10	Judge Prosser
Aug. 11-Aug. 17	Judge Temple
Aug. 18-Aug. 24	Judge Wall
Aug. 25-Aug. 31	Judge Alexander

FAMILY COURT**

May 30	Judge Baker
June 2	Judge Woodruff-White
June 3	Judge Woodruff-White & Judge Day
June 4	Judge Lassalle
June 5	Judge Day & Judge Lassalle

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June 6	Judge Woodruff-White
June 9	Judge Baker
June 10	Judge Woodruff-White
June 11	Judge Day
June 12	Judge Lassalle
June 13	Judge Woodruff-White
June 16	Judge Day
June 17-18	Judge Woodruff-White
June 19	Judge Lassalle
June 20	Judge Woodruff-White
June 23	Judge Baker
June 24	Judge Woodruff-White
June 25	Judge Day
June 26-27	Judge Lassalle
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JUVENILE COURT

June 1-June 30	Judge Richey
July 1-July 31	Judge Taylor-Johnson
Aug. 1-Aug. 31	Judge Richey

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COURT HOLIDAYS

Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, Sept. 1	Labor Day

June — Event Calendar

Ongoing: Every Wednesday & Thursday, 3-5 p.m.,
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Ongoing: Every Tuesday & Thursday,
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Self Help Resource Center, 19th JDC

- 5** Ask-A-Lawyer, Delmont Service Center,
9-11:30 a.m.
- 10** BBC Silent Auction Subcommittee
meeting, 12-1 p.m.;
- CLE Committee meeting, 12-1 p.m.
- 12** Business/Corporate CLE Seminar,
Kean Miller, 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- 13** Domestic Violence in Our Community,
Embassy Suites, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
- Youth Ed Committee meeting, 12 p.m.
- 14** Ask-A-Lawyer, Carver Branch Library,
9:30-11:30 a.m.
- 16** Publications Committee meeting,
8:30 a.m., Walters, Papillion, Thomas,
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- 18** Finance Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m.;
- Executive Committee meeting, 8 a.m.;
- Ask-A-Lawyer, Catholic Charities,
9-11:30 a.m.;

- 19** YLS Council meeting, 12-1 p.m.
20 Public Law Section CLE seminar, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.;
 Deadline for first-timer registration price for Bench Bar Conference
23 June Bar Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.- 1 p.m.;
 Teen Court Hearing, 6-8 p.m.
26 Teen Court Committee meeting, AFRC, 12-1 p.m.;
 Law Club meeting, 4:15-5:30 p.m., AFRC
27 Self Help Resource Center Training, 12-1 p.m.

July — Event Calendar

- 4** BRBA Closed — Independence Day
12 Ask-A-Lawyer, Delmont Gardens Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
14 Publications Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, LLC;
 Bench Bar Conference Committee meeting, 12-1 p.m.
16 Finance Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m.;
 Executive Committee meeting, 8 a.m.
18 YLS, Summer Sizzlin' CLE, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
24 Bench Bar Conference, Marriott Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Ala.;
 Law Club meeting, 4:15-5:30 p.m.
25 Bench Bar Conference, Marriott Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Ala.
26 Bench Bar Conference, Marriott Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Ala.

August — Event Calendar

- 8** Nuts & Bolts of Estate Planning
15 Nuts & Bolts of Successions
15 & 16 Softball tournament, BREC Hartley / Vey Sports Park (Oak Villa)

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