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Dear Members,

As we enter a new year at the New Orleans Bar Association, I can’t help but feel incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to serve as your President. As your bar leader for 2019, I not only think back on the experiences that got me to this point, but look forward to the exciting moments ahead.

My goal is to continue to grow the organization through the work of our 35 practice areas and public service committees, the New Orleans Bar Foundation, NOBA’s international initiatives, and most importantly our loyal members. Thanks to your support over the years, we have upheld our reputation as the top provider for continuing legal education programs and a strong network of leaders in the legal community. Now is the time to keep the momentum going because we can only go up from here.

A couple exciting opportunities worth mentioning are the upcoming conferences planned for the spring. We plan to make a splash during this year’s Bench Bar Conference, March 28-31st, at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, AL. If you have attended in the past, you already know it’s the perfect balance of education, relaxation, and entertainment. Once that wraps up, the next stop is Paris! From May 11-18th, NOBA will be offering an international CLE excursion to one of the most beautiful cities in the world. More details will be coming your way soon, but for now it’s time to mark your calendars and get excited for these unforgettable trips!

Throughout the year there will be various announcements about what we have going on at the New Orleans Bar Association, so I strongly encourage you to keep an eye out and be active. Your involvement is what shapes our organization, whether it’s joining a committee, recruiting your colleagues to join, signing up for a public service event or fundraiser we are hosting, or attending one or more of the 250 CLE programs we offer. The possibilities and opportunities are always at your fingertips, so take advantage of it all.

It is going to be a memorable year and I look forward to enjoying it with everyone.

Until next month,

Jason
The New Orleans Bar Association held its 94th Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at the Audubon Tea Room. A festive cocktail hour began the evening, and Monsignor Christopher H. Nalty set the tone for the celebration with a heartfelt invocation to commence the dinner meeting, where Jason P. Waguespack was inducted as the new president of NOBA.

President Dana M. Douglas opened the program. Under Douglas’s leadership, NOBA played a visible role during the City of New Orleans’ Tricentennial Year. NOBA highlighted the importance of the city’s legal past in celebrating the history and culture of New Orleans by hosting several special events and CLEs. In her remarks about incoming President Waguespack, Douglas emphasized the importance of NOBA and the legal profession in the city’s future. She handed over the gavel to Jason P. Waguespack and encouraged him to continue growing the success of NOBA.

As he accepted the gavel, President Waguespack inspired his colleagues by reminding them, “We are members of an ancient and noble profession, the heirs of such notables as St. Thomas Moore, Abraham Lincoln, and Clarence Darrow...our profession has a primary place at the forefront of protecting and defending our American liberties.” He also remarked on how the association has thrived in the past year and continues to grow.

He thanked outgoing past president Douglas and all of NOBA’s past presidents for their hard work at the bar and for the inspiring examples they have set. To continue their examples of collaboration throughout the legal world, President Waguespack, together with the French Consulate and the Paris Bar Association, has planned the first ever Delegation to Paris in May 2019.
Waguespack reminded members that NOBA helps to “make lawyers better” through more than 250 hours of programs, committee meetings and events held by more than 40 committees throughout the year. He intends to foster the exchange of knowledge and ideas in the New Orleans legal community through the promotion and development of NOBA’s innovative CLEs. He emphasized to members that NOBA affords a meaningful connection to the community—and membership in NOBA kindles a sense of belonging.

Walter Christy and John Wilson, fifty-year members, were recognized for their continued support of NOBA and the legal community.

Another highlight of the night was the presentation of the 2018 Arceneaux Professionalism Award to Richard C. Stanley. The Award recognizes attorneys for their professionalism and dedication in practicing law with integrity, honor and civility.

The Annual Dinner also included the induction of Angelina Christina of Akerman LLP as the President of the New Orleans Bar Foundation, and Jack C. Benjamin, Jr. of Perrier & Lacoste, LLC as NOBA’s Inn of Court President.

NOBA would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. 2019 promises to be an incredible year for the New Orleans Bar Association.
NOBA’s Past Presidents, from top to bottom:

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The New Orleans Bar Association (NOBA) closed out its year-long celebration of the New Orleans’ Tricentennial with a Tricentennial Toast on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at the Cabildo. Guests were treated to hors d’oeuvres, live music, champagne for the toast, and a commemorative champagne flute.

Outgoing NOBA President Dana Douglas preceded the toast with remarks about the City’s Tricentennial and NOBA’s celebration of the significant contributions that impacted New Orleans and are marked in its history. President Douglas acknowledged those who assisted NOBA with its commemoration, including NOBA Past Presidents Kim Boyle and Pat Vance; Tricentennial Committee Co-Chair Chris Ralston; and Tricentennial Committee members Judge Mary Ann Lemmon, Judge Nanette Jolivette Brown (both U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana), Judge Terri F. Love (Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit), Judge Camille Buras (Orleans Criminal District Court), Judge Monique Morial (First City Court), the Honorable Dale N. Atkins (Clerk of Court, Civil District Court), the Honorable Justin I. Woods (Clerk of Court, Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit), Miriam Childs (Director, Law Library of Louisiana), Ms. Angelina Christina, Donna D. Fraiche (President, Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society), and Alanah O. Hebert (Executive Director, ACLU of Louisiana).

President Douglas gave special thanks to the en banc Court of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana for its support of the Tricentennial committee programming; the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit for sponsoring and hosting en banc arguments at the Cabildo in April; and Liberty Bank for sponsoring the toast.

President Douglas provided a recap of the programs the Tricentennial Committee sponsored in 2018. The celebration commenced at the Louisiana Eastern District with a program by Professor Vernon Palmer of Tulane University Law School entitled “The Unique Legacy of Louisiana History,” followed by the opening of the “Jackson’s Bodyguards,” exhibit, curated by Judge Mary Ann Lemmon and Ms. Mary Ann Wegmann. In February the “Lunch With Legends” event featured a panel of discussion with Phoebe Ferguson and Keith Plessy of the Plessy and Ferguson Foundation participating in a panel discussion moderated by Kim Boyle. In March, U.S. Attorney Kenneth Polite; ABA President-Elect Judy Perry Martinez; Criminal Court judge and former prosecutor Keva Landrum; Reinvestment Act Committee member Flozell Daniels; and Alanah O. Hebert presented a CLE on the Louisiana Criminal Justice Reinvestment Act at the Eastern District Court of Louisiana. In April, the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit held en banc oral arguments in the Sala Capitular of the Cabildo. The Louisiana Supreme Court sat at the Sala Capitular from 1853-1910.

President Douglas concluded with a toast that all could agree upon heartily: “So today we raise a toast in celebration of the occasions we have had to reflect on the resilience, the history, and the many cultural traditions of our magnificent city!” NOBA’s successful year-long Tricentennial celebration ensured that the Bench and Bar would be recognized for their part in helping New Orleans become the city it is today.
R. Patrick Vance and Kim M. Boyle, NOBA Tricentennial Committee Co-Chairs

Dana M. Douglas, NOBA Past-President, and Ronald Carrere, Vice President of Development at Liberty Bank and Trust Company
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