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President's Award

The New Orleans Bar Association bestowed the prestigious Presidents' Award to Marcus Brown at a ceremony held on October 3, 2018, at the Windsor Court Hotel. The Presidents' Award recognizes professional excellence, integrity and dedication to service in the highest ideals of citizenship.

Those who know Marcus Brown best say the same thing: He would rather do things on behalf of others than be recognized for his own efforts. Marcus says “the professional role I have now gives me the opportunity to help people improve their lives, and for the lawyers and other employees I work with, to help people who may not have the all the resources they need to help themselves.”

In a Pro Bono Project article, he once wrote, “I grew up in a community where people rarely had access to lawyers, so I know first-hand how difficult it can be to solve many of life’s problems without their assistance. I often think about why I went to law school in the first place. It may be a cliché, but I genuinely wanted to make a difference.”

EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION

A native of Alexandria, Louisiana, Marcus was in the first graduating class at Peabody Magnet High School. There, he played basketball for Louisiana Hall of Fame coach Charles Smith, who still coaches the team. Coach Smith remembers Marcus as someone with both basketball and leadership skills even as a young kid.

“His mother was a highly regarded, lifelong educator in Rapides Parish,” Smith says. “So it was natural that Marcus was an exceptional student. He was very active, even serving as president of the student body. And he remains active with the high school to this day, always reaching out and helping in any way he can.”

Recognizing the important role that education plays in bringing people out of poverty and into self-sufficiency, Marcus founded a college scholarship that is awarded annually to Peabody basketball players who go on to college. “We think so highly of Marcus and his family and the influence they have had on our school and students. I always knew he would be successful at whatever work he chose to do,” adds Smith.

After high school, Marcus seriously considered an engineering career, but his passion for literature led him to instead obtain a B.A. in English from Southern University. Degree in hand, the world of opportunity was open to him, but Marcus wanted more. He considered numerous paths, but thought he could best serve the greater community by working in the legal profession. He stayed at Southern and received a Juris Doctor in 1988. True to form, he took on leadership roles during law school and served as a member of the Law Review.

After graduation, he joined the legal profession at the Stone Pigman law firm in New Orleans before eventually joining Entergy in 1995. Always one to push himself academically, he received his MBA from the Tulane University A.B. Freeman School of Business in 2002.

Wayne Lee, who recruited Marcus to join Stone Pigman, says, “I remember being surprised at first when he wanted to pursue a MBA, which was quite a challenge with everything he already had on his plate. But it was typical of his point of view about personal development and learning what he needed in order to serve the interests of his client—which was Entergy at the time.”

During his time at Stone Pigman, Lee also recognized Marcus’ interest in both pro bono work and mentoring.

“I immediately knew he would be a good lawyer and fit in well with our firm, but we quickly learned that he had a willingness to take on pro bono work. We were also actively recruiting minority lawyers, and Marcus was always willing to meet with them and serve as a mentor when they came to work with us,” Lee says. “Marcus could always see the big picture but is still a down-to-earth person. I’m really proud of him and his accomplishments.”

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE AT ENTERGY

Today, Marcus serves as Entergy Corporation’s executive vice president and general counsel, providing legal counsel to the chairman and chief executive officer, board of directors and senior management. Marcus also leads the company’s ethics and compliance; corporate communications; federal policy, regulatory and governmental affairs; and corporate security and governance groups.
The organizations he leads include nearly 270 professionals located throughout the U.S., among them is a dedicated legal team of more than 75 lawyers located in 10 cities from New Orleans to New York.

Headquartered in New Orleans, Entergy is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations with more than 13,000 employees. The company’s utility business serves approximately 2.9 million customers in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas; its merchant portfolio includes nuclear plants that primarily serve the country’s northeastern states. Entergy owns and operates power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of generating capacity, including nearly 9,000 megawatts of nuclear power.

Providing power is essential to the well-being of every community, but what attracted Marcus to Entergy was its desire to be more than just the power provider to its stakeholders.

The company has been in business for more than a century and has always focused its attention beyond providing power to include an emphasis on economic and workforce development, employee volunteerism, environmental stewardship and educational initiatives.

This company was the right fit for Marcus, and it has enabled him to do the most good for the most people.

Marcus serves on the board of directors for Energy Insurance Mutual, the Pro Bono Institute Advisory Board, the board of trustees for the Norman C. Francis Leadership Institute and the advisory council for the Louisiana State University Laborde Energy Law Center. He is also a frequent lecturer and publisher on topics affecting the utility industry and the legal profession.

At Entergy, he has fostered a culture of pro bono work among the legal team, which has won numerous local and national awards for their service. He is also the executive sponsor of the Women’s Employee Resource Group at Entergy, one of several groups that help employees with leadership-skills and career development, professional networking and opportunities to help shape company policies.

Marcus and other riders at Bike the Big Easy, which supports in part Entergy’s emergency utility bill assistance to seniors and disabled individuals in crisis.

Rick Stanley, a friend and colleague, says, “I first met Marcus when we were both lawyers at Stone Pigman. He was a new associate and assigned to the office next to mine, so we got to know each other well. Marcus immediately impressed me as a very talented and versatile lawyer, but one who also had the rare quality and exceptional ability to know people and how to motivate them. With his great sense of humor and steady, calm demeanor, he could bring order to chaos and encourage everyone to work together for a common goal.

“He is a natural leader. He also had to put up with my kids wandering over to his office on Saturdays to chat or ask him if he wanted to play with them, and of course he did. To this day, they all love Marcus.”

Stanley says he was privileged to work with Marcus after both moved on to other jobs. “He approaches every case and every problem with personal integrity, and never hesitates to remind others to ask themselves what is the right thing to do, not what is expedient or what may be the solution advocated by the majority of voices in the room. To Marcus, it is critical to make the right choice, not the easy one.

“For those who know Marcus well, the other hallmarks of his personality are balance and perspective. He is a devoted husband and father, responsibilities that he undertakes in harmony with his responsibilities as the chief legal officer of a major corporation who oversees dozens of tasks simultaneously. He has a lifetime of success that he has achieved with grace and dignity, and in a way that leaves the rest us to wonder what his secret must be and inspires all of us to do better.”

“HE NEVER ASKS FOR RECOGNITION”

“We first met during our second year of law school,” says Nannette Jolivette Brown, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana. “Then one day in the summer of 1987, we saw each other on a crowded streetcar after work in New Orleans, and we have been together for 31 years since then. Although Marcus still claims I tactically ignored him that day on the streetcar!”

After law school, Marcus and Nannette were two of only a few minority lawyers hired by the large New Orleans law firms. Nannette, a native of Lafayette, says that the person his legal peers know is consistent with who he is as a man.

“Marcus has an incredible amount of integrity, a keen intellect, and a sharp and pointed sense of humor. He’s a generous person, and always puts me and our children ahead of himself. It’s a theme with him: In our whole life together, he doesn’t ask for much, but just quietly takes care of others.”

The Browns have two children, Christopher, 26; and Rachel, 25.
“Marcus is not only a good father, but has made a big impression even on our children’s peers.

“Our kids’ friends still talk about Mr. Brown being the parent who always showed up, and was someone they could always talk to for advice.

“As you probably know, he never asks for recognition. He’s not doing things for attention. He just does it because it’s the right thing to do. It’s his way of life,” she concludes.

**PRO BONO LEADERSHIP**

At Entergy, Marcus has encouraged lawyers to help meet the legal needs of Entergy’s low-income customers across its service territory.

In 2012, he launched a pro bono initiative that dramatically increased the commitment of company lawyers and paralegals to provide legal assistance to some of the most vulnerable citizens in the region. That work did not go unnoticed. Among numerous honors, the Entergy Legal Department received the Corporate Pro Bono Organization’s 2016 Pro Bono Partner Award for its work with the Orleans Parish Civil District Court and the Louisiana Civil Justice Center in supporting the Self Help Resource Center, which assists thousands of unrepresented low-income and vulnerable domestic court litigants in the Greater New Orleans area.

The department has also previously been named Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year for 2013 by the New Orleans Pro Bono Project. And through the end of 2017, the company’s legal department had provided more than 10,000 hours of pro bono services in local communities.

In 2018, the company doubled down on that commitment by creating a new pro bono counsel role and selected Christy Kane, a veteran litigator and former leader of a Louisiana-based public interest law center, as Entergy’s first full-time pro bono leader.

Leo Denault, Entergy’s chairman and chief executive officer, says that “Marcus is the kind of leader every company wants: someone with superior professional skills, deep roots in the community and a natural interest in developing the people around him. He has played an integral role in so many key initiatives for Entergy, notably leading the effort to secure funding for rebuilding the electric and gas systems in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. That helped our employees come back home to live and work and serve others in the community. Marcus doesn’t like to talk about himself, but he doesn’t have to. His work speaks volumes about his value to our organization and his profession.”

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9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Ethics: Malpractice You Didn't Even Know You Were Committing
Hillary A. Brouillette, Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, LLC
Cassie P. Gailmor, Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP
Skylar B. Rudin, Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC
Krystin Frazier Santiago, Kelly Hart & Pitre

10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
Practical Civil Litigation Tips
The dos and don'ts and best strategies for pleadings, motions, discovery, oral arguments, and briefs.
Ashley J. Heilprin, Phelps Dunbar LLP
Valerie E. Fontenot, Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, LLC
Alexandra Navarre-Davis, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
Maximizing Your Efforts: Time Management Tips To Increase Efficiency
Ashley J. Becnel, City of New Orleans
Renee E. Goudeau, City of New Orleans Law Department
James J. Reeves II, Melchiode Marks King LLC
Eric W. Sella, Moulédoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett

12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.
Lunch on Your Own

1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.
Missing in Action: What To Do When Your Client Goes Off the Grid
Cassie P. Gailmor, Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP
Valerie E. Fontenot, Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, LLC
Ebony S. Morris, Garrison, Yount, Forte & Mulcahy, LLC
Shelley K. Napolitano, Maron Marvel Bradley Anderson & Tardy, LLC

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
The Basics For Giving Back
Ever wanted to participate in a legal fair, but felt the topics are beyond your area of practice? Brush up on the basics of Wills and Successions, Social Security, and Medicare law so you can volunteer with confidence (and competence).
Stephanie G. Gamble, Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, LLC
Katie L. Swartout, McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch
Rebecca Holmes, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.
Billing, Costs and Fees
The best billing practices to increase client relations while promoting prompt payment.
Elizabeth A. Liuzza, Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli & Frieman, APLC
D. Alex Onstott, Ciolino, Pritchett, & Onstott, LLC
Katie L. Swartout, McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, McDaniel & Welch
Cory J. Vidal, Hancock Whitney Bank

4:50 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.
Lessons Learned: A Young Lawyer’s Perspective on Professionalism in Drug and Device Litigation
How to properly communicate now that we have entered a digital era, while also keeping in mind that some people aren’t as tech based.
M. Palmer Lambert, Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshawer, LLC
Stephen Myers, Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, LLC
Kelly E. Brilleaux, Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, LLC
Jessica Perez Reynolds, Pendley Baudin & Coffin, LLP
Katie C. Darden, Jones Walker LLP

Special thanks to Katie Swartout, Chair of “For Young Lawyers, By Young Lawyers” day.
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Ethics: The Problems You Know About and The Ones You Don’t
The new duty of technical competence, rules you didn’t know existed, devices with ESI you didn’t know existed, preservation issues, and production issues.
  Melissa R. Harris, Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert, LLC
  Vicki A. Elmer, McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC

10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. ESI 101: Back To The Tech Basics
The basics of ESI including creation storage, production and search.
  Tom O’Connor, Gulf Coast Legal Technology Center

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. The Critical Importance Of The Rule 26 Conference Or Its Equivalent
Practical Advice on what to do in preparation for the conference and during the conference, handling specific issues that arise, litigation techniques, exchange protocols, and reporting to the court.
  Joseph I. Giarrusso III, Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix
  Zachary L. Wool, Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix

12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. The Nerd Depo: A 30(b) (6) To Discover The Location and Availability of ESI
When to use this technique, how to prepare for a deposition, and dealing with pushback from witnesses.
  To Be Announced...

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Integrating Digital Forensics Techniques into E-Discovery Processing & Review
  Gavin W. Manes, Avansic

3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m. May It Please The Court: Winning Arguments For A Judge With Little ESI Experience
Federal judges have become familiar with ESI, but a lot of state court judges are not. This CLE will go over the proper protocol when you are in front of a judge who has never dealt with it.
  To Be Announced...

4:50 p.m. - 5:50 p.m. Professionalism: Taking It Back To Your Practice
A lot of the information provided to you is technical, but it is important to discuss what it all means in your day to day practice. Not only is it necessary to be accurate, but it is important to be professional.
  Christopher K. Ralston, Phelps Dunbar LLP

Special thanks to Tom O’Connor, Chair of E-Discovery day.
Masters of the Courtroom™
Thursday, December 13, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Jury Selection
    The Hon. Franz L. Zibilich, Criminal District Court
    James M. Williams, Chehardy, Sherman, Williams, Murray
    Jason R. Williams, Jason Rogers Williams & Associates, LLC

10:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.  Opening Statements
    The Hon. Raymond S. Steib, Jr., 24th Judicial District
    Edward “Ned” F. Kohnke IV, Law Offices of Richard V. Kohner Associates
    Timothy J. Young, The Young Firm

11:40 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Lunch on Your Own

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Motion Practice
    The Hon. Joseph C. Wilkinson, Jr., USDC - Eastern District of Louisiana
    Mark R. Beebe, Adams and Reese, LLP
    Donna P. Currault, Gordon, Arata, Montgomery, Barnett

1:40 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.  Complex Litigation
    The Hon. Patrick J. Hanna, USDC - Western District of Louisiana
    Celeste R. Coco-Ewing, Barrasso, Usdin, Kupperman, Freeman & Sarver, LLC
    M. Palmer Lambert, Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, LLC

2:50 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.  Closing Arguments
    The Hon. Barry W. Ashe, USDC - Eastern District of Louisiana
    C. Lawrence Orlansky, Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLC
    Richard W. Westling, Epstein Becker Green, PC

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Honesty, Civility, Competency and Community: What The Professionalism Code Requires of All
    The Hon. Janis van Meerveld, USDC-Eastern District of Louisiana
    The Hon. Robin M. Giarrusso, Orleans Parish Civil District Court
    The Hon. Rachael D. Johnson, Orleans Parish Civil District Court

5:10 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.  Ethics
    Richard C. Stanley, Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC
    Richard T. Simmons, Jr., Hailey, McNamara, Hall, Larmann & Papale, LLP
    Steven R. Scheckman, Schiff, Scheckman & White
    Kevin R. Tully, Christovich & Kearney

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9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Getting To The Roots: How To Be A Good Associate  
Understanding expectations, doing quality work (be timely, efficient, creative), soliciting constructive criticism, supporting your colleagues, conducting yourself in a way that reflects well on your law firm, and making time for personal growth.  
Michelle H. DeShazo, Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC  
Laura S. Brown, Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC  
Marcus Hunter, Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC  
Skylar B. Rudin, Kuchler Polk Weiner, LLC

10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.  
Recent Developments in Sales and Property Law  
Melissa T. Lonegrass, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.  
Estate Planning & Elder Law  
This CLE will go over the broad range of legal functions involved in estate planning and elder law. Some of what will be covered includes Medicaid, providing proper estate planning documents, protecting your clients from financial abuse, and tips for estate litigation.  
To Be Announced...

12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.  
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1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.  
Recent Updates in Sustainable Construction Laws  
The City of New Orleans is establishing a comprehensive approach of sustainable construction by incorporating leading ideas about sustainable and smart urban development. This involves construction with respect to the city's physical and administrative infrastructure. Join us to hear about the progress and legal updates.  
Adrian A. D'arcy, Shields Mott LLP

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Managing Litigation Support and E-Discovery Projects  
Gavin W. Manes, Avansic

3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.  
Ethics  
To Be Announced...

4:50 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.  
Professionalism  
Alexandra E. Mora, The Law Offices of Alexandra Mora, APLC
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
**Ethical Considerations When Preparing For A Big Trial**  
This program will address ethical challenges faces not only when interviewing and preparing for depositions, but also when preparing witnesses for trial. This includes the usage of social media, competency, and much more.  
*Stephen J. Herman, Herman, Herman & Katz, LLC*

10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.  
**Professionalism in Trial Practice – Views from the Bench and Bar**  
Now that you have heard about ethical challenges faced in trial, it is time to address how to uphold the code of professionalism. This includes proper communication in briefs, letters and emails. The speakers will also discuss the value or having mentors, appropriate (and inappropriate) colloquy between counsel during depositions, professional (and unprofessional) conduct in the courtroom, and professional responsibilities of partners, managers and supervisory lawyers.  
*The Hon. Rachael D. Johnson, Orleans Parish Civil District Court*  
*Peter E. Sperling, Frilot L.L.C.*  
*Irving J. Warshauer, Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, LLC*

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.  
**Mobile Device Forensics and User Tracking**  
*Gavin W. Manes, Avansic*

12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.  
**Lunch on Your Own**

1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.  
**Expert Witness Tips, Traps and Recent Cases**  
*Meghan E. Smith, Jones Walker LLP*  
*Adam B. Zuckerman, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC*

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Land Use in New Orleans: Planning and Zoning Issues**  
*Theresa R. Becher, City of New Orleans Law Department*  
*Ashley J. Becnel, City of New Orleans*  
*Robert D. Rivers, New Orleans City Planning Commission*

3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.  
**A Domestic Judicial Update**  
*The Hon. Bernadette G. D’Souza, Orleans Parish Civil District Court*  
*The Hon. Ellen M. Hazeur, Orleans Parish Civil District Court*

4:50 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.  
**Are You Distressed? Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Counseling for Non-Bankruptcy Attorneys**  
*Benjamin W. Kadden, Luguenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard*  
*Meredith S. Grabill, Luguenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard*
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
**Ethics of Witness Preparation**  
It’s important to properly train and give guidance when preparing your witness. Not giving a witness sufficient context and failure to ensure a witness is effectively prepared can be considered malpractice. This CLE will address how to properly coach your client and avoid ethical issues.

   Lynn Luker, Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC

10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.  
**Maintaining Professionalism in High-Stakes Litigation: How to Zealously Represent Your Client Without Risking Your Reputation**  
The Hon. Kurt D. Engelhardt, USDC- Eastern District of Louisiana   
Gerald E. Meunier, Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, L.L.C.   
Kim E. Moore, Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore, LLC   
Andrea M. Price, Barrasso, Usdin, Kupperman, Freeman & Sarver, LLC

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.  
**60 Apps in 60 Minutes**  
Lauren E. Godshall, Morris Bart, LLC

12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.  
Lunch on Your Own

1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.  
**Strategic Planning in Workers’ Compensation Cases**  
Becky Gustafson, a certified financial planner, will address basic financial planning for attorneys and clients, settlement strategies, risks and solutions for financial management of settlement proceeds, and provide tools to maximize financial planning efficiency, reduce tax liability, and make all of the financial pieces of an accident case work together.

   Becky M. Gustafson, Northwestern Mutual

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Domestic Violence Legislation: Civil Updates**  
Kim S. Sport, Attorney at Law   
Additional speakers to be announced...

3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.  
**Domestic Violence Legislation: Criminal Updates**  
Kim S. Sport, Attorney at Law   
Additional speakers to be announced...

4:50 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.  
**Construction Law: From Claim to Judgment**  
A survey of the various aspects of construction law, whether negotiating construction contracts to protect rights, making and preserving claims, filing suit for payment, and other considerations that arise during projects and litigation.

   Jessica R. Derenbecker, Shields Mott LLP
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  Ethics
   To Be Announced...

10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.  Professionalism Among Generations
   To Be Announced...

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.  Developments in Federal Removal Jurisdiction—“Arising Under,” CAFA Amount in Controversy, Master Limited Partnerships, and Learning the Hard Way
   Tad Bartlett, Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison, LLC

12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.  Lunch on Your Own

1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.  Tax Incentive Updates
   Angela W. Adolph, Kean Miller, LLP

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  A Bankruptcy Crash Course: How Bankruptcy May Affect Your Practice?
   This CLE will discuss how you deal with the insolvency/bankruptcy defense in mediation or settlement discussions. It will also explore bankruptcy related issues that concern Estate Planning, Successions, Domestic Law and other non-bankruptcy practice areas.
   Frederick L. Bunol, Derbes Law Firm, LLC

3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.  Family Law
   To Be Announced...

4:50 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.  Labor & Employment Law
   Joseph F. Lavigne, Jones Walker LLP
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Friday, December 28, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  Ethics  
To Be Announced...

10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.  Recent Developments in Legal Ethics  
Dane S. Ciolino, Loyola University College of Law

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.  Tort Claims: Bad Faith  
David A. Strauss, King & Jurgens, LLC

12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.  Lunch on Your Own

1:20 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.  Recent Developments in Louisiana Business Law  
Professor Trey Drury, Loyola University College of Law

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Insurance Issues in the Oil & Gas Context  
Harold Flanagan, Flanagan Partners LLP

3:40 p.m. - 4:40 p.m.  Class Actions & Complex Litigation  
To Be Announced...

4:50 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.  2018 Maritime & Commercial Litigation: A Year in Review  
Cayce C. Peterson, The Lambert Firm, PLC  
Additional speakers to be announced...

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*Please note that some of these programs are subject to updates.*
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1. **Online.**
   Visit www.neworleansbar.org and renew under the membership tab.

2. **Mail** payment.
   Dues invoices were mailed out starting in October. The dues invoice can also be found under the membership tab on the website.

3. **Call** the New Orleans Bar Association at 504-525-7453.

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By renewing your membership, you will continue to be surrounded by thousands of lawyers and judges in the New Orleans area. As a member, you have a number of resources available to you:

- Develop your practice and stay at the forefront of what’s happening through joining committees. NOBA has over 30 substantive law committees in a variety of practice areas and 20 bar and public service committees, offering more than 200 meetings each year.

- We are the leading CLE provider in the area, offering over 200 hours of CLE programs (including select FREE CLEs) essential to your practice with the cutting-edge knowledge you need to succeed.

- You will stay informed on the events in the legal community through our weekly E-News, committee newsletters, and the monthly magazine Briefly Speaking, which includes a listing of upcoming events and information about what is happening around the bar.

- Members vote on their choices for judge in the widely publicized judicial polls in area parishes.

- Our award-winning **Young Lawyers Section** gives you an opportunity to introduce your talents and abilities to colleagues and assume leadership roles in the association.

We saved a seat the table for you! Participate in bar and community programs that get you integrated into the legal community when creating and organizing programs throughout the year.
2018 PROCRASTINATORS’ PROGRAMS℠ - REGISTRATION FORM

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - YLS DAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Ethics - Malpractice You Didn’t Even Know You Were Committing
- 10:10 a.m. Practical Civil Litigation Tips
- 11:20 a.m. Time Management & Efficiency
- 1:20 p.m. When Your Client Goes Off The Grid
- 2:30 p.m. The Basics For Giving Back
- 3:40 p.m. Billing Your Best
- 4:50 p.m. Professionalism in Drug & Device Lit.
- Full Day (7 CLE Hours)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - E-DISCOVERY DAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Technical Competence
- 10:10 a.m. ESI 101 - Back to the Basics
- 11:20 a.m. Importance Of The Rule 26 Conference
- 1:20 p.m. Search, Methods & Validating Results
- 2:30 p.m. Location & Availability of ESI
- 3:40 p.m. Winning Arguments For A Judge
- 4:50 p.m. Professionalism: Applying To Practice
- Full Day (7 CLE Hours)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**

MASTERS OF THE COURTROOM℠

- 9:00 a.m. Jury Selection (1.5 CLE Hours)
- 10:40 a.m. Opening Statements
- 12:30 p.m. Motion Practice
- 1:40 p.m. Complex Litigation
- 2:50 p.m. Closing Arguments
- 4:00 p.m. Professionalism
- 5:10 p.m. Ethics
- Full Day (7.5 CLE Hours)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

- 9:00 a.m. How to Excel in Environmental Law
- 10:10 a.m. Updates in Sales & Property Laws
- 11:20 a.m. Estate Planning & Elder Law
- 1:20 p.m. Sustainable Construction Law
- 2:30 p.m. Managing Litigation Support
- 3:40 p.m. Ethics
- 4:50 p.m. Professionalism
- Full Day (7 CLE Hours)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

- 9:00 a.m. Ethics: Preparing for a Trial
- 10:10 a.m. Professionalism: From The Bench & Bar
- 11:20 a.m. Mobile Forensics and User Tracking
- 1:20 p.m. Expert Witness Tips, Traps & Cases
- 2:30 p.m. Land Use: City Planning & Zoning Issues
- 3:40 p.m. A Domestic Judicial Update
- 4:50 p.m. Counseling For Non Bankruptcy Lawyers
- Full Day (7 CLE Hours)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20**

- 9:00 a.m. Ethics of Witness Preparation
- 10:10 a.m. Professionalism in High-Stakes Litigation
- 11:20 a.m. 60 Apps in 60 Minutes
- 1:20 p.m. Strategic Planning in Workers’ Comp.
- 2:30 p.m. Domestic Violence Pt. 1: Civil
- 3:40 p.m. Domestic Violence Pt. 2: Criminal
- 4:50 p.m. Construction Law: Claim to Judgment
- Full Day (7 CLE Hours)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27**

- 9:00 a.m. Ethics
- 10:10 a.m. Professionalism
- 11:20 a.m. Dev. In Federal Removal Jurisdiction
- 1:20 p.m. Tax Incentive Updates
- 2:30 p.m. A Bankruptcy Crash Course
- 3:40 p.m. Family Law
- 4:50 p.m. Labor & Employment Law
- Full Day (7 CLE Hours)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28**

- 9:00 a.m. Professionalism
- 10:10 a.m. Recent Developments in Legal Ethics
- 11:20 a.m. Tort Claims: Bad Faith
- 1:20 p.m. Recent Developments in LA Business Law
- 2:30 p.m. Insurance Issues in Oil & Gas
- 3:40 p.m. Class Actions & Complex Litigation
- 4:50 p.m. Maritime Law & Commercial Litigation
- Full Day (7 CLE Hours)

*Please note that some of these programs are subject to change.*
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Join the New Orleans Bar Association to get the CLE discount that pays almost all your dues. Enjoy immediate discounts on continuing legal education and additional free programming throughout the year. Stay connected to your professional community and let NOBA provide resources to develop your career.

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For additional information, call the NOBA office at (504) 525-7453.

- We accept walk ins!
- Handouts will be made available to all attendees who provide an e-mail address and sent the day before the program. A sheet with links to access the handouts will be available for walk ins.
- All the programs will be held at the Pan American Conference Center, 601 Poydras Street, 11th Floor.
- Payment must be received by the day of the program to attend.

REFUND POLICY
The New Orleans Bar Association will accept written requests for a refund of registration fees, but a $20 administrative fee will be assessed. All cancellations must be received two full days prior to the CLE in order to be eligible for a refund. No refunds for no shows.

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Name of Attendee ________________________________________________________

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☐ HONORARY: Member of Judiciary (Louisiana sitting judge outside Orleans, Jefferson or St. Bernard Parishes) exempt
☐ STUDENT: Currently enrolled in law school (applies to entire term in law school) $ 50.00

Anticipated date of graduation ______________

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☐ New Orleans Pro Bono Project
☐ Solo & Small Firm Practitioners
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☐ Women in the Profession
☐ Writers for Briefly Speaking
☐ Study Group on Paris

Young Lawyers Section Committee
☐ YLS Events & Programs
☐ Include:
☐ Approach the Bench CLEs
☐ Pro-Bowl-O Benefit for the Veteran’s Justice Fellowship (VJF)
☐ Law Day Activities
☐ Legalpalooza Benefit for the VJF
☐ Liberty Bell Award
☐ Naturalization Ceremonies
☐ Big Easy Bootcamp
☐ Bar & Grille Cooking Competition to benefit the VJF
☐ Receive YLS Monthly Newsletter

I understand that by providing the contact information above, I consent to receive correspondence sent by the New Orleans Bar Association.

Signature ____________________________

Date ________________________________
Around the Bar

Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that three lawyers made the New Orleans Magazine’s 2018 Top Lawyers list: Robert J. David: Medical Malpractice Law, Gerald E. Meunier: Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action Michael J. Ecuyer: Admiralty & Maritime Law; Medical Malpractice Law.

Brown Sims, P.C. is pleased to announce that Tina Crawford White has joined the Firm’s New Orleans office as a Shareholder practicing construction law and commercial and governmental advices and disputes.

Deutsch Kerrigan LLP is pleased to announce Audrey E. Gitz and Raymond L. Wilkes III have joined the firm as Associates in the New Orleans office. Ms. Gitz primary practice will focus on defending personal injury litigation, property damage and other disputes in the maritime and energy industries. Mr. Wilkes will focus on defending general civil

Lugenbuhl lawyers named to the 2018 Top Lawyers list in their respective practice areas include:

- Ashley Belleau – Corporate Law; Trusts and Estates
- Christopher Caplinger – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Stanley Cohn – Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Céleste Elliott – Insurance Law
- Delos Flint, Jr. – Admiralty & Maritime Law; Transportation Law
- Joseph Guichet – Insurance Law
- Benjamin Kadden – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Rose LeBreton – Real Estate Law
- Stewart Peck – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Corporate Law
- Seth Schmeecle – Insurance Law
- David Sharpe – Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Miles Thomas – Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Kristopher Wilson – Insurance Law

Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard announces that 11 of its practices have been recognized in the 2019 Best Law Firms rankings by Best Lawyers in America®, the oldest peer-review guide to the legal profession worldwide and a highly respected industry publication. Highlighting the firm’s headquarters, the following Lugenbuhl practices are recognized in the New Orleans metropolitan region: Admiralty & Maritime Law, Insurance Law, Litigation – Real Estate, Commercial Litigation, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Maritime Law, Litigation – Bankruptcy, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants.

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Laura C. Cannon, Lorcan L. Connick, Patrick J. Lorio, and Janelle E. Sharer have joined the firm as Associates.

Flanagan Partners LLP’s partners—Thomas M. Flanagan, Harold J. Flanagan, Sean P. Brady, and Andy Dupre—have been included in the Top Lawyers issue of New Orleans Magazine. Thomas Flanagan received honors in commercial litigation and appellate practice. Harold Flanagan was honored for his work in insurance law. Sean Brady was honored for his work in commercial litigation. Andy Dupre received honors in appellate practice.

Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel announces that Brent E. Bartholomew and Frederick J. (Rick) Burton have joined the firm’s Metairie office as associates.

Lewis Brisbois is pleased to welcome Thomas Cortazzo to its New Orleans office as a partner in its Complex Business & Commercial Litigation Practice.
You are cordially invited to attend the 2018 Governor’s Luncheon on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

The Patterson Resolution Group offers dispute resolution services in complex cases to businesses and individuals across Louisiana and the Gulf South. Group members include six former presidents of the Louisiana State Bar Association and a retired district court judge. The members have substantive experience in disputes in areas such as:

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