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Fellow NOBA Members,

It is hard to believe my term as NOBA President is coming to a close. As I look back, there are so many fond memories and you are all to thank for that.

On November 15th, we will host the 94th Annual Dinner Meeting at the Audubon Tea Room. During the dinner, Jason P. Waguespack will be installed as President, we will recognize our fifty year members, and welcome the new leadership of our Association and the New Orleans Bar Foundation. Each year, the changes in leadership bring new ideas and energy to further improve our organization as a whole. I cannot think of a better person to pass the torch to than my friend and respected colleague. Jason will do a wonderful job and make a fine leader. I look forward to this event every year, because it is a time for us all to come together as a community and celebrate one another. I hope you plan to attend. Due to the popularity of this event, we sell out quickly, so be sure to reserve your firm table or individual ticket!

Looking ahead, NOBA is excited to offer various continuing legal education programs that uphold our reputation of being one of the best CLE providers in the Greater New Orleans area. Since it is not only required, but necessary to stay educated in the legal community, you might as well receive it from the best!

In November alone, NOBA will have four different days where you can receive Ethics and Professionalism CLE credits during the 11th Hour Ethics & Professionalism series, and will be held in the NOBA conference room. Our annual Procrastinators Programs’ CLE Program will begin on December 11th. Similar to years past, we will offer 56 hours of CLE over the course of 3 weeks, including the opportunity to obtain Ethics and Professionalism credit each day. This year, there will be an entire day devoted to E-Discovery education on December 12th. And don’t worry, we are bringing back our Masters of the Courtroom program on December 13th, but this year it will be led by Judge Michael North and Thomas Flanagan. Be sure to register so you don’t miss out on hearing our well respected judges and lawyers speak about current developments in the law, suggestions for your practice, and offer advice on how to enhance your legal career. We’ll have more about the program in next month’s Briefly Speaking, but mark your calendars for December 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 27th & 28th!

It has been a privilege and honor serving you as President this past year. I am extremely grateful for your trust and support throughout the entire process. You are in great hands with Mr. Waguespack as your new President, and I look forward to seeing him further the New Orleans Bar Association’s goals and missions and taking us to new heights of success as an organization.

Dana
Navigating Louisiana Construction Law from Claim to Judgment CLE
Hosted by the Construction Law Committee

This program will be 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.

Speaker: Jessica R. Derenbecker, Shields | Mott LLP
Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Time: 12 noon - 1 p.m.
Location: NOBA Office
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
CLE: 1 hour of CLE credit
Cost: NOBA Member Discount: $35; Non-Member: $55
(Includes lunch)
To Register: Contact the NOBA office at (504) 525-7453 or email Liz Daino at ldaino@neworleansbar.org.

Please note, payment is expected before the start of programs in order to attend. Cancellations must be received in writing two days in advance in order to receive a refund. No shows are not eligible for refunds and will be charged for the program, plus an administrative billing fee.

To Err on the Side of Preserving Error: Preservation Requirements in the Fifth Circuit CLE
Hosted by the Appellate Law Committee

This CLE will be a discussion of Rule 50’s preservation requirements and other pointers for preserving issues for appeal in the Fifth Circuit.

Speakers: Leigh Ann T. Schell, Adams and Reese, LLP
Camille E. Gauthier, Flanagan Partners LLP
Date: Friday, November 9, 2018
Time: 12 noon - 1 p.m.
Location: NOBA Office
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
CLE: 1 hour of CLE credit
Cost: NOBA Member Discount: $35; Non-Member: $55
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Do you have your Ethics and Professionalism CLE Credits?

**IT'S THE 11th HOUR**

**NOV. 8th, 13th, 29th & DEC. 5th**

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New Orleans Bar Association's
94th Annual Dinner Meeting

New President, Jason P. Waguespack, and members of the Board of Directors will be installed. We will also honor the judges of state and federal courts and the 50 year members.

Audubon Tea Room
Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Individual Ticket $65
Table of 10 $650
Judges are Complimentary

To RSVP: Please call 525-7453 or email ldaino@neworleansbar.org
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INTRODUCING
JASON P. WAGUESPACK

New Orleans Bar Association’s
2018-2019 President

Written by: Timothy F. Burr, Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith
JASON PAUL WAGUESPACK
NOBA PRESIDENT ELECT
2018-2019 TERM

Reflecting on the traits and qualifications of prior NOBA Presidents, one would undoubtedly conclude that only extraordinary people merit that honor and service. The incoming President certainly reinforces that view. I have the privilege to introduce someone I worked with closely for over twenty years, whom I respect and admire immensely. He not only merits the honor of this new position, but more importantly will lead NOBA with vision, creativity, and inclusion. I hope this introduction will give you more than a glimpse into why.

One morning, not long after we hired Jason as a young and promising associate, he was driving to Lafayette for a deposition. He was in the right lane, approaching an exit off the Interstate beside an 18 wheeler to his immediate left. The truck driver apparently had an after-thought that he too needed to exit right and didn’t see Jason’s small sports car. The truck’s trailer swooped to the right and over Jason’s low convertible, pinning Jason under the trailer frame while Jason’s car nested between the sets of trailer tires causing considerable screeching and smoke. When the mass of metal and rubber came to rest, Jason appeared dead. A Good Samaritan noticed that Jason was wearing a religious medal and called for a priest to come to the scene to deliver the Anointing of the Sick (fka Last Rites). The EMTs rushed him to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital where he remained for many days. Miraculously, he eventually healed fully and well with no residual disabilities. One can’t help but think that near death experience at such a young age may have shaped Jason immeasurably. The rich, fullness of his life and the depth of his giving may stem in part from nearly losing it all near the outset.

It’s likely you could also trace relevant traits and characteristics back to Jason’s childhood growing up in Walker, Louisiana, where his parents set examples of hard work, achieving respected goals, and giving back to others through service. Jason’s mother, Zorraine Waguespack, is an attorney who became a 21st JDC Judge, and his father, Winton, was a pharmacist. Both gave back not only by supporting and nurturing Jason and his three sisters but as active givers and doers in their community. Winton is deceased now, and although Judge Waguespack has retired from the bench, she teaches English to prisoners getting their GEDs and sits ad hoc as needed.

When we first hired Jason twenty-four years ago, he had a bit of transferable experience, but not much. His new practice areas were just that — completely new practice areas requiring immersion in as many ways as he could find, in addition to working with more seasoned attorneys at our Firm. He thrived. Through a process of self-study of treatises, taking outside courses, and seeking mentors to teach and guide him, Jason developed quickly into a deservedly well-respected practitioner of admiralty and international business law. He now serves as counsel to owners, charterers, operators, and marine insurers in all types of cases and claims. He serves as national counsel to several clients with international interests, advising them not only on arbitration and litigation but also on transactional and other business matters. And he teaches related courses at Tulane’s Law School and Business School.

When it came time for me to consider transitioning toward retirement, the Firm needed someone to assume the job of Managing Director. Never did we consider anyone other than Jason Waguespack, who over the years had shown himself to be fully capable of doing that and more. He had earned the respect of clients and peers and I am pleased to say the Firm is thriving, in no small part due to Jason’s leadership. He is very good at setting a course and building support by consensus for achieving desired goals.

Jason has been an active member of NOBA since 1991. He currently serves as Chair of the Maritime and International Law Committee, was a past editor of Briefly Speaking, has been on the Board since 2014, was Vice President two years ago, and of course was President Elect this past year. When I asked Jason what he wanted to do as NOBA President, he didn’t hesitate. He sees current, ongoing missions as critical: promoting professionalism, enhancing a sense of community among attorneys and with judges, as well as pro bono work and funding. He believes that NOBA should promote more effective lawyer access for mid to low income clients. And he feels strongly that NOBA should have a vibrant, visible role in supporting a new Civil District Courthouse. NOBA’s work and trajectory are critical and so why should one trust Jason will continue and enhance those efforts? Let’s take a look at some of his other undertakings and see what happened there.

“I’ve had the pleasure of working with Jason Waguespack for many years on several non-profit organizations. I’ve watched Jason navigate and lead groups through trying situations. He has an extraordinary ability to lead softly by listening and offering thoughtful and caring guidance with everyone having complete trust and confidence in his integrity.”

Arthur Roger
Arthur Roger Gallery
New Orleans

Pro bono work is not just something Jason does a lot of, and I should add I’ve never met anyone who does more; that work is at the heart of who Jason is and no meaningful, fair introduction of him would paint those things in any other way.

Here’s a list of just a few of his many outside engagements:
Adjunct Professor of Law, Tulane School of Law teaching courses on Charter Parties
Adjunct Faculty, Assistant/Associate Professor, Tulane's A.B. Freeman School of Business teaching International Business Law
Loyola University School of Business, Adjunct Faculty teaching International Law
New Orleans Film Society, Executive Producers Circle
The Historic New Orleans Collection, Laussat Society
New Orleans Museum of Art, Member and Fellow, Sponsor of The Orleans Collection
Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Richardson Society and Magnolia Ball Host Committee
NOAGE, Inc. (services for the elderly) Founder and current President
Protect and Defend, Inc. (organization of military and law enforcement members) pro bono counsel
HNO, Inc. President/Chair of executive board 2009-2014
Constance-Upperline Street Neighborhood Association President 1996-2005
City of NOLA Board of Zoning Adjustments 2007-2011
Project Lazarus Board of Directors

“Jason Waguespack is a true leader. I was impressed with him from the very first time I met him 10 years ago. Jason is the most genuine, kind hearted, compassionate, generous, fair, diplomatic person I know, as well as one of the most astute people I know and have had the pleasure of working with throughout my career. He alone, along with his influence in the community, has made a huge impact on Project Lazarus for many years.”

Steve Rivera
Executive Director
ProjectLazarus, NOLA

His teaching and mentorship have also been impactful. Students speak highly of him and more than a few of his students have gone on to law school based on their experiences with Jason as their professor and mentor. For example, one went on to Stanford law and is now a high profile entertainment lawyer in Los Angeles. Others have come to work at Galloway (an even loftier attainment).

Altruism motivated by selfish ambition seldom works well. Leaders interested in self-aggrandizement and achieving personal ends rarely get as much done for others as those who, like Jason, are more concerned with doing for others than for themselves.

In Jason’s own words:

“For years, our neighbor across the street on Constance was a widow named Ms. Garcia, whose husband was a GI she met as a young girl in Italy. They married in Italy and she moved with him to New Orleans when WWII ended.

At our place in the Quarter, one of our neighbors was a widower named Jacques, who had been born in Belgium in the 1930s, was a child during WWII and moved to New Orleans after the war. Ms. Garcia and Jacques had more in common than being transplanted Europeans; they were both childless and after the deaths of their spouses, they had no family here. Both of them, one Uptown and one in the Quarter, would spend hours simply sitting in their houses staring out the windows. I would visit them and it was obvious to me that they were very lonely as most of their friends had died and they had no traditional family support system. I started to research whether there was an organization in New Orleans dedicated to providing services to people who lacked traditional family support systems and I couldn’t find any. I decided I would start one.

I reached out to a friend of mine who works for AARP and with his help we put together a steering committee to do a community needs assessment. Once we were armed with that and knew there was a need for our organization in New Orleans, we formed NOAGE, put together a comprehensive strategic plan, landed a grant from AARP, and started our outreach to the community. Today, NOAGE provides a variety of services to address the needs of the senior community, especially those with no family here, including programs to address loneliness and depression, such as monthly Saturday morning coffee talks, pot luck suppers, movie nights and wellness programs.

Although Ms. Garcia and Jacques have both passed away, I think of them often, especially when I talk to some of our participants. Just a few weeks ago, we had a Saturday morning coffee talk with the subject being dating and relationships when you are over 60, with a well-known local relationship therapist as our moderator. The room was packed! Afterwards, a senior approached me and thanked me for being a volunteer, saying he had lost his spouse and most of his friends in the 90s and he was resigned to living a lonely life until he found our organization, and he now feels he has friends again and people he enjoys seeing. He now wants to leave the house and meet people, something he has not done in years. We want to do much more with NOAGE (the organization is still young), but we are happy with the progress we have made so far. Every time I walk into one of our events and see a room packed with seniors out of their houses and meeting each other, I feel like we’re helping alleviate the loneliness and depression so many seniors feel, especially those with no traditional family near them. I wish I had been able to do that for Ms. Garcia and Jacques.”

I have called Jason many things over the years: employee, associate, director, fellow shareholder, managing director, boss, and now Mr. President. But what I am most honored to call Jason Waguespack is friend. Any of you lucky enough to get to know Jason well, will find yourselves similarly honored. NOBA is in great hands.

Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer is pleased to announce that Jill S. Willhoft has joined the firm as a litigation partner.

Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, L.L.C. was included among the 2019 Edition of U.S. News Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” in the following areas:
- Jackson-MS, Medical Malpractice Law, Plaintiffs
- Jackson-MS, Personal Injury Litigation, Plaintiffs
- New Orleans, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions, Plaintiffs
- New Orleans, Personal Injury Litigation, Plaintiffs
- New Orleans, Medical Malpractice Law, Plaintiffs

Chaffe McCall welcomes Alex DeGiulio and Jesse Frank to the firm as associates in its New Orleans office. The addition of Alex and Jesse is a part of the firm’s ongoing regional growth and commitment to the development of new attorneys. They will practice in the firm’s core admiralty & maritime and litigation sections.

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Thank you for your membership with the New Orleans Bar Association this past year. Membership in the Bar Association is the most important career investment you will ever make. Your current membership is valid through November 30, 2018. We invite you to continue your membership with the New Orleans Bar Association.

Three easy ways to renew your NOBA membership:

1. Visit www.neworleansbar.org and renew under the membership tab.
2. Mail payment: Dues invoices will be mailed out starting in October. The dues invoice can also be found under the membership tab on our website.
3. Call Louis Murphy, NOBA’s Membership Coordinator, at 525-7453 or email him at lmurphy@neworleansbar.org.

Thank you for your membership over the past year. We look forward to welcoming you back for another year very soon!
You are cordially invited to attend the 2018 Governor’s Luncheon Tuesday, July 24, 2018

2018 Procrastinators' Programs℠

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