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My Fellow NOBA Members,

It is hard not to love April in New Orleans. Weather-wise, it is one of the best months of the year, and that makes it a prime festival month. For NOBA lawyers who can find the time to take a break from their busy practices, April in New Orleans offers the French Quarter Festival, the Zurich Golf Classic, and of course the first weekend of Jazz Fest. NOBA is also taking advantage of the fantastic spring weather to hold the YLS Crawfish Boil on Sunday, April 7, at the Audubon Park Pavilion near the intersection of St. Charles Avenue and Exposition Blvd. Jonathan Lewis is taking the lead in organizing this social event for all NOBA members and their families. It should be a great time in a beautiful location, so I hope you will come out and join us!

In this issue of Briefly Speaking, you will find an article highlighting Angelina Christina, this year’s president of the New Orleans Bar Foundation. The New Orleans Bar Foundation was established in 2001 to sustain the many charitable programs supported by NOBA and to provide a means by which NOBA members may make tax deductible contributions to support these programs. We are proud of the fact that NOBA and the Foundation created the first bar sponsored Public Interest Law Fellowship housed at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS). Currently, the funds supporting this Fellowship are designated for Veterans’ Justice, which provides veterans with civil legal help in the areas of housing, consumer issues, discharge upgrades, child support, and the removal of legal barriers to employment. Angelina has long donated her time and talent to NOBA, and the Foundation is incredibly lucky to have her as its president. You will understand why as you read the article. I ask that you please consider the Foundation as you make your charitable contributions in 2019.

April also brings us one month closer to our NOBA Delegation to Paris, which will take place on May 11 through 18. Although we have sold out our allotted hotel room block for this trip, it may still be possible to reserve space. Details about the trip are on NOBA’s website. If you are interested, please contact NOBA’s offices for more details. Special thanks to Rick DuPlantier and Jan Hayden, who are co-chairing the Delegation to Paris and have planned an amazing trip.

NOBA’s law committees, like they do every month, have planned a full slate of CLE opportunities in April. These are high quality CLE opportunities in informal settings, so participants have a better opportunity of engaging with the panelists to ask questions or contribute ideas. Please consult this issue of Briefly Speaking for details on April’s CLEs.

As the weather improves in April, take some time to enjoy the outdoors with your family and friends. I hope to see you at our crawfish boil or at one of our NOBA CLE luncheons this month.

As always, thank you for your membership in NOBA.
April Committee Meetings

Please note: Cancellations must be received in writing two days in advance in order to receive a refund less a $15 administrative fee. No refunds for no shows.

Get involved with the Young Lawyers Section at their Monthly Meeting!

Date: Tuesday, April 2nd
Time: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE
Location: NOBA Office
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
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Kelly E. Brilleaux,
YLS Committee Chair

Please join the Products Liability Committee for a Kickoff Happy Hour!

Date: Thursday, April 4th
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE
Location: To Be Announced

Cayce C. Peterson,
Products Liability Committee Chair

Property Law Committee Meeting

Speaker: To Be Announced
Date: Wednesday, April 24th
Time: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
Cost: $15.00 Lunch Included
Location: NOBA Office
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
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To Register: Contact the NOBA office at (504) 525-7453 or email Briana Nelms at bnelms@neworleansbar.org

Robert P. Thibeaux,
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Louisiana Supreme Court: Civil Writ Trends in the 2017-2018 Term
Hosted by: The Appellate Law Committee

**Speaker:** Kelly Becker, Liskow & Lewis
Kathryn Gonski, Liskow & Lewis
Katie S. Roth, Liskow & Lewis

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3rd

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Location:** NOBA Office, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505 New Orleans, LA 70130

**CLE:** 1 hour of CLE Credit

**Cost:** NOBA Member: $35.00; Non-Member: $55 (includes lunch)

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"Angie" Christina is one of those people who can bring people together and get things done. It is that specific ability that makes her the perfect choice as 2019 President of the New Orleans Bar Foundation. A well-known New Orleans attorney for almost 16 years, Angie uses the skills she first honed during her tenure as a high school teacher to accomplish whatever goals she sets out to achieve. Whether she is building her practice or serving the community, no task is too small to ignore and no job too large to tackle. Angie is never afraid to jump in, roll up her sleeves, and get working.

A graduate of Archbishop Chapelle High School in 1981, Angie obtained a French Language degree from L'Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France in 1984, and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Louisiana State University in 1986. She then returned to Archbishop Chapelle to teach French, Economics, and Civics for 14 years. But as is typical of Angie, she hungered to do more and, after graduating magna cum laude from Tulane School of Law in 2003, began her legal career. Angie practiced for one and then another local law firm, but in March 2016, she left the comfort of her longtime position to join Akerman LLP. Brought on as Team Leader of the Consumer Financial Services Practice Group, Angie brought a much needed sense of energy and local commitment to the newly formed New Orleans office.

Angie has continuously demonstrated a strong commitment to New Orleans and does not limit her efforts to just the legal or Archbishop Chapelle community.

As a young lawyer, Angie was instrumental in setting up the New Orleans Bar Grille - a cooking competition among the city's law firms - to benefit Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. She is an active member of the New Orleans Bar Association and presently sits on its board of directors, is a fellow of the American Bar Association, and was a 2018 City Business Leadership in Law Honoree. Angie served on the ACHS strategic plan committee, was an alumnae board member for several years, continues to serve her beloved high school by returning often to support, counsel and mentor its students, and was recently named as Archbishop Chapelle's 2019 Alumna of the Year. She has also devoted innumerable hours of service to The Pro Bono Project, Cancer Crusaders, and The Audubon Zoo.

Angie is well suited to serve as the Foundation’s 2019 president and further its mission of advancing the administration of justice and an understanding of the law through philanthropy, education, and service. Angie is especially...
proud of the Foundation’s role as primary sponsor of the Veterans Justice Fellowship, which strives to serve the unaddressed civil legal needs of those who have bravely fought so that we might live freely. In her role as president of the Foundation, she will oversee the proper disbursement of funds collected by the New Orleans Bar Association and the Foundation to designated charities, the main one being the Veterans Justice fellowship, and to further efforts to raise additional such funds. Angie believes that her chief goal is to increase community awareness of the Foundation because only when the community at large is aware of its existence and the vital work it does will it receive the level of support required to meet the many needs of our Veterans. She knows that the logical next step is to create sustainable avenues for fundraising by tapping into available resources that extend out further than the legal community, so that Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and the Foundation do not continue to struggle to provide services so critical to the New Orleans veterans community through the Veterans Justice Fellowship. Angie believes that opening up fundraising to the community at large, including to business entities that would have an interest in supporting the Foundation and its endeavors, is key.

Angie has already begun the difficult work of creating community awareness and interest in yet another charitable organization, and she is determined to make lasting inroads, just as she did by creating the Chapelle Emerald Gala (now in its 22nd year) and helping to create the NOBA Bar and Grille (now in its 17th year), two highly successful and longstanding fundraisers. She is currently working on putting together a fundraising concept that will scale various events to different price points and thus reach the broadest range of potential donors and benefactors. Based on her track record, we look forward to a very successful year for Angie Christina and the New Orleans Bar Foundation.

Lisa Africk, Judge Karen Wells Roby, and Angie Christina attending the Champagne tasting at the 2018 Bench Bar Conference.

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About the Author: Lisa Africk is general counsel at Crescent City Drilling & Production Inc. She has years of experience with Title VII and other employment-related issues and claims, insurance defense, insurance coverage, personal injury and fatality matters. Africk has a masters’ degree in social work and a juris doctor degree, both from Tulane. She has served on a number of local boards and remains involved in the New Orleans legal and business communities.
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We look forward to seeing you and your families there!

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