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THOMAS KEASLER FOUTZ | HON. CAROLYN GILL-JEFFERSON (RET.)
The New Orleans Bar Association -- our association -- has had a very active Spring. We had a hugely successful Bench Bar Conference and our committees are humming with activities: CLE programs, social events and luncheons with accomplished guest speakers. I wanted to share some of what we, as an organization, have been doing to serve our members and our community over the last few weeks.

NOBA hosted and established a relationship with the Conférence des Avocats du Barreau de Paris, a group of prominent French lawyers visiting the United States and Louisiana. Founded in 1810, the Conférence is a celebrated association of lawyers that annually sponsors twelve young lawyers elected by their peers, after a skills competition, to ensure emergency criminal defense for those charged with the most serious criminal offenses, such as terrorism, treason and murder. Eleven of the twelve advocates, successful attorneys practicing in such areas as antitrust, intellectual property and corporate law, take on this prestigious position and criminal defense responsibilities. They visited New Orleans and NOBA in April. NOBA's Criminal Law Committee, led by James “Jimmy” Baehr, organized and held a unique program to foster a dialogue between NOBA's members and our French counterparts.

Justice Greg Guidry led the program, which explored the French criminal justice system, as well as its differences and similarities to our own laws, system and procedures. It provided wonderful interaction for all involved, and there are plans underway to continue to foster this warm relationship with our Parisian colleagues and the Conférence. Special thanks to Justice Guidry, Jimmy Baehr and our Francophone colleagues for making that fellowship such a success.

NOBA also continues to serve our community. This Spring, NOBA’s Young Lawyers Section organized a number of legal clinics that provide free assistance, guidance and information to those in our community with no access to an attorney. At one recent legal clinic, organized by Camille Bryant and hosted by AARP, 10 volunteers served 89 attendees with legal questions, issues and problems. Some of the volunteers have taken on cases on a pro bono basis, a tremendous service to the citizens of our city who would otherwise go without assistance. The New Orleans City Council recently commended the New Orleans Bar Association for its work in and service to our community. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered their time to this ongoing effort.
Through its members, NOBA assists the City’s homeless population. As NOBA members have for 17 years, NOBA members continue to serve lunch at the Ozanam Inn in the Central Business District. Our list of volunteers for this service continues to grow. In addition, many of our members routinely serve the homeless in Judge Zainey’s Homeless Experience Legal Protection (“HELP”) program. NOBA also donates excess food from our events to the shelter, which always appreciates and uses the much-needed donations.

NOBA’s annual Game Night event -- held on the evening of the sold out LSU/Tulane baseball game at Turchin Stadium -- saw the best turnout ever. 90 members came out for the game, NOBA’s hospitality tent, and beautiful Spring weather for the contest between two strong rival teams. As always, there was great NOBA fun and fellowship, regardless of which team was victorious.

These are just a few examples of what our association has done in the month of April, but they illustrate how we are collectively serving our members and our communities. There is much more on the calendar, so I encourage you to join us at an upcoming event in our unique and vibrant organization. I hope that you are proud of our organization and what it does. I certainly am.

Chris Ralston
What Next? Thoughts on Doing Business in Cuba

New Orleans and Havana historically have had strong ties, which were recently renewed through NOBA's two delegations to Cuba. Following the 2016 U.S. Presidential election there has been an ongoing policy review towards Cuba, but it is unclear what the outcome will be. Come listen to José Cot, Co-Chair, NOBA's Study Group on Cuba, and co-editor of the recently published Cuba: A Legal Guide to Business, share his thoughts about doing business in Cuba.

Speaker: Jose Cot, Hurley & Cot, APLC

Date: Wednesday, June 14th, 2017

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Location: NOBA Office, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505

Cost: $14.00 (includes lunch)

To Register: Contact the NOBA office at (504) 525-7453 or email Morgan Ellis Couvillion at mellis@neworleansbar.org

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Bankruptcy Law Committee

Bankruptcy Crimes and Ethical Considerations CLE

An overview of the basics of bankruptcy crimes and the role of the Office of the United States Trustee (“OUST”), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Justice in prosecuting those crimes. The program will also provide a summary of criminal referrals made by the OUST in 2016, some indicators and signs of bankruptcy crimes, as well as some examples of bankruptcy crime cases.

Speakers:
Chris Caplinger, Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard
Amanda George, Office of the United States Trustee

Date: Thursday, June 15th, 2017

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

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Immigration Law Committee
What Does it Mean to be New Orleans? CLE

Join us for a discussion on New Orleans’ role in the Sanctuary Cities debate. How did New Orleans gain its reputation as a sanctuary city and what does that mean? We will focus on factors unique to New Orleans that led the city to form its current policy and how that could impact the city in the years ahead.

Speaker: Zach Butterworth, Office of Mayor Landrieu

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Time: Noon - 1 p.m.
Location: NOBA Office, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
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Approach the Bench CLE
Featuring The Hon. Michael B. North

The Approach the Bench program provides a forum for lawyers to get to know the local, state, and federal court judges. Judges speak about general topics including practice and procedures, trial practice, motions practice, and more!

Speaker: The Hon. Michael B. North, USDC - EDLA
Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017
Time: Noon - 1 p.m.
Location: 500 Poydras Street, Room B419, New Orleans, LA 70130
CLE: 1 hour of CLE credit
Cost: FREE for NOBA Members; Non-Member: $25 (lunch is not included for this program)

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Workers' Compensation Committee
2017 Workers’ Compensation Legislative Update CLE

Speaker: Wayne J. Fontana,
Roedel, Parsons, Koch, Blache, Balhoff & McCollister

Date: Friday, June 23, 2017

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Location: NOBA Office, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505

CLE: 1 hour of CLE credit

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Property Law Committee
Louisiana’s Warranty Against Eviction:
Recent Developments and Unanswered Questions CLE

Professor Lonegrass will provide a refresher on Louisiana’s warranty against eviction, cover recent jurisprudential developments, and discuss unresolved questions of law that continue to stump legal experts.

Speaker: Melissa T. Lonegrass, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Time: 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)

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Conference des Avocats du Barreau de Paris

On Thursday, April 13th, the New Orleans Bar Association Criminal Law Committee hosted Justice Greg Guidry and the Conférence des Avocats du Barreau de Paris for a discussion of Continental Criminal Law. The Conférence is an association of lawyers founded in 1810 which brings together twelve young lawyers elected by their peers to offer criminal defense services to the indigent facing serious charges in the French judicial system.

The presentation began with a discussion of the French criminal justice system, which is code based rather than precedential. After a suspect is arrested and detained, their case proceeds before an “investigating judge” who fulfills a very different role than in the American criminal system. The Investigating Judge is actually charged with conducting an investigation that includes evaluation of incriminating and exonerating facts, talking with witnesses, and ordering forensic evaluations of evidence.

The defense lawyer in this system fights for the release from provisional detention of the client, can challenge the acts and orders of the Investigating Judge, and can request that the Investigating Judge order additional inquiries or forensic analysis. Justice Guidry and the advocates discussed the differences between the two systems, particularly that the Investigating Judge can even question the defendant, who has no Fifth Amendment right to non-prejudicial silence (the defendant can remain silent, but silence can be considered in the judge's evaluation of the evidence).

The Conference itself is composed of 12 young lawyers, none older than 35, who are selected through a traditional three round oratory contest. Part of the contest requires the applicants to give a ten minute persuasive speech on a nonsensical topic to test their ability to persuade on any grounds. The ties between the former members of the Conference run deep, and former Presidents of the Republic, ministers, members of the Academy Francaise, and criminal defense lawyers filled its alumni ranks.

The members of the Conference handle the most serious crimes committed in France, including murder, organized crime, and terrorism cases. They are famed for their reluctance to communicate with the press. We were grateful to get to communicate with them ourselves and very thankful for Justice Guidry’s contributions to the program.
Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer is pleased to announce that Lawrence R. DeMarcay III has joined the firm as a litigation partner.

Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard has hired Kaja Elmer as an associate for the insurance practice section. Located at the firm’s New Orleans headquarters, her primary areas of practice include general liability coverage, oil & gas liability coverage and environmental & toxic tort insurance coverage.

Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer is pleased to announce that Jeannette Waring has joined the firm as an associate.

Fowler Rodriguez welcomes Caroline Sanches as an associate in the firm’s New Orleans office. Ms. Sanches focuses her practice on civil, international, insurance and maritime law. She also has experience with complex commercial litigation and corporate litigation. She received her law degree from Tulane University Law School in 2016.

Carver Darden welcomes Peter J. Segrist as an associate in the firm’s New Orleans office. Mr. Segrist focuses his practice in a variety of litigation areas, primarily commercial litigation and, oil and gas. He has experience with litigation issues in a variety of areas and industries, including: insurance disputes; mass tort actions; construction disputes; environmental litigation; fraud actions; and bankruptcy matters.

Jeannette Waring

Kaja Elmer

Caroline Sanches

Peter J. Segrist

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Judy Barrasso has been named to the 2017 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America list.

Judy Y. Barrasso

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