If you are interested, please contact Amy Gonzales at agonzales@neworleansbar.org for advertising information and rates for 2018.
Membership has its privileges! The leadership of the New Orleans Bar Association takes your membership seriously. Those of you who subscribe to our weekly E-Newsletter recently received a membership survey. The results of the surveys will be studied in depth by our Board of Directors as we move the NOBA forward.

We also invite you to register for our 2018 Bench Bar Conference which is themed “Up Your Game,” and chaired this year by the Honorable Piper Griffin. The conference will be held at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama, on the weekend of April 20th-22nd. Additional details regarding registration and sponsorship for the conference are included in this edition of Briefly Speaking.

Thank you also for your support of our Tricentennial celebration! As you will read in the article written by Immediate Past President Chris Ralston, our kickoff event was a major success with over 100 people in attendance!

During the Annual Dinner meeting, I posed the question -- why are these Tricentennial celebrations so important to where we are as the bench and bar today? Who cares what happened 300 years ago, and why is it relevant to us today? The book, The Reflective Counselor, by F. Gregory Coffey and Maureen C. Kessler reminds us that, “when we deeply encounter the legacies of those who have come before us, we can be greatly inspired by their accomplishments, and the noble tradition that WE inherited.” The book goes on to remind us that although:

[w]e tread in the steps of legal giants such as Brandeis, Llewellyn, and Holmes . . . . [we] are [really] no featherweights by comparison. What then is our place but to strive to the pinnacle of excellence, [both] personal and public, to restore confidence within and among our fellows in the halls of justice …

This year, as we continue to reflect on the great lawyers, judges, and lawmakers who have impacted the last 300 years of New Orleans history, it is not only the Brandeis(s), Llewellyn(s), and Holmes(s) who come to mind, but those local heavyweights who walked some of the same halls we walk, such as the Honorable John Minor Wisdom, Alexander P. Tureaud, and Marian Mayer Berkett —people who shaped the landscape of our practice today.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Briefly Speaking, and that you will join us for one of our many programs detailed in the pages that follow!

Dana
The ABC’s of Filing at Civil District Court CLE
Hosted by the Solo & Small Firm Committee

This program will concentrate on new attorneys, and the basics of initial filing to service. Dale Atkins will present the basics of filing a civil action, and the Honorable Rachael Johnson and Richard Perque will speak on procedure and professionalism when dealing with court staff.

Speakers: The Honorable Rachael Johnson, Civil District Court
Dale N. Atkins, Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder
Richard G. Perque, Bonin & Perque Attorneys at Law

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Time: 10 a.m. - Noon
Location: Civil District Court, Courtroom of the Honorable Rachael Johnson

CLE: 2 hours of CLE credit, including Law Practice Management and Professionalism
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: Cancellations must be received in writing two days in advance in order to receive a refund less an administrative fee. No refunds for no shows.

Developments and Significant Issues in Labor and Employment Law CLE
Hosted by the Labor & Employment Law Committee

Join us for an update from Professor Corbett on recent significant Issues in Labor and Employment Law, and a look ahead to what’s on the horizon in 2018. The materials you will receive from Prof. Corbett will undoubtedly become a trusted reference throughout the year! Don’t miss out on an excellent refresher and a look at what’s to come.

Speaker: Professor William R. Corbett, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018
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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Construction Law for Subcontractors, Material Suppliers, and Residential Builders CLE

Hosted by the Construction Law Committee

This program will address the issues and problems that arise for material suppliers, subcontractors, and residential suppliers because of sometimes complicated requirements that they must satisfy to fully protect their rights. Here, the focus will be on what suppliers, residential contractors, and material suppliers must do on all construction projects, both big and small, to adequately exercise their rights to payment.

Speakers: Stuart G. Richeson, Phelps Dunbar LLP
          Alexander R. Saunders, Phelps Dunbar LLP

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018
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
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E-Discovery Simplified & How Your Clients Benefit From Cooperating With Difficult Opposing Counsel CLE

Co-Hosted by the Complex Litigation and E-Discovery Committees

The presenters will review the latest developments in the E-discovery landscape, including state court implementation. The panel will also discuss how to undertake simple, efficient E-discovery in Louisiana state court.

Speakers: Mark R. Beebe, Adams and Reese LLP
          Additional speakers TBA

Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018
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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Mark your calendars for the New Orleans Bar Association's celebration of the 300-year history of New Orleans. Throughout the upcoming year, NOBA will host a variety of CLE programs and special events centered around our city’s rich and unique history.

MARCH 2018

The Nation’s Most Incarcerated State Changes Tide and Its Impact on the City of New Orleans in the 300th Year of its Founding

Former U.S. Attorney Kenneth Polite, Chairman of the Felony Class System Task Force, created by Senate Bill 220 of the Justice Reinvestment Act, will review the Task Force’s recommendations to streamline and categorize Louisiana's approximately 600 felony offenses into a designated class system. The panel members will discuss the historic package of criminal justice reform legislation passed during the 2017 session including: new felony sentencing laws, amendments to the habitual offender law, probation and parole changes, and other key pieces of the Justice Reinvestment Act. Panelists will also review the policy implications of these legislative changes.

Speakers:
Flozell Daniels, Jr., President & CEO of Foundation for Louisiana
Kenneth A. Polite, Jr., Entergy (Former U.S. Attorney)
Judy Perry Martinez, Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, LLP

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 | 12 noon
Cost: $35, light lunch included
CLE: 1 hour of CLE credit
Location: USDC, EDLA | C268, Courtroom of Judge Carl J. Barbier
500 Poydras St., New Orleans, LA 70130
In honor of the New Orleans Tricentennial commemoration, the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, State of Louisiana will hold oral arguments at the Cabildo on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The judges of the Court will sit en banc, meaning that all twelve judges will hear the arguments presented in a matter pending before the Court.

The Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit began as the Court of Appeal for the Parish of Orleans, which was established by the Louisiana Constitution of 1879. The Court of Appeal for the Parish of Orleans was housed on the second floor of the Presbytère from 1880 until 1910. The Constitution provided for two judges on the Court of Appeal, and the first judges to serve on the Court were Frank McGloin and Walter Henry Rogers. The Court of Appeal for the Parish of Orleans became the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit in 1960.

The Court of Appeal is presently housed in the historic French Quarter. The Court is comprised of: Chief Judge James F. McKay, III, Judge Terri F. Love, Judge Edwin A. Lombard, Judge Roland L. Belsome, Judge Daniel L. Dysart, Judge Joy Cossich Lobrano, Judge Rosemary Ledet, Judge Sandra C. Jenkins, Judge Regina Bartholomew Woods, Judge Paula A. Brown, Judge Tiffany G. Chase, and Judge Dennis R. Bagneris, Pro Tempore.

The Louisiana Supreme Court was housed at the Cabildo from 1853-1910. The Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit welcomes the opportunity to hold oral arguments in the former home of the state’s highest court and invites the public to participate in this unique Tricentennial event.

**Date:**
Wednesday, April 18, 2018

**Location:**
The Cabildo | 701 Chartres St.,
New Orleans, 70116

*Seating capacity to attend the arguments is limited.*

*Information on the registration process will be posted on the NOBA website as it becomes available.*
NOBA Kicks Off Tricentennial Celebration with Lecture, Exhibit, and Reception at Federal District Courthouse

Our unique American city, New Orleans, observes its 300th birthday in 2018. The New Orleans Bar Association, which rarely misses an opportunity to observe a milestone, is taking part in the celebration. NOBA recently kicked off its Tricentennial programming series with an inaugural event at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The well-attended, multifaceted event provided a successful start to this year’s commemorative programs.

On January 24, 2018, the opening lecture was hosted in the en banc courtroom of the Honorable Ivan L.R. Lemelle. Attendees included Louisiana state and federal judges, law school deans, members of the bar, law students, and representatives of the Louisiana Historical Society. The evening began with a warm welcome from NOBA President Dana M. Douglas, who outlined NOBA’s upcoming commemorative programs and thanked all who helped organize the event. Special thanks went to R. Patrick Vance, co-chair of NOBA’s Tricentennial Committee, for spearheading the inaugural program. Dana then introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Vernon V. Palmer, the Thomas Pickles Professor of Law at Tulane Law School, who presented “A Tricentennial Retrospective: The Unique Legacy of Louisiana Legal History.”

Professor Palmer delivered a historical overview of the Spanish and French influences on Louisiana’s Civil Code and legal system, including that of the Napoleonic Code. Professor Palmer offered a thoughtful and fascinating perspective on the people, historical events, and legal principles that shaped Louisiana’s codal regime, our court system and our city’s history. The presentation included pictures of Louisiana’s courthouses, jurists, and governors, helping to illustrate and give texture to the unique history that Louisiana and New Orleans share.

Following Professor Palmer’s lecture, the Honorable Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, who is chairing a committee devoted to preserving and presenting the vibrant history of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, introduced attorney Mary Ann Wegmann to discuss the first phase of the committee’s project. Ms. Wegmann curated an exhibit entitled “Jackson’s Bodyguard: Lawyers Who Fought in the Battle of New Orleans.” Ms. Wegmann explained the history and importance of this exhibit on the nine lawyers, early members of the
Louisiana bar, who served under Major General Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. Each of these lawyers defended Louisiana and the United States from British invasion, and the exhibit poignantly profiled their legal careers, service, and sacrifices. Attendees viewed Ms. Wegmann’s bodyguard exhibit on the second floor of the courthouse while enjoying food and drinks at a reception following the event.

The Tricentennial kickoff event offered education, reflection, and celebration of our heritage and the City’s 300th birthday. Throughout 2018, NOBA will continue to commemorate the rich and unique history of New Orleans, and all NOBA members are invited and encouraged to participate. Off to a great start, NOBA’s Tricentennial celebration offers something for everyone to enjoy.

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**Special Thanks to the New Orleans Bar Association’s Tricentennial Committee**

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Join **NOBA's Young Lawyers Section** as teams of amateur chefs from local companies and law firms participate in the 16th annual **New Orleans Bar & Grille**. Teams compete for Best Local Favorite, Best Dessert, Most Creative, Best Booth Decoration, Crowd Favorite, and Best Overall.

Proceeds benefit New Orleans Bar Foundation's Veterans Justice Fellowship.
2018 Bar & Grille Registration Form

Please check the appropriate box(es), complete the form below and return to:

New Orleans Bar Association
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
New Orleans, LA 70130

Please make all checks payable to the New Orleans Bar Foundation

Yes, we are interested in registering a team for the New Orleans Bar & Grille on Sunday, March 11, 2018. Please send us registration information, including the cook-off rules and regulations. If tickets are required for guests other than team members please also fill in form below.

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Phone: ________________________________ Email Address: ________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Will Electricity be required? ____ YES (team registration cost $200.00)  ____ NO (team registration cost $175.00)

Please be aware, the City of New Orleans now requires teams to cook under the Peristyle or under a fire retardant tent. If you choose to cook under a tent, the team must provide it on the day of the event. There will be a fire watch present for safety purposes.

TICKET ORDER: Please reserve ____ TICKETS at $30 each (please submit names on a separate sheet)

Team Fee: _________________ Additional ticket charge: _________________

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16th Annual New Orleans Bar & Grille Cook-Off!

BE A SPONSOR!

Come out to the Peristyle at City Park on March 11, 2018 and enjoy live music, drinks, and – best of all – samples of all dishes entered in the competition. Cheer on your favorites, heckle the competition, and enjoy the culinary offerings of local attorneys and business men and women. To become a sponsor, just complete the form below by February 26, 2018 and return it to:

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650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
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Join us on Tuesday, March 20th at 9:00 a.m. for our complimentary Law Firm Continuity and Disaster Recovery Program
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Light Breakfast Included
Learn the VITAL difference between data backup and continuity/disaster recovery. Without this knowledge, your firm, your clients, and your data could be in severe jeopardy.

What are your firm’s biggest risk factors? At this program, you will learn how to QUICKLY recover and continue operating with as little EXPENSIVE downtime as possible! Is your firm prepared to be up and running following a building fire, a hurricane, flooding, tornado or other extreme storm, or the infamous, “Hurricane Humanity,” (aka “human error”—which studies have shown causes approximately 70% of data center problems)?

Space is Limited so call us at 504-301-1094 or email us at info@rent-a-nerd.net to register!

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Veteran’s Spotlight

Interview Conducted By: Tiffany D. Davis, Liskow & Lewis, APLC

Harold J. Flanagan is a founding partner of Flanagan Partners LLP. His practice includes both contracts and litigation in the areas of insurance coverage/recovery, construction, admiralty, oil and gas production, casualty, and commercial matters.

Mr. Flanagan graduated from Loyola University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management in 1984. He subsequently graduated cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 1995, where he was a member of the Loyola Law Review. For the past 17 years, he has taught insurance law at Tulane University Law School, where he was awarded the Monte M. Lemann Distinguished Teaching Award in 2003 and 2010. He is a frequent lecturer and author in the areas of oil and gas law, construction contracts and litigation, and insurance coverage. He is listed among the Best Lawyers of America in the areas of oil & gas, insurance, construction, appellate practice, and commercial litigation.

Mr. Flanagan enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1985. He retired at the rank of colonel after 26 years of service, including overseas service in Operation Enduring Freedom.

DAVIS

Tell us about your military service.

FLANAGAN

I enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1985 and went to boot camp in San Diego. After aviation maintenance training in Mississippi, I was assigned to a helicopter squadron. I went to Officer Candidate School soon thereafter, and after recovering from a torn ligament in my knee, became an infantry officer. I had a number of “billets” (jobs) in an infantry battalion in California, and I deployed to Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and other places. The Marine Corps then transferred me to the School of Infantry in North Carolina, where I commanded a training company of young Marines and was an instructor in marksmanship and hand-to-hand combat. I was eventually assigned to Naval Support Activity New Orleans (NSA) and went to Loyola College of Law at night. My job at NSA New Orleans was as a staff officer focusing on logistics for South and Central American counter-drug operations. Before graduating from law school, I went into the reserves. At that point, my operational focus shifted to “force protection” (personal and physical security) and intelligence analysis of the North Korean military. In 2003, I was ordered to active duty for Operation Enduring Freedom. I took military leave from Liskow & Lewis for 9 months and deployed to a small country called Djibouti in the Horn of Africa. There, I was in charge of security and intelligence for an anti-terrorism base. Sergeant Tiffany Delery, now a partner at Liskow & Lewis, would patch me through the military phone system to make calls to my wife and kids. I really liked Africa. I spent the rest of my military career traveling there and training military officers from Senegal, Mali, Ghana, Nigeria, Niger, Morocco, Burkina Faso, etc. I retired in 2010 after 26 years of service.
DAVIS
What inspired you to join the military?

FLANAGAN
You’re going to laugh: I liked guns, sports, the outdoors, and… the Marine uniform. And they were actually going to pay me.

DAVIS
How has your experience in the military assisted you in the practice of law?

FLANAGAN
First, thanks to my military experience, I can get along with almost anyone of good faith. When you join the Marine Corps, you’re thrown together with people who have diverse attitudes. They speak differently; some are rich; some are poor; some well-educated, and some not so much; most are fairly religious, but many are not. In the beginning, you try to get along with each other because you have to. Ultimately, you care only about what that other Marine does. At that point, your superficial differences become nothing more than fodder for good-natured ribbing. This ability to get along with people has been useful to me in the practice of law, where we work in a competitive business with and against other aggressive advocates. It’s also a useful skill in leading your peers and employees.

Second, while I was raised to be confident, the military service taught me that there is practically no situation I can’t handle. In fact, I want the nearly impossible challenge so that I can conquer it. The Marine Corps fosters that attitude.

Third, the moral code that was beaten into my head during my childhood and adolescence was reinforced in the Marine Corps. As my parents did, my drill instructor strongly “encouraged” telling the truth, standing up for what is right, and readily facing the consequences of doing so. And the worst thing you can be in Officer Candidate School is an “integrity violator.” It’s perhaps not well known, but Marines are actually required to disobey unlawful or immoral orders, something I was faced with doing after being a second lieutenant for only three months. Lawyers are confronted with moral challenges on a weekly basis; my military experience taught me what to expect.

DAVIS
What can we as lawyers do to help Veterans?

FLANAGAN
Many of us think that the biggest challenges facing veterans are physical wounds and psychological trauma, such as PTSD. While those are serious problems, the more prevalent issue for most veterans is getting post-separation employment. We can mentor veterans in that regard, whether we’re hiring or not. And if we’re hiring, we can recognize the qualities veterans bring to any work position, for example: the ability to develop and use processes, reliability, a sense of duty, and initiative. We can consider hiring them in positions where they may not have directly applicable experience. As another retired Marine I know who works in the hospital administration business says, ‘Hire character, train skill.’

For more information on ways to support our Veterans Justice Fellowship, please visit www.neworleansbar.org/foundation.

About the Author
Tiffany Delery Davis is a shareholder at Liskow & Lewis where she practices in the areas of maritime and energy law. Tiffany served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1996 through 2004.
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Your firm’s contribution underwrites the costs of the hotel rooms for the local area judges to attend the conference. The hallmark of the Bench Bar Conference is the Meet the Judges program, which typically allows lawyers to meet 35-40 judges in small groups to learn what’s expected in their courtrooms.

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Lamothe Law Firm is pleased to announce that Frank E. Lamothe, III has been selected for inclusion in Louisiana Super Lawyers 2018 for Personal Injury, an honor he has received each year since 2007.

Lamothe Law Firm is pleased to announce that Richard M. Martin, Jr. has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2018 for Personal Injury – Plaintiff.

Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P. is pleased to announce that Justin B. Schmidt has joined the firm as a partner in the New Orleans office.

Sarah J. L. Christakis recently joined Chehardy Sherman Williams. Ms. Christakis specializes in healthcare law, including medical malpractice defense and physician and facility regulatory compliance. She also handles transactional matters such as physician employment agreements, physician/group practice formation, physician/group ancillary service arrangements, billing service agreements, and information service agreements.

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Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Judy Barrasso has been selected for Tulane Law School’s Hall of Fame. She will be inducted at the Hall of Fame luncheon on May 10th.

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Catherine F. Giarrusso and Kyle W. Siegel have become Partners of the firm.

Former Chief Deputy City Attorney Adam J. Swensek is now Special Counsel to the Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

To place an announcement in Briefly Speaking, email Amy Gonzales at agonzales@neworleansbar.org for pricing information.
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