Dana M. Douglas
New Orleans Bar Association
President 2017-2018
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Fellow NOBA members and Colleagues,

As we enjoy my favorite season – fall in New Orleans – we’ll soon wrap up another bar year. This is the time of year that we welcome new attorney members of our association, enjoy our weather reward (with New Orleans Saints and Pelicans games) for enduring another summer, and even have some of our best NOBA programs and events. I wanted to mention a few so as to be sure you don’t miss out!

On November 16th, we’ll have our Annual Dinner Meeting at the Audubon Tea Room. As always, we’ll recognize our 50-year members, present the Professionalism Award, and welcome new leadership of our Association, of the New Orleans Bar Foundation, and of our Young Lawyers Section. And, perhaps most importantly, it is the single event where the largest number of us are gathered together on one night and for one reason. I always look forward to this special evening and hope you will plan to attend. A suggestion: don’t wait to make your reservations as we have sold out the last few years and already have a strong number of tables reserved for this year’s event!

Some of our best programs are on the near horizon too. On December 14th, the New Orleans Bar Association’s Masters of the Courtroom CLE program will feature seasoned litigators and distinguished jurists on a range of topics of value to any litigator. In a full day’s program, again organized and led by U.S. District Judge Lance Africk, the speakers will share valuable insight and techniques with NOBA members. All you litigators, I encourage you to register as you do not want to miss this valuable continuing legal education opportunity.

December will also see NOBA’s annual Procrastinators’SM CLE Program. As you’ve come to expect, our speakers will speak about current developments in the law, offer suggestions for your practice, development and benefit, and provide a great value for our members. We’ll have more about the program in next month’s Briefly Speaking, but mark your calendars now for December 13th – 29th!

Our committees continue to be active, offering luncheon CLEs, networking and social events, and fellowship among colleagues with similar practices. There are still many events on the calendar – I hope you’ll take advantage of them as part of your NOBA membership.

At the Annual Meeting, we’ll install and welcome new leadership of our committees, our study groups, our Association, and our New Orleans Bar Foundation. These changes will bring new ideas, new opportunities, and new energy to our organization. I will be passing the reins of NOBA to my good friend and respected colleague, Dana M. Douglas, who I know will do a tremendous job leading and guiding us into 2018. On that note, I would like to thank you all for the true privilege and honor of serving you this past year. I am as proud of our Association – and all that it stands for and does for our community and our members – as I have ever been. I am extremely grateful for your trust and look forward to being a part of our wonderful organization for many years to come.

Chris
**11th Hour Ethics & Professionalism**

Earn Your Ethics and Professionalism CLE for 2017!

Convenient times and location throughout November:
November 1, November 9, and November 30, 2017

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

Join us for a joint Ethics & Professionalism program, **FREE** for Sustaining NOBA Members.

**Professionalism – Adversaries without Animosity CLE**

**Speakers:** Leonard A. Davis, Herman Herman & Katz, LLC
Richard C. Stanley, Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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

**Ethics – What’s on the Horizon CLE**

**Speakers:** Leonard A. Davis, Herman Herman & Katz, LLC
Richard C. Stanley, Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC

**Time:** 1:10 - 2:10 p.m.

**Location:** New Orleans Bar Association
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**Registration Fees:**

NOBA Member Discount Per Hour of CLE: **FREE** for Sustaining Members; Pre-Registered - $35; At the Door - $45
Non Member Per Hour of CLE: Pre-Registered - $45; At the Door - $55

(Please note to qualify for the pre-registered price payment and registration must be received one full day (24 hours) prior to the program.)

**To Register:** Contact NOBA at (504) 525-7453 or
Email Liz Daino at ldaino@neworleansbar.org

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11th Hour Ethics & Professionalism

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Professionalism in Trial Practice – Views from the Bench and Bar

A Civil District Court Judge and two attorneys who have a litigation practice will have a panel discussion about the importance of trying to be professional in dealing with various issues that arise during discovery and at trial.

Speakers:
Honorable Nakisha Ervin-Knott, Orleans Parish Civil District Court
Irving Warshauer, Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, LLC
Peter Sperling, Frilot L.L.C.

Time:
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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

Ethics: Ten Tips for Risk Management from an Ethical Perspective:
A Key to Your Professional Development in the 21st Century

Speaker: M. Nan Alessandra, Phelps Dunbar, LLP
Time: 1:10 - 2:10 p.m.
Location: New Orleans Bar Association
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
New Orleans LA 70130

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Thursday, November 30, 2017

Legal Ethics in 140 Characters or Less

Speaker: Dana M. Douglas, Liskow and Lewis APLC
Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Location: New Orleans Bar Association
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
New Orleans LA 70130

Professionalism CLE

Speaker: Honorable Tiffany G. Chase, Orleans Parish Civil District Court
Time: 1:10 - 2:10 p.m.
Location: New Orleans Bar Association
650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
New Orleans LA 70130

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Potential Tax Issues for Business Litigation Settlements CLE
Hosted by the Business Litigation Committee

Speaker: Tyler J. Douglas, Lowe, Stein, Hoffman, Allweiss & Hauver, LLP
Date: Thursday, November 2, 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)
To Register: Contact the NOBA office at (504) 525-7453 or email Liz Daino at ldaino@neworleansbar.org.

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Managing Multi-Jurisdictional Litigation: Opportunities and Challenges in Both the State and Federal Systems CLE
Hosted by the Complex Litigation, Pharmaceutical/Medical Devices, Class Actions, and Products Liability Committees

Speaker: Tyler J. Douglas, Lowe, Stein, Hoffman, Allweiss & Hauver, LLP
Date: Thursday, November 2, 2017
Time: Noon - 1 p.m.
Location: NOBA Office, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505
CLE: 1 hour of CLE credit
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New Orleans Bar Association
Procrastinators' Programs℠
December 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28 & 29 2017

Held at the Pan American Life Building
601 Poydras Street, 11th Floor, New Orleans
Introducing

Dana M. Douglas

NOBA’s 2017-2018 President

Written By Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle
Dana M. Douglas will become President of the New Orleans Bar Association (NOBA) on November 16, 2017, after serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the last eleven years, including highly productive terms as President-Elect, Secretary, and Chair of the Young Lawyers Section. As with prior NOBA Presidents, including her immediate predecessor and friend Chris Ralston, Dana has exceptional leadership skills, knowledge, temperament and experience. Those attributes will continue to benefit our bar, bench and communities as she leads the NOBA into the 300th anniversary of the city of New Orleans.

With an effervescent smile and calming influence, Dana is that preeminent charismatic professional who inspires others to be champions of justice. Her love of humanity and quiet dignity should remind us that the highest honor we could ever give her, or ourselves, would be a dedication to help others achieve dreams of peace, love and happiness.

**In the Beginning - 1975**

“It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.”
- Aristotle

Dana is the second child of Daniel Douglas, III, and Ida Woodfork. Her older brother Daniel Douglas, IV, was tragically killed in an automobile incident at the tender age of 3. The siblings never met. Her mother became pregnant with her a short time after the tragic accident. Heartbroken yet undaunted, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas grieved the loss of their son, and out of that dark period found light with the birth of their daughter just 11 months later.

Our community has been faithfully served by generations of Dana's family. Her father Daniel Douglas, III, worked tirelessly at the Hotel Intercontinental, serving countless guests and helping to assure his beautiful daughter was never found wanting of life's necessities. Dana's mother Ida Woodfork instilled love of duty throughout a distinguished career with Sheriff Paul Valteau's Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff's Office. Dana's first job was with that office as a docket clerk while in high school. Her uncle Warren Woodfork, Sr., is a retired Chief of Police for the City of New Orleans; and uncle Richard Woodfork is a Retired Supervisory Agent, former Public Information Officer and City of New Orleans; and uncle Warren Woodfork, Sr., is a retired Chief of Police for the City of New Orleans; and uncle Richard Woodfork is a Retired Supervisory Agent, former Public Information Officer and current Senior Financial Investigator with the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Dana acknowledges that her love of the law, strong work ethic, and successes are traced to these circumstances that could have been overwhelming obstacles.

Dana's law school education was successfully tested during several summer associate clerkships with leading law firms. Clerkships with Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles; McGlinchey Stafford; Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre; and Liskow & Lewis taught practical lessons in legal research and writing on a variety of subjects. Early exposure to actual litigation and transactional disputes on Constitutional, Product Liability, Maritime, Contract, Intellectual Property, Energy and Natural Resources Laws, among other areas, continue to fuel Dana's quest for knowledge and growth, both personally and professionally.

**Juris Doctor – 2000: Now What?**

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life
- Confucius

The answer to the “now what” question really came in September 1999 when Dana accepted an offer of a federal clerkship, effective August 2000 for a one-year term. She was recommended by several law professors, former law clerks, and attorneys with firms where she held summer clerkships. Those recommendations led to an interview of Dana by yours truly and Judicial Assistant Flay Sambrone-Metoyer. The usual questions about qualifications, writing samples and interests were asked. Dana's answers were thoughtful and direct. She revealed remarkable insight into some of the fundamental duties of a federal law clerk. Her questions to us centered upon our current caseload and expectations for the future. The best employment interviews are usually interactive conversations. Calming initial anxieties and nervousness often reveal inner characteristics that might influence decisions. Dana's previously mentioned courageous professionalism exhibited itself in that interview and did make a difference. She probably doesn't recall this, but Flay's interview notes included a comment that Dana resembled one of Flay's nieces. Also unbeknownst to Dana at the time was Flay's recommendation to hire her immediately after the interview. Luckily for us, the offer was made a day or two later and accepted immediately by Dana. We learned that other judicial colleagues were interested and perched to swoop her up. (Sorry for any unintentional symbolism to cliché the “early bird catching the worm” – but timing is important).

Unsurprisingly, Dana's disciplined and brilliant leadership skills while in law school were awarded with selections as a trustworthy research assistant, editor-in-chief of the Poverty Law Journal, Corpus Juris Secondum Award, Louis A. Martinet Scholar, Warren E. Mouledoux Memorial Scholar, and other honors before graduating in May 2000. Law professors described her as “an exceptional student...unassuming...always concerned about others” ; “the epitome, in a legal context, of Ernest Hemingway's definition of courage, standing firmly, gracefully and never sanctimoniously against ill will and unkindness...learning more witnessing Dana's courageous professionalism than ever I was able to teach her from my side of the podium”; "She is truly a role model for us all".

1 Bobby Marzine Harges, Adams & Reese Distinguished Professor of Law, Loyola College of Law.
2 James Etienne Viator, Distinguished Professor of Law, Loyola College of Law.
3 William Quigley, Loyola College of Law Assistant Dean.
New judicial clerks enjoy “showing off their courthouse digs” to family and friends. Dana was no exception. Within a week or so of becoming an integral part of the Eastern District of Louisiana “court family”, she “introduced” us to her parents. A few minutes later, everyone realized that yours truly prosecuted the driver that ran over Dana's brother Daniel in 1974. A realization of that magnitude often leads to unsettling breaks or pauses in communications. This one seemed unending until tearful eyes and deep breaths brought us back from that tragic event. Dana and family are truly significant members of our history, and we are eternally grateful for their service and friendship.

Along with co-clerk Kelly McNeil Leger, another star of our beloved profession, Dana shared responsibilities as counsel to a stubborn federal judge. Miraculously, their convincing and professional representations overcame any resistance to their fresh interpretative analysis of complex and often novel legal issues. Remember, most of our judicial clerks come to us immediately after law school graduation. Kelly's previous experience as law clerk to Fifth Circuit Judge Carl Stewart and association at the Stone Pigman firm enhanced Dana's orientation into federal clerkship and practice. Thankfully, their bonds remain steadfast. We share in the following observations by Kelly about Dana:

“She epitomizes the essence of a professional attorney and represents the best of our best. Not only is she extremely prepared, organized, and conscientious, her work reflects the highest level of intellectual thought, critical thinking, and excellence. Moreover, throughout her career, Dana has given compassionately and selflessly to the profession and society through her pro bono work, organizational work, and leadership roles. I am honored to call Dana my friend and colleague.”

After an exceptionally successful clerkship, Dana became an associate member of the Liskow & Lewis firm in New Orleans. Her outstanding service to clients on commercial, energy and intellectual property litigation earned an election to partner/shareholder in the distinguished firm.

The esteemed Gene Lafitte is one of Dana’s first mentors at the Liskow firm and a member of same since 1954. He offered the following:

“Dana is in love with our profession, and is one of those wonderful individuals who always says, ‘yes’ and then gets it done. Her ability to do so much pro bono work while balancing a busy law practice and family responsibilities is truly awe-inspiring.”

Don Abaunza, another leader at Liskow, says:

“None of the Liskow lawyers are surprised that Dana has become a talented attorney and active civic leader. But the ever present smile and ‘can do’ attitude has made her a star in my book, and I am happy to count her as my colleague and friend.”

The following comments by another managing partner, Gene Fendler, summarize everyone's feelings about Dana:

“Dana has long been a source of pride at our firm because of Dana’s giving of herself and her time to so many worthy causes. She stands as a role model not only for our firm’s lawyers but for the bar as a whole. Dana takes to heart the obligation of service to the community and members of the legal profession.”

Another recognized leader in our profession, Kim Boyle, said:

“As a former president of the Louisiana State Bar Association as well as the New Orleans Bar Association, it is my distinct honor and privilege to speak about Dana M. Douglas' upcoming presidency of the New Orleans Bar Association. I have had the privilege of knowing Dana since her graduation from Loyola College of Law, and her phenomenal work as a law clerk for the Honorable Ivan Lemelle, and as an associate and then partner at the prestigious law firm of Liskow & Lewis. I have always been amazed by Dana's ability to be a highly productive and successful attorney, at a high powered law firm, while devoting so much of her time to bar association activities at every level and other community activities. In addition to Dana being promoted to the position of partner at Liskow & Lewis fairly early in her career, as one of the first African American female partners, Dana has always found the time to give back to the legal profession as a leader. I had the honor of working with Dana on the Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors, where she served with distinction and grace. Dana was always prepared for meetings and represented the then 21,000 members of the LSBA well. Dana is not one to dominate any professional meeting with her
comments, but she is definitely like the old E.F. Hutton commercials - when she speaks, everyone listens!

While Dana was serving in a leadership role for the LSBA, at the same time she served as a leader with the New Orleans Bar Association and the Louis A. Martinet Society. Dana did an excellent job as Chair of the Young Lawyers Section of the NOBA, which then catapulted her to serving on the board of directors of NOBA. During this period, Dana continued to rise in leadership for the Martinet Society, ultimately becoming President of the Martinet Society, which is the largest minority bar association in the state of Louisiana and is the local National Bar Association affiliate. Unbelievably, while Dana completed her term as Martinet president, she was unanimously nominated by the NOBA nominating committee to become President-Elect of the NOBA. As if all of this was not enough, during her very busy year in 2017 as President-Elect of NOBA, Dana also took on the chairmanship of the Justice for All Ball for the New Orleans Pro Bono Project in September of 2017, wherein the honoree was national hero and icon, Leah Chase.

To my knowledge, no one has served as president of the largest minority bar association in the State of Louisiana, of the board of governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Chairman of the Justice for All Ball, and President of the New Orleans Bar Association, while barely passing the age of 40. Not only is Dana successful in all of her professional, bar and community endeavors, she is a wonderful person. She is a consensus builder and people work with her because she works so hard, and we want her to be successful. I could not be more proud of Dana assuming the presidency of the New Orleans Bar Association, serving as only the third African American president of the NOBA, and I wish her all the best. She is going to do a phenomenal job and I am happy and honored to watch her success. Please know that the NOBA Annual Dinner where she is installed as president will be one of the highest attended dinners in the history of the NOBA because Dana has so many friends and so many judges and lawyers who wish her well. Kudos Dana for multiple jobs well done. I am honored to be your friend."

Dana's commitment to providing professional service before the bench and bar extends to broader communities in which she serves. A brief sampling of both and related awards include:

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St. Andrew's Village Board

Louisiana Chapter of the Women's Energy Network, Founding Member

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Leah Chase, Edgar Chase, IV, Jennifer Rizzo-Choi, and Dana Douglas at the 2017 Justice for All Ball benefiting the New Orleans Pro Bono Project.

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As for accomplishments, I just did what I had to do as things came along

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Read now in Dana's own words a synopsis into what matters most in a life of accomplishment.
There are two moments in my life that proved to me that things come full circle – one is the reflection on my father, working years as a bellman to help give his daughter a Catholic School education, not realizing at the time that the fruit of his labors could result in his daughter becoming a partner at a law firm at the top of the building across St. Charles Avenue from where he carried bags day in and day out. My mom too sometimes worked her full time job at the sheriff’s office, took weekend building security details at Civil District Court, and sometimes simultaneously took on a third part-time gig doing security at the local Coca-Cola building. Sitting in the security booth with her on weekends and being given the opportunity to work under Sheriff Paul Valteau after school and during summers helped to solidify what exactly it was I wanted to do after completing my education. I only hope I can replicate the strength and many life lessons I received from my parents for my darling daughter, Charli. Those opportunities are why visibility in community service is so important to me. I met so many lawyers and so many judges who were doing so many great things, not only professionally but also in the community, and their visibility inspired me. I think it is my responsibility to pay that forward.

The other moment for me in terms of things coming full circle is the more personal realization that my and Senior Judge Lemelle’s paths had crossed long before I had the opportunity to work for him. He likes to joke that he’s been knowing me since before I was born. He likes to joke that he’s been knowing me since before I was born. I don’t believe moments like that happen by chance, but believe that God orders our steps and places angels along our way (sometimes twice) to help us along.

My notable community moment came through an intellectual property licensing agreement I was working on for the NOCCA Culinary Arts Program about 9 years ago. Janee, a first cousin of mine, and one of her older sisters came to live with me a short time later. I asked them both about the hobbies they were interested in to help to get them settled in to our new environment. Janee expressed an interest in culinary work, so I encouraged her to apply. She not only applied but excelled, winning a culinary contest that placed a dish she created on several of Chef Emeril Lagasse’s menus across the country, and garnering her a full scholarship to college. Janee is now an aspiring chef at Meril’s. I am so proud of all Janee has accomplished, the exceptional opportunities she has received, and even more importantly how she has seized, excelled and followed through on those opportunities.

Professionally, The MDL In re Deepwater Horizon case was an amazing experience for me. Not only did I learn a whole lot, but I had the opportunity to see first-hand some of the decisions being made. Having the ability to give some insight on those decisions in such an unprecedented matter that impacted so many people and businesses across, not only the state of Louisiana, but elsewhere was rewarding professionally and personally.

This is a very exciting time to be in this position as the city embarks on the 300th year of its founding. The contributions to that history by the lawyers and the judicial system have been significant, and we plan to celebrate those contributions throughout the year through various CLE programs and symposiums. Separately, and in conjunction with our Veterans Fellowship, we plan to highlight the contributions of the many veteran members of our bar association. With regard to access to justice, there are two areas I hope that we can get NOBA members more engaged in. One includes the many efforts of the various re-entry courts that have been established in both our federal and state courts. The second is to ensure the viability of the CDC Self Help Desk which gives guidance and assistance to pro se litigants and plays a large role in the efficiency of the court as a whole.

Dana's hope for beautiful four-year-old Charli is a shared vision of hope for everyone. Whatever NOBA accomplishes in fulfilling hopes for others will only be sustained for future generations if we stand united, undivided and respectful in service of all…even when, and most importantly when, some create disharmony and disrespect. Love them anyway by greeting them with a smile, showing concern, resolving conflicts, and helping to transform hatred into friendship. That manner of service ideally represents the kind of work that NOBA members daily perform – it’s also part of the America we love!
A standing room only meeting took place on October 9, 2017, at 1515 Poydras in which family law judges, attorneys, and mental health experts met to discuss a variety of issues relating to family law cases. Approximately 25 family law mental health experts attended and shared their credentials, areas of expertise, and exchanged ideas with family lawyers and judges so that the legal community could discuss and learn how to better handle family law cases in general, and cases involving custody, visitation, domestic violence, etc. specifically.

The New Orleans Bar Association was joined by the Jefferson Parish and St. Tammany Parish Bar Associations in hosting the program. Family law attorneys Steven Lane with the law firm of Herman, Herman & Katz; Kim Nguyen and Jeffrey Hoffman with the law firm of Lowe, Stein, Hoffman, Allweiss & Hauver; Edith Morris with the law firm of Morris, Lee & Bayle; Marc Winsberg with the law firm of Winsberg & Arnold; and Frank Tranchina with the law firm of Tranchina & Mansfield assisted in organizing the event. As a result of the success of this event, it is anticipated that future similar meetings among family lawyers, judges, and experts will take place in the future.

The meeting was open to members of the New Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany bar associations, and all family law attorneys are encouraged to join the sponsoring bar associations.
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, 2017. We invite you to continue your membership with the New Orleans Bar Association.

Three easy ways to renew your NOBA membership:

1. **Online.**
   - 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 the website.

3. **Call NOBA’s Special Projects Coordinator,**
   - Hayley Landry, at 504-525-7453.

Again, thank you for your membership over the past year. We look forward to welcoming you back for another year very soon!
Richard C. Stanley, a member at Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC, has been included in Best Lawyers in America® 2018 for Bet-the-Company Litigation (9 years); Commercial Litigation (12 years); Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants (8 years); Litigation – Antitrust (8 years); Litigation – First Amendment (8 years); Litigation – Real Estate (8 years); and Litigation – Securities (8 years).

In addition, Richard C. Stanley, has been recognized as the 2018 New Orleans Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers in America®. Mr. Stanley previously received this honor in 2014 and 2016. Mr. Stanley was also previously recognized by Best Lawyers in America® as the 2012 and 2015 New Orleans “Lawyer of the Year” for Litigation – Antitrust.

W. Raley Alford, III, a Member at Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC, has been included in Best Lawyers in America® 2018 for Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Construction; and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants.

Thomas P. Owen, Jr., a Member at Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC, has been included in Best Lawyers in America® 2018 for Commercial Litigation.

This is the third consecutive year Mr. Owen has been recognized for Commercial Litigation by this prestigious listing.

Lynn Luker, Of Counsel at Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC, has been included in Best Lawyers in America® 2018 for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants.

This is the eighth consecutive year Ms. Luker has been recognized for Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action – Defendants by this prestigious listing.

Richard C. Stanley, a Member at Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC, has been selected for inclusion in New Orleans magazine’s 2017 list of Top Lawyers in New Orleans, Louisiana.
Robert S. Toale, founder of the Law Office of Robert S. Toale, was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He has also been appointed Vice Chair of the Public Defense Committee and as a member of the Budget Committee. He will continue his active participation on the Death Penalty Committee.

Deutsch Kerrigan, L.L.P., Associates Andrew Baer and Karuna Dave will serve as some of the faculty members at a National Business Institute seminar on November 30, 2017. Mr. Baer will help HR professionals untangle ADA and FMLA issues, including reasonable accommodations, family leave, and more. In her presentation, Ms. Dave details the must-have legal updates you need in your organization’s employee handbook and tips on wage and hourly compliance for production-oriented employers.

Deutsch Kerrigan, L.L.P., partner Joanne Rinardo has been named Vice President of the Cypress Academy Board. Ms. Rinardo is a partner in the firm whose area of practice is concentrated in all aspects of Employment Law. Ms. Rinardo also practices in the area of Educational Law representing both small independent grammar, middle and high schools, as well as a large state university in all types of employment matters, as well as student related issues.

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that the Firm was recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a “highly recommended” firm in Louisiana. In addition to the Firm’s ranking, Judy Barrasso, George C. Freeman, III, Craig Isenberg, Stephen H. Kupperman, H. Minor Pipes, III, Richard E. Sarver, and Steven W. Usdin were ranked as “local litigation stars,” and Michael A. Balascio, Kristin L. Beckman, Jamie L. Berger, David N. Luder, Stephen L. Miles, and Andrea Mahady Price were identified as “future litigation stars.”

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Chloé M. Chetta and Catherine P. Thibodeaux have joined the firm as Associates.


Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that five lawyers have been named to the 2018 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, the oldest peer-review publication in the legal profession.

Robert J. David has been recognized since 1995 in the fields of Medical Malpractice Law and Personal Injury Litigation.

Gerald E. Meunier recognized since 1999 in the fields of Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions and Personal Injury Litigation.

Irving J. Warshauer recognized since 2003 in Personal Injury Litigation.

Stevan C. Dittman recognized since 2012 in Personal Injury Litigation.

Walter C. Morrison, IV recognized since 2008 in Medical Malpractice Law and Personal Injury Litigation and practices in the New Orleans and Ridgeland, Mississippi offices.

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

November 2017
You are cordially invited to attend the 93rd Annual Dinner Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2017

Dana M. Douglas to be installed as President for the 2017-18 year.

Audubon Tea Room
6500 Magazine Street
New Orleans, LA

Cocktails at 6 p.m.
Dinner Meeting at 7 p.m.

Reservations:
Individual reservations at $65 per person | Tables of 10 at $650 per person
Complimentary Judicial Reservation
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Mr. John A. Bolles, Phelps Dunbar, LLP | Mr. F. Joseph Drolla, Jr., Attorney at Law | Hon. Marion F. Edwards, Attorney at Law | Mr. Warren A. Goldstein, Warren A Goldstein, APLC | Mr. Gerald J. Leydecker, Leydecker Law Offices | Mr. James R. Nieset, Plauche, Smith & Nieset | Mr. Henry F. O’Connor, Jr., Fishman Haygood Phelps Walmsley Willis & Swanson, LLP | Mr. David G. Perlis, Perlis & Associates | Mr. James R. Sutterfield, Sutterfield & Webb, LLC | Mr. Ronald S. Wood, Fidelity National Title