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2019 DISTINGUISHED MARITIME AWARD

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT BY AUGUST 15, 2019

This award honors maritime attorneys for their dedication in practicing admiralty law. Nominee must be a member of the New Orleans Bar Association.

To submit nominations please go to www.neworleansbar.org/distinguished-maritime-lawyer-award

Only members of the Maritime and International Law Committee may vote. Join the Committee by emailing Imurphyeneworleansbar.org.
My Fellow NOBA Members,

When I was a kid, I loved the month of July. It was the middle of the summer school break, and it brought with it the Fourth of July celebrations, baseball, pool parties, outdoor barbeques, camping trips, and my family’s annual summer vacation. Although I seem to be more conscious of July’s heat and humidity now than I was as a kid, I still look forward to all of the good things that happen during this month. At NOBA, we are living up to these July expectations by filling the month with educational and social activities for our members.

The Young Lawyers Section will kick things off with a Summer Bar Crawl, which will start at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12th. If your firm has law clerks this summer, please encourage them to join the YLS at this event. It is a great way to meet fellow clerks and to learn more about the fun and worthy activities planned by the YLS throughout the year.

**Judge Piper Griffin** will open her courtroom on July 18th for an Approach the Bench Session. This is an opportunity for lawyers and law clerks to meet a distinguished member of our judiciary and learn about the law and practice from her perspective on the bench.

NOBA will welcome Governor John Bel Edwards for our annual Governor’s Luncheon in late July. Lookout for an announcement about the date and location on the NOBA website. The Governor is expected to brief NOBA on the results of the most recent legislative session and outline his vision for the future of Louisiana. This event sold out last year, so please purchase your tables and seats early to ensure attendance.

On July 24th, a very special event is planned: the Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) fundraiser, “The Bar Exam,” a pub quiz-style event at Eiffel Society (2040 St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans). This event features a silent auction, a catered dinner, and a local legal celebrity quiz master. It will celebrate the impact of civil legal aid and raise important funds to ensure low income people can access our justice system. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the New Orleans Bar Foundation’s **Mark Moreau Public Interest Law Award**. I am honored to announce Paul Tuttle as the well-deserving recipient of that award this year. Please come out to congratulate Mr. Paul Tuttle, support the SLLS, and have a great time!

Finally, NOBA’s law committees have five CLEs scheduled during the month of July on the topics of tax law, worker’s compensation, complex litigation, and civil rights. Please check the calendar either at the NOBA website or in this edition of *Briefly Speaking* to get more information.
Worker Classification, Tax, Benefits, Wage-Hour, and Other Issues CLE
Hosted by the Tax Law Committee

Speakers: Dwayne O. Littauer, The Kullman Firm
Robert P. Lombardi, The Kullman Firm
MaryJo L. Roberts, The Kullman Firm

Date: Thursday, July 11, 2019
Time: 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. with a Happy Hour to follow
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

To Register: Contact the NOBA office at (504) 525-7453 or email Briana Nelms at bnelms@neworleansbar.org

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.

Legislative Updates in Workers’ Compensation
Hosted by the Workers’ Compensation Committee

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

Date: Friday, July 12, 2019
Time: 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.
Location: NOBA Office, 650 Poydras Street, Suite 1505, New Orleans, LA 70130

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Settling Complex Cases
Hosted by the Complex Litigation Committee

**Speaker:** Conrad S.P. (Duke) Williams, III, Lewis Kullman Sterbcow & Abramson
Patrick S. McGoey, Schonekas Evans McGoey & McEachin

**Date:** Wednesday, July 17, 2019

**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

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Approach the Bench CLE
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**Speakers:** The Hon. Piper Griffin, Civil District Court

**Date:** Thursday, July 18, 2019

**Time:** 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Location:** 421 Loyola Avenue, Room 405, New Orleans LA, 70112

**CLE:** 1 hour of CLE Credit

**Cost:** NOBA Member: FREE; Non-Member: $25 (includes lunch)

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Lawyers as Interpreters: Can you take the heat?
Hosted by the Civil Rights Committee

**Speaker:** Kimberly R. Silas, Louisiana Supreme Court
Dr. Lisbeth Philip, University of New Orleans

**Date:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019

**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

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Law and Tech Talk: University Collaboration and Technology Transfer
Hosted by the Technology Law Committee

Speaker: Nicole Honoree, LSU Health New Orleans
Patrick E. Reed, LSU Health
Erik Wahl, University of New Orleans
James Zanewicz, Tulane University

Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019

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

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"THE BAR EXAM"
A PUB QUIZ TO BENEFIT

We are honored that the New Orleans Bar Association and its Foundation are presenting its Mark Moreau Public Interest Law Award at the "Bar Exam"

When: Wednesday, July 24, 2019
5:30-8 p.m.
Quiz starts at 6:00 pm

Where: Eiffel Society
2040 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans

Tickets: Purchase tickets at the door or online at https://slls.org/event/ $35.00 ($25.00 for students)
THE ECHO OF THE STILL SMALL VOICE BROUGHT ABOUT BY LAW DAY 2019

BY HANNAH BETH SALTER
CORDONE LAW FIRM

“The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better.” – Robert F. Kennedy

Law Day is part of a national program of the American Bar Association that provides resources for teaching and learning about the law. Robert Kennedy’s contributions to free press and free speech were the focus of Law Day 2019. Locally, Law Day 2019 was made possible through the coordination of leaders and volunteers from the New Orleans Bar Association and the Honorable Judge Zainey.

On May 10, 2019, 70 4th grade students from Bonella A. St. Ville Elementary came for a tour and presentation at the United States District Court. The program started with Mary Claire Landry being honored with the Liberty Bell Award for her service to the community and substantial contributions to fighting domestic violence on a grass roots’ level. Jason Waguespack and Kelly Brilleaux presented the award and gave the children an overview of the purpose of the Liberty Bell Award.

The Liberty Bell Award exists to honor service of non-legal members of the community for their contribution to the law. Mary Claire Landry’s numerous achievements were highlighted, including securing $3 million in funding to open the Family Justice Center in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. The Family Justice Center leads the way in bringing together community-based domestic violence providers as well as criminal justice and law enforcement professionals to provide comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and child abuse. After the presentation of the award, Mary Claire Landry spoke to the children about the importance of using their own voice to stand up for their rights and the rights of their classmates, who may experience bullying at school or domestic violence in the home.
The program thereafter transitioned into an open discussion of free speech lead by Judge Zainey in his courtroom. In thought, Judge Zainey engaged the children from a level of respect that spread among them like wildfire. In action, Judge Zainey took the time to personally put his robe and arms of leadership around each of their shoulders. After their lesson, the children shared a lunch and made signs about what they want to change with their own free speech:

- better pay for their own teachers and more time for their teachers to have a break
- for homes and cars to be cheaper
- for people to show kindness and stop killing one another
- for people to stop chopping down all the trees and throwing plastic in the ocean
- to change their own communities

The concerns of these children should serve as a reminder to each of us that we are obligated to contribute in some way to making things better, and that obligation does not change no matter our age. These local children already have ideas about how to change the future, and how they can contribute their voices in a positive manner to shape the laws which govern and affect them. What we can learn from Robert F. Kennedy, Mary Claire Landry and Judge Zainey is a message one in the same - the best way to effect change is to use our own voice.

A special heartfelt thank you to all who helped make Law Day 2019 possible.

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Hannah Beth Salter prides herself in providing first level quality care to personal injury victims through her service at the Cardone Law Firm. She has been named a Super Lawyers Rising Star for 4 consecutive years in a row.
EVENTS: EXCEPTIONAL. ENGAGING. ENERGIZING.

Robin Cassidy and Alex Fleszar

Brian Mersman, Andrew Waters, Chief the dog and Kelly Brilleaux

Caitlin Flanagan

Cayce Peterson and Grant Wood at the Pinch, Peel, Eat & Repeat Crawfish Boil
Charlene Braud-Phillips and Darryl Phillips

Harold Flanagan and Jimmy Casteix

Ali Spindler, Kelly Brilleaux, David Melancon, and Vic Danton

Bill Buckley and Ed Trapolin

NOBA Members enjoying the joint committee happy hour!

Danielle Davis and Denia Aiyegbusi
2019 Pro-Bowl-O Tournament
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YLS Pro-Bowl-O Co-Chairs, Cat Filippi
and Katie Swartout

YLS Chair Kelly Brilleaux and NOBA
President Jason Waguespack
NEW ORLEANS NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

On Thursday, June 6, 2019, Judge Nanette Jolivette Brown administered the Oath of Allegiance to 35 new United States citizens. The ceremony began with the Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Daughters of the American Revolution. As keynote speaker, NOBA President, Jason P. Waguespack discussed the important responsibilities one takes on as a U.S. Citizen: “We have the responsibility to support and defend the Constitution; to respect and obey the law; to respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others; to defend our country in times of war in accordance with our ability and conscious; to vote and participate in the democratic process; and to be informed and contribute in good and noble ways to the life of our community. “ Many thanks to Judge Brown and Jason Waguespack for their work to welcome, encourage, and support new citizens in the community.

NOBA President, Jason Waguespack, was asked to be the keynote speaker at the Naturalization Ceremony on Thursday, June 6, 2019.

Petitioners reciting the Oath of Allegiance.

Judge Nanette Jolivette Brown swearing in petitioners as U.S. Citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony.
Fleur de Lis Leaders of New Orleans

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Riess LeMieux is pleased to welcome Margaret N. Davis to the firm. A graduate of Tulane University Law School, her experience includes securities, maritime, and commercial litigation. She served as the Managing Editor of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal and is a legal writing instructor at Tulane’s Business School.

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that Christine (“Chrissy”) M. Calogero was selected to be a participant in the New Orleans Business Alliance’s 2019 Economic Development Ambassador Program.

Jones Walker’s Construction Practice Group was ranked regionally in both Georgia and Louisiana. Richard J. Tyler, a partner in the New Orleans office, was recognized for his excellence on the basis of extensive research and interviews.

Jones Walker recently announced its top rankings in the 2019 edition of Chambers USA, the premier ranking directory in the legal industry highlighting outstanding lawyers and law firms.

In total, 58 Jones Walker attorneys and 12 of the firm’s practice groups were ranked in the 2019 addition of Chambers USA. A press release announcing the rankings can be found on their website.

Jones Walker’s Construction Practice Group ranked on a national level and was selected as only one of sixteen national law firms to receive this prestigious honor.

Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C. is pleased to announce that the Firm was ranked as Top Tier for Commercial Litigation in the 2019 edition of Chambers USA. In addition to the Firm’s ranking, Judy Y. Barrasso, Celeste Coco-Ewing, George C. Freeman, Stephen H. Kupperman, H. Minor Pipes, III, and Steven W. Usdin were ranked as top litigators in the state, and Richard E. Sarver was recognized for Nationwide Product Liability & Mass Torts.

The law firm of Smith & Fawer, LLC is pleased to announce that its founding member and managing partner, Randall A. Smith, has been appointed by the Owners’ Counsel of America for the second year in a row to serve as Chairman of the Board in 2019-2020.
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