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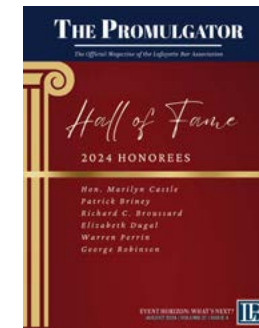
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ON THE COVER

In this 2024 August issue of The Promulgator we cover Hall of Fame, Bench Bar, Board of Directors Applications, and so much more!
Meet our 2024 Hall of Fame Class on pages 12 - 13, 15.

Don't miss!
LBA Board of Directors Application Insert Included in this issue.

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AUG 22-24 - BENCH BAR

The Grand Hotel Resort & Spa in Point Clear, AL

AUG 16 - FLS CLE

LBA Office

AUG 28 - YLS LUNCH CLE

LBA Office

SEPT 25 - HALL OF FAME GALA

City Club at River Ranch

OCT 11- PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Lafayette Pickleball Club

OCT 18 - CLAY SHOOT

Wilderness Gun Club

OCT 23 - LUNCH & LEARN CLE

LBA Office

OCT 25 - CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Association Members:

We are now halfway through the summer and I hope that each of you have taken advantage of this fun and busy time of year. I am happy to report that the Association is thriving and we are gearing up for what is sure to be the best Bench Bar Conference yet. I hope to see everyone there!

Following Bench Bar, we will be hosting the Hall of Fame banquet at City Club on September 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. We received applications for many well-deserving nominees and are more than pleased to honor the following:

Honorable Marilyn Castle
Patrick Briney
Richard Broussard
Elizabeth Dugal
Warren Perrin
George Robinson

We hope that you will join us to celebrate each of these attorneys and the amazing careers they have had along with their immeasurable contributions to our Bar.

Enjoy whatever summer you may have left with your family, friends and each other!



Lindsay Meador Young

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

August marks my five-year anniversary as Executive Director of the Lafayette Bar Association and I can truly say I have enjoyed the work, the relationships I have built, and even the challenges I have faced. I have had the pleasure of working with some fabulous mentor presidents of the Association – Maggie Simar, Glenn Edwards, Karen King, Shannon Dartez, Robert Kallam and Lindsay Meador Young and Foundation chairs John Swift, Dave Ernest, and Greg Tonore as well as the section presidents and event chairs. I can't wait to see what the next five years holds for our Association and Foundation!

It's officially Bench Bar month! While I love all of our LBA events, the multi-faceted aspects of an event like Bench Bar are very exciting for me. I cannot wait to experience all that the Grand Resort, Point Clear, and Fairhope have to offer. The agenda has been planned to allow for plenty of leisure time at the pool, on the golf course, biking the area, at the spa, or however you choose to relax. If you have not registered to attend, there is still time. You can check out the agenda and speaker lineup and register to attend on the LBA website, lafayettebar.org, under the Bench Bar tab.

Congratulations to our 2024 Bench Bar Giveaway winner, J.P. Graf!



Pam Landaiche

The 2024 Hall of Fame inductees have been selected and will be honored during the Gala on September 25 at the City Club of River Ranch. Congratulations to the honorees: Patrick Briney, Richard Broussard, Judge Marilyn Castle, Elizabeth Dugal, Warren Perrin, and George Robinson. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Individual tickets or tables of 8 can be purchased on the LBA website. In conjunction with Hall of the Fame, the Lafayette Bar Foundation will be holding a Silent Auction featuring some great items, with proceeds to benefit the programs and services of the Foundation. A list of items will be circulated prior to the event in order for those in attendance to preview what will be available.

With Fall comes the election of new Board members. If you are interested in serving on the 2024-2025 LBA Board of Directors, please complete the application in this issue and send it to me via email at pam@lafayettebar.org or mail to my attention at the LBA office, 2607 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA 70503. We offer several committees to serve on with varying levels of commitment.

Be on the lookout for information on the first Pickleball Clinic/Tournament this fall to be hosted by the Young Lawyer Section. Details are being worked out and info will be circulated soon. This event will take the place of the annual Tennis Tournament.

I hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events!



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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT JAMI ISHEE

The young lawyers are excited for an engaging Bench Bar experience and are fast at work planning fall networking events so we may continue fostering the relationships we build at the Grand after returning home. With a variety of events that are the first of their kind, we are sure that every new associate and seasoned lawyer will find something they just can't wait to attend.

For the first time, we will be swapping our afternoon cocktail glasses for morning coffee mugs at our fall MORNING social! We hope that everyone can start their day on the right foot over coffee and conversations with colleagues. This is our first morning social thanks to the wonderful idea of our social chair, Mark Owens, who wanted to create a social that was more inclusive for our colleagues who cannot attend happy hours. It will inevitably be a great eye opener before grinding out great briefing for our clients.

Next, the inaugural Pickleball tournament & clinic! For the many pickleball lovers, we will host the first ever pickleball tournament, and for those who aspire to be pickleball lovers, we will have a pro on site to offer a clinic. Be on the look out for updates about this new and exciting venture planned by our Tennis, turned Pickleball Chair, Clare Roubion! I know nothing about pickleball but am excited to gain

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A report of the Lafayette Bar Foundation,
provided by Foundation Chair Gregory
Tonore



I hope you all are having a great summer. The restoration of the LBA office's outdoor patio is almost complete! Painting the outdoor patio is next on the list. I would like to thank Miles Matt and Pam Landaiche for taking the lead on this project. Some of our future plans include, painting the building, replacing the conference room furniture, and replacing the conference windows facing Johnson Street with sound barrier windows. The Lafayette Bar Foundation board of directors is appreciative of the Louisiana Bar Foundation's generosity in approving grants for the restoration work. Pam Landaiche, our executive director, continues to do fine work in preparing and requesting these grants from the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

The Champions of Justice award breakfast is scheduled for October 25th at 7:00 AM at the Petroleum Club. I invite all Lafayette Bar Foundation volunteers and attorneys to come out and congratulate this year's winners. The winners will be announced in October. This is a great time to share fellowship with attorneys, judges, and dignitaries and to celebrate all the work the Lafayette Bar Foundation and its volunteers do for our community. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about our various programs, please email marilyn@lafayettebar.org. Marilyn Lopez, our pro bono director,

continues to do outstanding work in reaching out to the community as well as organizing and helping our volunteers perform pro bono work.

Each month we recognize one of our pro bono heroes. In the month of May we recognized Taneisha Riggs. Taneisha is a solo practitioner who regularly takes pro bono cases through the Lafayette Bar Foundation. When asked about volunteer services Taneisha states "To me, volunteer means that if I'm able to help someone in need I will do so without hesitation. It is not something I need to think about because there are people who need assistance, and my aim is always to provide the best support possible." In the month of June we recognized Brittany LaCombe. Brittany is with Domengeaux, Wright, Roy, & Edwards, LLC and regularly takes pro bono cases through the Lafayette Bar Foundation as well. When asked about volunteer services she says, "To me, volunteering means working hand-in-hand with my community to ensure that everyone has a chance for fair representation." Taneisha and Brittany are what's right with practice of law and we congratulate and thank them and all those volunteers who feel the same and give of their time without hesitation.

Lastly, this will be the last Promulgator article from me. My 2 year term will end this October. It has been an honor to serve as the Lafayette Bar Foundation chair person. I would like to welcome Dean Cole as the new incoming board chairman and Kenny Oliver as the new vice-chairman. Rest assured the Bar Foundation is in great hands with Dean and Kenny!

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FAMILY LAW SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT
LESLEY BEAM

For those that don't know me, I am a solo practitioner living in Lafayette with my husband Aaron Baniewicz and our two wonderful children, Charlie (8) and Danny (6). I spent the first nine years of my career practicing in Pennsylvania as a family lawyer before I relocated to Louisiana in 2012 to sit for yet another bar exam and to try and learn how to practice family law with a whole new set of laws and procedures. I am very honored to take up the helm of the LBA Family Law Section at this time. For me, this presidency is my opportunity to serve my fellow family law practitioners, the Court and the practice itself. I thank our immediate past president Claire Edwards for all of her hard work and dedication to the section. It has been a privilege working so closely with her and seeing all that she brought to the role. I hope that I can take the work that she did and build on it successfully.

I am thankful for the incoming EC members who agreed to serve with me this year: our vice-president Logan Istre, treasurer Derek Hebert, secretary Brittany LaCombe, and at-large members Lana Duhon, Wesley Galjour and Heather Duhon Moore. With their help and Claire's guidance, I am certain we can continue to advance the goals of the section.

For those Bar Association members who take on (or hope to take on) any family law clients and have not joined the Family Law Section, I cannot encourage you enough to at least add a few meetings to your calendar and come see what the section does. Family law is a contentious and often highly-charged area of law. Getting to know fellow practitioners outside of the courtroom and away from our cases is really an invaluable tool to help us keep the animosity between our clients, and not between ourselves.

The section can provide so much support, especially if you are a solo practitioner or within a firm where you are the only one taking on family law cases. Family law is also such a nuanced area of law that is ever-evolving; staying current on changes in procedure, legislation and case law is more important than ever. Each meeting includes a CLE that is specific to our practice, and the EC is constantly working to provide content that will help us serve our clients better. Our next meeting is a 3-hour CLE beginning at 10 am on August 16th, 2024 at the Bar Association; if you can't come for all the credits, you are more than welcome to come for one or two. I hope we will see you there.

For all members of the section, please, feel free to reach out to me. You can reach me by email at lbeam@beam-law.com. I welcome your input on ways that the Section can serve its members better, any family law topics you want to know more about, any issues that you hope we can address with our Court and any questions you might have. I look forward to this upcoming year!

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1. Which Lafayette Bar staff member is a Lay Advocate for a Declaration of Nullity for the Diocese of Lafayette?

2. Harvard Law grad Frank Underwood was a President who resigned from office on what Netflix series?

Find the answers later on a different page!



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2024 BENCH BAR SCHEDULE

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Thursday, August 22, 2024

- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Legislative Update
John Stefanski
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Welcome Reception and Happy Hour

Friday, August 23, 2024

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 8:15 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM Judicial and Speaker Hospitality Suite Open
- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Criminal Law for the Civil Attorney
Pat Magee, Patsy Duhon, Honorable Royale Colbert, and Honorable Roger Hamilton
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Juxtaposition of Choosing Civil and Criminal Juries
Tony Clayton
- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM Sponsor Break
- 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM Judicial Roundtable
- 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM Lunch / Sponsor Break
- 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on the Legal World
Steven Bradley
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Free time for activities: Golf, beach, happy hour, napping
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wine Law
Jason Matt and Jonathan Jarrett
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner (On-Site)

Saturday, August 24, 2024

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast and Registration
- 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Judicial and Speaker Hospitality Suite Open
- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Domestic Violence
Honorable John Guidry
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Concussions & Traumatic Brain Injuries
Dr. David Barczyk
- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM Sponsor Break
- 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Hot Topics in Ethics
Clare Roubion
- 11:45 AM Adjourn



WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024



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RIVER RANCH

Amazing advocates. Committed counselors. Legal legends. And now inductees into the Lafayette Bar Association Hall of Fame. Patrick Briney, Richard Broussard, Honorable Marilyn Castle, Elizabeth Dugal, Warren Perrin, and George Robinson are outstanding lawyers who have engaged in the practice of law during a significant portion of their legal careers and whose practices have served as models for other lawyers. The special designation as a member of the Hall of Fame recognizes esteemed members of the legal profession who have left their mark in the courtroom, the boardroom, their firms and with community organizations, bar associations, and the judiciary.

The Lafayette Bar established the Hall of Fame in 2014 to honor its outstanding attorneys and their contributions to the profession, the Bar, and the community. The Lafayette Parish legal community has a rich history of producing highly successful lawyers, many of whom became trailblazers within the Bar and the Lafayette community. Since 2014, the Bar has recognized numerous leaders and community servants. Inclusion in the LBA Hall of Fame is intended to recognize an exemplary career as an attorney, dedicated service to the community, and participation in the Bar. We present to you the Hall of Fame Class of 2024.



Honorable Marilyn Castle

Marilyn was first elected to the bench in November 1998. She has since served multiple stints as the court’s chief justice, including during the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita and during the upheaval of the COVID-19 pandemic. She also previously served as president of the statewide Louisiana District Judges’ Association, a professional nonprofit organization that represents the interests of Louisiana judges and assists in their professional development. Castle has served as a member of the Louisiana Judicial Structure Task Force and the Louisiana Law Institute. Castle earned her juris doctorate from LSU’s Law Center in 1976 and served as an assistant district attorney for the first three

years of her career. She then practiced business and commercial litigation until her election to the bench in 1998. She was the first woman president of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and served on the Board of Governors and House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association and as a member of the steering committee of the Citizen’s Summit on Justice Reform.



Patrick Briney

Patrick was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and later moved to Alexandria, Louisiana. He settled in Lafayette in 1979 after finishing from LSU Law Center. Patrick is dedicated to the Louisiana legal community. He has worked as a Louisiana Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division, Assistant District Attorney East Baton Rouge Parish, and as a partner at Briney Foret Corry. He served on the Board of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and as its Vice President, served as President of Citizens for Public Education, served as a member of St. Jude's Chapel of All Souls, and is very involved with the St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. He was married to a wonderful, patient, and

beautiful woman with a great sense of humor for forty-one years, fathered and raised four great kids, currently spoiling a grandson. And he’s still at it—Patrick is still practicing and working as a mediator and arbitrator.



Richard C. Broussard

Richard C. Broussard was born in Lafayette, Louisiana on April 1, 1949 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in 1971 from the University of Southwest Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and a Juris Doctor in 1974 from Louisiana State University. He also served as an officer in the United States Air Force Reserves from 1971 - 1975. He is currently a partner in the firm of Broussard, David & Moroux. His areas of practice include: Products Liability Law, Maritime Personal Injury Law, Aviation Litigation, and General Personal Injury Law. Mr. Broussard is an "AV" rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell (highest rating possible). Mr. Broussard was board certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in Civil Trial Advocacy. In 2007, 2008 and 2009,

Mr. Broussard was selected by a statewide poll of attorneys as one of "The Top 50" Lawyers in the State of Louisiana (the list includes lawyers from all areas of practice). Additionally, his peers selected Mr. Broussard as one of the state's very best personal injury attorneys every year since the inception of the Super Lawyers rating system, 2007 - 2024 Louisiana Super Lawyers. Mr. Broussard was chosen by the Louisiana State Bar Association to receive its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award (2004). He is a member of the Lafayette Outreach for Civil Justice, as the founding co-chairperson. Lafayette Parish Bar Association, having served as President in 1986-1987; Louisiana State Bar Association having served as a member of the House of Delegates in 1980-1981 and the Board of Governors, from 1993-1995; the Louisiana Association for Justice serving on the Board of Governors from 1983-1986 and on the Executive Committee from 1996-1997. He also holds memberships in the American Association for Justice, Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association, American Inn of Court (Secretary-Treasurer, Acadiana Inn, 1989- 1991), the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and listed in the 2006 Martindale-Hubbell Bar Registry of Preeminent Attorneys. Mr. Broussard is married to Kathy Broussard. They have three children and six grandchildren.



Elizabeth A. Dugal

Elizabeth’s legal career spanned 41 years before her retirement in 2018. Upon her graduation from law school in 1977, Elizabeth hung her shingle immediately and began practicing law in Lafayette in 1977. She served as a member of the American Inns of Court of Acadiana for two terms. Elizabeth’s dedication to her community is long-standing. Elizabeth served on Lafayette Parish Planning Commission and the Lafayette Regional Planning Commission. She has served as a member of the board of directors of both Food Net and the Shining Light Foundation. Elizabeth has also worked tirelessly to advance minority interests. She was appointed to the Lafayette Commission on the Needs of Women

from 1984 - 93 and served as its vice-president and president during her tenure there. In 2006, she was presented with the “Women of Excellence” Award by the Mayor’s Commission on the Needs of Women. In 1997, Elizabeth became one of the founding members of the Paula K Woodruff Family Law Section of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association. She also became one of the earliest board-certified Family Law Specialists. In 1999, she was awarded the President’s Award for Outstanding Service to the Family Law Section. Elizabeth also served the Louisiana Bar Association as a member of the board of directors in 2002. She served as a member of the Family Law Advisory Commission of the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization from 2002- 2008. She was awarded the Louisiana State Bar Association’s Century Award for pro bono service in 2013 and 2014, the Louisiana State Pro Bono Publico Award, and the Lafayette Bar Association Outstanding LVL Attorney Award for 1990, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2017.

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Scott Love

Warren Perrin



Warren Perrin graduated from the LSU Law Center in 1972. He served as a Law Clerk for the Chief Judge of the Third Circuit Court of Appeal, Judge Cleveland Fruge. He is a partner at Partner, Perrin, Landry, and deLaunay, maintaining law offices in Lafayette, Houma and Erath. Warren has served as a member of the House of Delegates and the Louisiana State Bar Association. He also served as a representative in the House of Delegates for the LSBA. Warren co-founded the Francophone Section of the LSBA. Warren has received numerous recognitions including: University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award; Recipient, John Ashby "T-Jean" Hernandez, III Memorial Francophone Leadership Award; Recipient, Daughters of the American Revolution Americanism National Medal of Honor, Acadiana Lifestyle, "The Most Interesting People of 2016;" and a Recipient of the "President's Award," from the CFMA for cultural preservation and promotion.

George H. Robinson



George graduated from LSU Law School in 1974 and practiced in Shreveport for a year. He joined Liskow & Lewis in 1975 and was one of the original and founding members of the firm's litigation practice in Lafayette. He retired in approximately 2018 as a senior trial lawyer with extensive experience as lead counsel in major corporate litigation in bench and jury trials and at the appellate level in federal and state courts in Louisiana. He was also a member of the firm's Board of Directors and former head of the firm's maritime and energy casualty/insurance practice group for the Lafayette office. His accomplishments as a litigator were well recognized by his faculty presence in training litigators for LSU and for the American College of Trial Lawyers, by his selection as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and in Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers. His accomplishments included his service to the Bar, in which he was active as the Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers section chairman, the president of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, and the president of the Acadiana Inn of the American Inns of Court. Hootie, as he was known, would be most proud of his reputation for both competence and professionalism, as he was a firm believer in doing what is right, and in doing it right the first time around. He was also an accomplished hunter and fisherman.



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7TH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME GALA

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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Generative AI Is Here To Stay

By Clare Roubion

The use of generative AI in the legal profession is here to stay. Lawyers use generative AI for various tasks such as legal research, analyzing and synthesizing information, explaining new legal concepts, writing emails, and drafting contracts and legal briefs. There are many benefits to utilizing generative AI in the legal profession. Generative AI allows lawyers to save time and redirect their energy to higher-priority tasks. However, there are also potential disadvantages of using generative AI at work, including concerns about plagiarism, providing factually incorrect information, and privacy issues. Here are some practice tips for utilizing AI in your practice.

- **Confidentiality.** Lawyers should obtain their client's informed consent prior to utilizing a third-party generative AI program if the use would involve the disclosure of any confidential information. Lawyers must ensure that the lawyer utilizing the AI program sufficiently understands the technology, including whether the program is "self-learning." This is because a "self-learning" program develops its responses as it receives additional information and raises the possibility that the client's information may be stored within the system and used to respond to future inquiries. Lawyers should adopt reasonable precautions to avoid the inadvertent disclosure of confidential information and refrain from attempting to access information previously provided to the generative AI by other lawyers.
- **Duties of Competence and Diligence.** Understand how the AI system works, what the system can do, and what the system cannot do. Do not over rely on the AI system. A lawyer must critically review, validate, and correct both the input and the output of generative AI to ensure the content accurately reflects and supports the interests and priorities of the client in the matter at hand, including as part of advocacy for the client.
- **Duty to Supervise Lawyers and Non-Lawyers.** Adopt and implement internal firm policies on the use of generative AI by lawyers and nonlawyers within the firm. These policies should ensure that the firm's lawyers and non-lawyers' conduct comply with their professional obligations when using generative AI. Always review the work product of a generative AI system. This includes verifying the accuracy and sufficiency of all research performed by the generative AI. Lawyers must not delegate tasks to the generative AI program which could constitute the practice of law. This includes the negotiation of claims or any other task that requires a lawyer's personal judgment and participation. If the lawyer utilizes generative AI or a chatbot for client intake, the lawyer should not use an overly welcoming chatbot that may provide legal advice, fail to immediately identify itself as a non-lawyer chatbot, or fail to include clear and understandable disclaimers limiting the lawyer's obligations.
- **Communication.** Tell your client that you are utilizing generative AI in the representation. This includes explaining to the client how the AI system will be used, as well as the benefits and risks of such use. Lawyers should also review any client instructions or policies that may restrict or limit the use of generative AI.
- **Billing.** A lawyer may use generative AI to more efficiently create work product and may charge for actual time spent (e.g., crafting or refining generative AI inputs and prompts, or reviewing and editing generative AI outputs). A lawyer must not charge hourly fees for the time saved by using generative AI. A fee agreement should explain the basis for all fees and costs, including those associated with the use of generative AI. The lawyer may only charge the client for the actual costs incurred on behalf of the individual client. The lawyer also may not duplicate charges that are already accounted for in the lawyer's overhead. The lawyer may not falsely inflate the amount of time spent on a matter. Lawyers who will heavily rely on generative AI in their cases may consider utilizing contingent fee agreements or flat fee billing to capture the benefits of increased efficiency. In a contingent fee case, lawyers should not charge the client separately for the cost or use of AI when that work would usually be accomplished by the client's own lawyer and incorporated into the standard fee paid to the lawyer. This is true even if that cost is paid to a third-party provider. The lawyer must inform the client in writing of the lawyer's intent to charge the client the actual cost of using generative AI. The charges must be reasonable and non-duplicative. Finally, the lawyer should not charge the client for the time spent developing a minimal competence in the use of generative AI.
- **Candor to the Tribunal.** A lawyer must review all generative AI outputs, including, but not limited to, analysis and citations to authority for accuracy before submission to the court, and correct any errors or misleading statements made to the court. A lawyer should also check for any rules, orders, or other requirements in the relevant jurisdiction that may necessitate the disclosure of the use of generative AI.
- **Legal Advertising.** Lawyers utilizing chatbots for advertising and client intake must inform prospective clients that they are communicating with an AI program and not with a lawyer or firm employee. The lawyer should consider utilizing screening questions for the chatbot to limit the chatbot's communications if a person is already represented by counsel.

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LAWYERS GIVING TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES TO THEIR COMMUNITY

By: **Tamiko Chatman**

“Whatever you choose to do, leave tracks. That means don’t do it just for yourself. You will want to leave the world a little better for your having lived.”
— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (D. 2020) was a passionate advocate for true equality for all, especially the underrepresented and underserved members of society. Consequently, she held that a person’s actions speak volumes and that one must choose, through one’s actions, to make the world a better place for everyone.

In this issue, we spotlight the community service of two members whose lives mirror Justice Ginsburg’s teachings. Mark L. Riley, who passed from this life in October 2023, left the world a little better for having lived in it, leaving loving tracks in the lives he touched. Sachida R. Raman has chosen to leave his mark on society by working for true legal equality for the marginalized, making the justice system and society better for all. Their service, in and for the community, speaks volumes. Here are their stories...



Mark L. Riley

Mark L. Riley was a native and lifelong resident of the Acadiana area. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government and Juris Doctorate from Louisiana State University in 1977 and 1980, respectively. His legal career, which began with Onebane Law Firm and continued with The Glenn Armentor Law Corporation (2010), was a testament to his deep roots and unwavering commitment to the Acadiana community.

For years, those who had the privilege of working alongside Mark witnessed firsthand his remarkable contributions to the community. Throughout his career, it became evident to his coworkers that Mark was a dedicated lawyer and a selfless

individual who generously shared his treasure, time, and talents within his community. Mark's dedication to the legal profession was unwavering. His co-workers highlight his inspiring belief in the importance of lifelong learning and mentorship. He was not just a zealous advocate for his clients but also a teacher and lecturer on workers' compensation for the Louisiana State Bar Association. Mark's recognition as a Certified Worker's Compensation Professional by LASIE and a Lawyer of Distinction in Worker's Compensation in 2019 and 2020, along with his authored book, *Workers Compensation in Louisiana – A Practical Look*, are testaments to his commitment to enhancing the skills of other legal professionals.

Mark's contributions extended beyond his clients and the legal profession. He generously shared his gifts of leadership and mentorship with the Boy Scouts of America. He recognized

the importance of nurturing young minds and guiding them toward responsible citizenship. His influence on countless young scouts, instilling in them the values of leadership, integrity, and community service, is a testament to his dedication to shaping the next generation.

Mark's dedication to service also extended to his faith community. As a dedicated and active Asbury United Methodist Church member, he served the United Methodist Cursillo Community as a member of the staff and board of directors. He shared his love of music and his vocal talent with his faith community by singing in the church's adult choir, enriching the worship experience for those in attendance with his harmonious voice and uplifting spirit.

Mark often taught vital life lessons to those with whom he worked. He believed that learning is a lifelong endeavor and that one is never too old to learn. He also felt that people should be knowledgeable of their history. Mark strongly believed it was essential to always make time for those who came before and after you. Mark lived as he taught; he offered guidance and wisdom to those who came after him while also honoring and learning from those who had paved the way before him.

Although no longer with us, Mark lived his life as a melodious example of selfless dedication to service beyond the legal profession. Mark left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered. His legacy serves as a harmonious guide on making a positive difference in the community by using one's individual and unique talents and sharing one's treasures and time authentically.



Sachida R. Raman

Throughout his legal career, Sachida R. Raman has remained dedicated to improving access to justice for the disadvantaged of our community, promoting efficiency and innovation in legal services, and fostering an environment of continuous learning and professional growth. His commitment to staying abreast of the latest legal developments and best practices reveals his dedication to the profession and those it impacts.

Originating from the Fiji Islands, Sachida R. Raman has not only chosen Louisiana as his home for most of his adult life but has also become an integral part of the Acadiana community. Educated locally at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Sachida has dedicated his legal career to serving the marginalized in the Acadiana community through his work in the legal services arena.

His journey into the realm of legal aid began shortly after his graduation from Tulane Law School. Embarking on his legal career as a staff attorney at Southeast Louisiana Legal Service Corporation (SLLS) in 1993, Sachida discovered his passion for family law. Returning to the Acadiana area over 25 years ago, he joined the Lafayette staff at Acadiana Legal Service Corporation (ALSC), leading the Family Law Unit. His dedication and empathy for the marginalized propelled him to serve as the manager of the Family Law Unit for seventeen (17) years and later as the deputy director for five (5) years. In 2022, he assumed the role of Executive Director of ALSC, a testament to his unwavering commitment to providing legal service to the marginalized citizens of Louisiana. Overseeing a 42-parish service area, his service journey is marked by a solid commitment to financial oversight, compliance, and effective delivery of civil legal aid services while fostering a compassionate and inclusive workplace.

Throughout his career, Sachida has been a dynamic advocate for the legal rights and protection of domestic violence victims for over 20 years. His commitment is not just in words but in actions. He has contributed his time, talent, and resources to Faith House through support, training, and partnership initiatives. Through CLE presentations on professionalism, family law, and domestic violence, he shares his passion, talent, and knowledge with his colleagues. Sachida authored the “Family Law” chapter in the Louisiana Legal Services Pro Bono Desk Manual (2005, 2013), a crucial resource for guiding volunteer lawyers in providing pro bono family law services. He has also made presentations to the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) Board on: “Statewide Efforts in Addressing Self-Represented Litigants” and “Efficiency, Productivity, and the Optimal Delivery of Legal Services.” His enthusiasm for sharing his knowledge and expertise extends outside of the legal profession circle to law enforcement officers, to whom he has provided domestic violence training.

Sachida passionately contributes to various state committees and memberships to advance his objective of assisting the underserved in our community. He has served on the Supreme Court Task Force for In Forma Pauperis, which was responsible for streamlining and standardizing forms and procedures for individuals unable to pay court fees and ensuring fair access to the justice system for all. As a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Standardizing Self-Represented Litigants Forms, he is instrumental in the ongoing production of Self-Represented Litigant Pro Se forms for statewide use in Louisiana. For 25 years, he has served on the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Access to Justice Committee. For the last two years, he has been a member of the State’s Access to Justice Commission, tasked to “coordinate a systemic approach to ensuring the public’s access to the legal system.”

Sachida is also active on the local scene. As a past member of the Lafayette Bar Association Board of Directors, he played a vital role in guiding the association’s efforts to serve the legal needs of the Acadiana community, mainly through the Pro Bono & Volunteer Lawyer’s Program. He worked closely with the Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers Advisory Board to enhance volunteer legal services and ensure that those unable to afford legal representation could access quality legal services. For more than 20 years, Sachida has worked to make access to justice a reality in the Acadiana area by providing support and guidance to local attorneys and encouraging them to take on pro bono cases.

His work has not gone unnoticed within the legal community. Sachida has received recognitions such as the Rotary Club Distinguished Service Award, the LSBA Career Public Interest Award, and the LSBA Legal Service Excellence in Advocacy Award. Interestingly, Sachida was the first recipient of the LSBA Legal Service Excellence in Advocacy Award for statewide self-represented litigant (SRL) forms and systems.

Sachida’s service to Louisiana, specifically the Acadiana community, is driven by his deep commitment to enhancing access to justice for all individuals, regardless of their financial means. By working with various organizations, committees, and task forces, he strives to create a more equitable legal system. For Sachida, community service is not just a professional duty but a source of personal responsibility. He firmly believes that engaging in meaningful service is an opportunity to make an impactful contribution to his community, a belief that has guided his actions throughout his career. Sachida's conviction is clear: “Our community is only as strong and rich as its weakest and poorest member. In providing meaningful assistance to the marginalized, we ensure that our community will continue to strengthen and that no one gets left behind.” His belief in the strength and potential of our community is the driving force behind Sachida's service to Louisiana’s residents.

The Verdict



The Bar Staff's Favorites

Crumbl Cookie

- Strawberry Pretzel Pie
- Mallow Sandwich ft. Oreo
- Strawberry Pretzel Pie
- Nilla Bean



Borden's Ice Cream Shoppe

- Pralines & Cream Sundae w/ Caramel
- Vanilla Affogato w/ Whipped Cream
- Rootbeer Float w/ Whipped Cream
- Banana Pudding Sundae w/ Chocolate & Peanuts

CC's Coffee House

- Turtle Latte
- Latte
- Hot Chocolate
- Caramel Cold Brew

- Feta & Spinach Croissant
- Chocolate Hazelnut Croissant
- Almond Croissant

Let us know what you'd like us to try next!

Things to note: The Emerald Breeze Refresher at CC's is not worth getting and the chocolate chip cookie at Crumbl was boring.

THE GRAPEVINE

Gordon Arata welcomes Meaghan M. Anderson as a member attorney in the Lafayette, LA office. Congratulations Meaghan!

The attorneys and staff of Veazey Felder & Renegar, LLC congratulate Dona K. Renegar on her appointment as the Administrative Law Judge for District 2 of the Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation, and wish Ms. Renegar the very best in this new endeavor where we are certain she will serve with distinction. Congratulations Dona!

The LBA would like to offer our condolences to the families, colleagues, and friends of Dragutin "Drago" Popich and Charles "Chuck" Boudreaux.

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