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2018 Lafayette Red Mass and Court Opening

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The annual Red Mass at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral was held at noon on Friday, January 5, 2018 and was followed by the Court Opening ceremonies at 3:00 pm at the Lafayette Parish Courthouse. The tradition of opening court each fall dates back to the days when most courts closed during the summer months. Now, the tradition is celebrated in Lafayette at the beginning of the year.

All Lafayette area attorneys were invited to join in the celebration of the annual Red Mass. This Mass is held annually around the world to pray for peace and justice. Celebrating the Mass was the Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, and the Most Reverend Michael Jarrell, D.D., Bishop Emeritus. The Most Reverend Gregory Kelly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas, was the guest homilist. Lunch was provided for the attendants following the Mass, sponsored by Broussard & David Law Firm, in the Cathedral Hall.

At Court Opening, all newly admitted attorneys in this area were formally introduced to the 15th Judicial District Court. The attorneys introduced included:

Madeleine Brumley
Megan Daily
Daniel Gauthier
John Graf
Michael Gregory
Courtney Guillory
Kristel Erwin
Steven Matt
Halee Maturin
Ryan McAlister
Tucker Nims
Christopher Ortte
Charles Texada, Jr.

Brock Wimberley
Jessica Yaeger

Additionally, members of the Bar from Lafayette, Acadia, and Vermilion parishes who have passed away within the past year were honored and eulogized by family members and colleagues. The attorneys eulogized included: Mr. Michael Bertucci, Hon. Denald A. Beslin, Mr. William “Billy” Broadhurst, Hon. Marcus Broussard, Mr. C. Roan Evans, Mr. Jack Huval, Ms. Julie Deshotels Jardell, Mr. Justin Meuller, Hon. Kaliste Saloom, Jr., and Hon. Diana “Dee” Simon.

Attached Photo:

1st row (l-r) Hon. Laurie Hulin, Hon. M’Elise Trahan, Hon. Candyce Perret, Hon. Frances Bouillon, Hon. Phyllis Keaty, Comm. Thomas Frederick, (2nd Row) Hon. Michelle Breaux, Chief Judge Hon. Charles Fitzgerald, Hon. Douglas Saloom, Hon. David Blanchet, (3rd row) Hon. Durwood Conque, Hon. Randy Angelle, Hon. Thomas Duplantier, Hon. Jules Edwards, (4th row) Hon. Marc Amy, Hon. John Trahan, Hon. Don Aaron, Hon. Patrick Michot, and Hon. Jimmy Genovese.

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