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ON THE COVER

In this 2025 April issue of The Promulgator we want you to get to know yourself better! Read your horoscope, take a personality test, and more!

Did someone say personality test?! Find out which obscure legal doctrine you are on page 14!

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Dear Fellow Members of the Lafayette Bar Association,

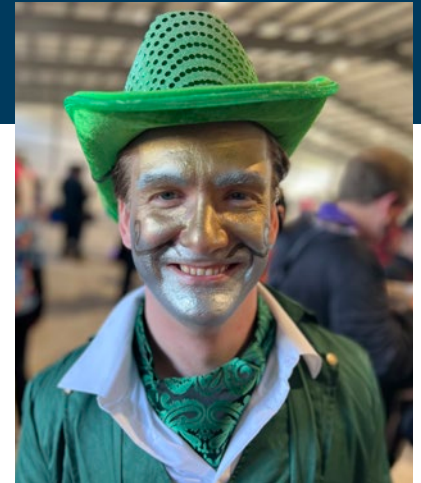
April 1 is the approximate halfway point of my term as President of our beloved organization. Over the past few months, the Board has been hard at work evaluating and refining our many programmatic offerings for you, our valued members. Please be advised of the following programming changes, effective immediately:

Our "Running in Heels" program has long been a popular offering that focuses on the unique issues that women face in the legal profession. However, the act of running in heels is an exceptionally dangerous activity that has led to numerous serious injuries over the years. In order to better protect our members from harm, and for obvious liability purposes, we are re-branding the program as "Walking in Flats."

CLE By The Hour is important to the LBA, both as a means by which our members can fulfill their annual MCLE requirements, and also one of the primary fundraisers for our organization. But as our ranks continue to fill with members from younger generations, we must recognize that attention spans just aren't what they used to be. To accommodate our increasingly distracted younger members, we will now offer CLE By The Quarter-Hour. Sessions will be no longer than fifteen minutes and will be live-streamed on Tik-Tok, or whatever platform has displaced Tik-Tok by the time of the printing of this article.

The annual mock trial competition sponsored by our Young Lawyers Section provides opportunities for high schoolers to hone their trial advocacy skills in a courtroom setting. Although the level of competition is high and we are always impressed by how well these young people do, there is more that we could be doing to help them grow into their roles as future lawyers. So, in addition to being judged on their courtroom presence and grasp of the facts and the law, they will also be required to turn in timesheets detailing all the work done in preparation for the trial, broken down into increments of one-tenth of an hour. Along with best advocate and best witness, the top biller will also receive special recognition.

We could not be more excited about these proposed changes to our programming and believe that they will help bring the LBA to new heights!



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Swift Justice: How Taylor Swift Stole Our Name (and My Heart, Briefly, in 2007)

As the newly minted Executive Director of the Lafayette Parish Bar Association, my life is all about upholding law, order, and a deep, unshakable belief in justice. But there's one case that remains unresolved, a grievance that haunts my otherwise distinguished career: Taylor Swift stole the name "Swifties," and frankly, I'm not over it.

Now, before you roll your eyes and say, "Oh, another bitter lawyer with an axe to grind," let me remind you—I *am* a Swiftie. I've been a Swiftie long before the whole world even knew what a Taylor Swift was. In fact, I met her along with my own daughter, Lafayette's original Taylor Marie Swift, at the Cajundome in 2007, when the pop star was just a sweet, curly-haired country singer crooning about teardrops on guitars. She seemed so innocent then. So kind. So... *non-litigious*.

But fast-forward to today, and what do I see? A global pop sensation who has commandeered my rightful title—nay, *our* rightful title—as the OG Swifties. You see, I always believed that "Swifties" referred to people who appreciated speed, efficiency, and the occasional well-placed objection in a courtroom. Now? It means a legion of fans wearing sequins and trading friendship bracelets.

I demand answers. I demand justice. And frankly, I wouldn't mind a cut of her Eras Tour profits to help fund our next Bar Association luncheon.

Look, I have nothing against Ms. Swift personally (other than this blatant act of name theft). In fact, I was prepared to let this go... until she started writing songs about *legal* matters. Did she ask the legal community before penning "You Belong With Me" (a clear reference to contract disputes) or "All Too Well" (obviously about a failed mediation attempt)? No. She did not.

So, as Executive Director, I am considering my options. A strongly worded cease and desist? A well-crafted amicus brief to the court of public opinion? A passive-aggressive tweet? All are on the table.



*Jan and Taylor Swift,
Country Girl*



*Swift Girls doing the T
at a Taylor Swift Concert*

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE

A report of the Lafayette Bar Foundation, provided by Foundation Chair Dean Cole



Effective April 1, 2025, the Lafayette Bar Foundation has officially relocated its office to River Ranch. Our organization is now on top of the B1 Towers at 1201 Camellia Blvd., Suite 600. Additionally, the foundation has updated its name to the Lafayette Bar Foundation Justice League.

As the Chair, of the re-branded Justice League, I will continue to serve for an indefinite term. The other members of the Justice League Executive Committee are Kenny Oliver (Aquaman Oliver) and Kyle Gideon (Green Lantern Gideon).

To provide justice to the community, all members of the Lafayette Bar Foundation Justice League and Lafayette Bar Association are now **REQUIRED** to take on at least two pro bono cases per year to maintain good standing with the Louisiana State Bar Association. Failure to meet this requirement will result in disbarment. No exceptions!!

We are excited about this new transformation and welcome everyone into our Justice League. For inquiries about taking a pro bono case, please contact the Justice League Director, Wonder Woman Marilyn Lopez at marilynwonderwoman@LafayetteBarFoundationJusticeLeague.com.

Also, we want to thank Tiger Woods who will be providing Pro Tips to all participants at this years Birdie for The Bar, Golf Tournament on April 4 at the Wetlands!

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year—Bench Bar is Back!

Mark your calendars for the Lafayette Bar Association's Bench Bar Conference, happening August 21-23, 2025, at The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama! This beloved event blends top-tier CLEs, networking with colleagues and judges, and family-friendly fun at a world-class resort. Whether you're catching up at 1847 Bar, perfecting your golf game, or unwinding at the spa, there's something for everyone. Plus, earn up to 12.5 CLE credits! Details will be forthcoming.



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Courtroom Couture: The Bold New Look of Lawyer Fashion

by The Legal Look, Esq.

Move over, traditional business attire—lawyer fashion has entered a thrilling new era. With a growing commitment to making a statement both in and out of court, attorneys are embracing a daring new trend: dressing not just for success, but for spectacle.

Gone are the days of boring navy suits and forgettable gray blazers. Instead, the legal profession is witnessing the rise of “Courtroom Couture”—a bold fusion of character-driven costuming, thematic accessorizing, and the occasional rhinestone. Judges are intrigued, opposing counsel is bewildered, and bar association dress code committees are frantically flipping through the Rules of Professional Conduct looking for guidance.

The Evolution of the Look

Legal fashion historians trace this trend back to lawyers’ innate desire to control the narrative—both in arguments and in personal branding. What began as casual “fun tie Fridays” and whimsical sock choices has now evolved into a full-fledged theatrical experience.

Today, attorneys aren’t just presenting their cases; they’re embodying them. From medieval battle gear to wizard robes, the courtroom has never looked more... cinematic.

Essential Pieces for the 2025 Lawyer Wardrobe



The Magical Magistrate

Judge Roya Boustany channels Hermione Granger—robe, wand, gavel, and Mardi Gras beads included.

- Perfect for hearings where a little *Expecto Precedentum* is needed.
- Rumors swirl that her rulings may have been written with an enchanted quill.

The Mysterious Litigator

Michael Dalman, an expert in health care litigation, dons an Addams Family-inspired ensemble, complete with a wig and ominous glasses.

- Pairs well with a delightfully eerie approach to cross-examinations.
- Has been spotted whispering Latin phrases before hearings—possibly curses, possibly citations.



The Spell-Casting Advocate

Cliff LaCour channels Severus Snape—dark robes flowing as he silently judges his adversaries.

- A go-to look for federal litigation, particularly when subtle intimidation is needed.
- May or may not be casting actual spells to sway mediations in his favor.





The Rhinestone Cowboy of the 15th JDC

Wes Galjour strides into court in full cowboy gear—rhinestones gleaming, face paint primed, ready to take on the legal frontier.

- A necessity for trials in districts known as the ‘Wild Wild West’ of the legal world.
- Judges have considered implementing a “no lasso” rule after one particularly rowdy motion hearing.

The Dynamic Duo: Game of Depositions

Blase and Erica Inzina, the husband-and-wife team, are draped in Game of Thrones regalia, embodying courtroom combatants—or exhausted bedtime warriors.

- Equally prepared for a high-stakes hearing or the nightly battle to put five children to sleep.
 - Only they know which struggle is the more harrowing.



The Classic Gentleman Advocate

Mike Adley, ever the refined legal professional, sports a bow tie, suspenders, and a top hat for an air of vintage dignity.

- His carefully curated aesthetic ensures he enters every deposition with gravitas.
- The only attorney capable of making a motion sound like a toast at a 19th-century dinner party.

The War-Ready Deposition Warrior

Ross Roubion arrives at depositions in full battle regalia—face paint, body tattoos, and an undeniable air of impending conquest.

- Ideal for particularly combative depositions or contract disputes that feel more like tribal war dances.
- Opposing counsel often takes one look and requests mediation.

The Ethical Navigator

Clare Roubion channels Moana—poofy hair brimming with ethics knowledge, face paint perfectly in place, and a determined look that says she knows the way (to proper professional conduct).

- Her courtroom presence is a steady beacon of ethical clarity.
- Opposing counsel may try to argue, but they’re usually met with a well-placed Professional Responsibility Rule and a knowing smile.




For now, the verdict is clear: legal fashion has never been bolder. And as attorneys continue to push the limits of courtroom style, one question remains:

“If a lawyer wears a costume and wins their case, was it really just a costume—or a winning strategy?”

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THE GRAPEVINE



Congratulations to LBA Board Member, Roy S. Boustany, on her new judgeship!

Roya Boustany was recently sworn in as the new judge for Lafayette City Court, Division A. Previously an Assistant District Attorney, she brings extensive experience in criminal prosecution and a commitment to justice. She fills the seat of the late Judge Jules Edwards III and plans to continue his work in juvenile justice and recidivism reduction. Judge Boustany aims to implement programs addressing the root causes of criminal behavior while ensuring an efficient and equitable court process. With a focus on community impact, she steps into her new role prepared to serve Lafayette with fairness, integrity, and dedication.



Photos courtesy of The Advocate and the Lafayette City Marshall.

Do you have a new member at your firm, a new edition to your family, or just any life updates that you'd like to share? Submit it for The Grapevine and you'll be featured in our next Promulgator!

Email your submission to marketing@lafayettebar.org.

HOROSCOPES

The stars have aligned (probably due to a court order), and we have received an exclusive celestial briefing on your legal destiny this month. Read at your own risk—no refunds if Mercury is in retrograde.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

You will experience an unexpected surge in productivity, likely due to sheer panic over a missed deadline you just remembered mid-coffee sip. An opposing counsel with questionable email etiquette will test your patience. Your lucky phrase: "Per my last email."

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Your meticulous preparation will pay off in court, but only after opposing counsel cites the wrong case and accidentally makes your argument for you. This is the month to finally organize your towering stack of CLE handouts (or just pretend they don't exist). Your lucky phrase: "I'll allow it... for now."

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

You will be both brilliant and deeply conflicted this month—just like every judge who reads your latest brief. Be wary of a mysterious 'urgent' email that leads to hours of work on an issue that could have been solved with a single phone call. Your lucky phrase: "It depends."

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Your emotional intelligence will come in handy when de-escalating a client who just discovered how much litigation actually costs. Expect an overly aggressive opposing counsel to backpedal after you reply with just one carefully crafted sentence. Your lucky phrase: "This will be reflected in my billing."

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

You will dominate oral arguments, but only after realizing you left your notes in another briefcase. A judge's side-eye will send chills down your spine, even though you know you're right. Your lucky phrase: "As clearly established in precedent that I will now scramble to find."

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Your attention to detail will save your firm from a contract catastrophe, but at what cost? (The cost is three extra hours of unpaid stress on a Sunday night.) A partner will try to assign you work you already finished two weeks ago, proving once again that you are the only organized person in this entire office. Your lucky phrase: "Please see attached."

Libra (September 23 - October 22)

You will be the unofficial mediator of a ridiculous dispute between two attorneys who clearly just hate each other personally. A client will promise to send the missing document you requested two months ago, but will they? (No, they will not.) Your lucky phrase: "Let's take this offline."

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Your strategic skills will be on full display when you successfully trick opposing counsel into thinking your client is willing to settle, only to crush them at trial. A mysterious email with the subject line "Quick Question" will cause an immediate existential crisis. Your lucky phrase: "We reserve all rights."

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

Your optimism will be tested when you attempt to use a courthouse Wi-Fi that hasn't been updated since 2007. Be wary of a suspiciously friendly email from opposing counsel, as it definitely contains a hidden trap. Your lucky phrase: "I'll get back to you on that."

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

You will win a highly contentious motion, but only after spending three times the necessary hours perfecting it. A client will praise your dedication, then immediately question why they have to pay for it. Your lucky phrase: "As previously discussed..."

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

You will attempt to revolutionize your firm's outdated processes, only to be met with resistance from the attorney who still prints all their emails. A last-minute filing will require questionable redaction techniques. Your lucky phrase: "Let me put a pin in that."

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Your creativity will shine in a strongly worded reply brief, but only after three cups of coffee and an existential crisis. Be cautious of a contract with "standard" language, as it will most certainly include an absurd clause that nobody noticed until it was too late. Your lucky phrase: "Please clarify."

Final Cosmic Advice for All Signs: Avoid emails marked "High Importance"—they never are. Also, the Wi-Fi in court will fail when you need it most. Be prepared.

THE MOST ANTICIPATED PUBLICATION OF THE MONTH

ASK AN ETHICS EXPERT

Q: Dear Ethics Expert,

I recently found out my opposing counsel is using Comic Sans in their legal filings. Is this a violation of professional ethics, and should I report it, or can I just send a strongly worded email?

Sincerely,
A Deeply Offended Attorney

A: Dear Offended,

While Comic Sans isn't explicitly banned, it violates several ethical principles:

- Rule 1.1: Duty of Competence
- Rule 3.3: Duty of Candor
- Rule 8.4: Conduct Prejudicial to Justice

Disciplinary actions are inconsistent, but you could file a Motion to Strike Based on Font Crimes. Alternatively, respond with a protest in Curlz MT.

Respectfully,
Ethics Expert

NEED ADVICE?
Reach out to Ask
an Ethics Expert

Q: Dear Ethics Expert,

One of our associates keeps "circling back" on assignments I have no intention of finishing. They've asked for updates three times this week and even printed a draft memo for me. Is there a professional way to stop them from holding me accountable?

Sincerely,
Hiding from Follow-Ups



Q: Dear Ethics Expert,

An associate keeps scheduling 8:00 AM meetings. Is this an attack, hazing, or just ignorance of time before coffee? I don't engage before 10:00 AM. Am I ethically obligated to attend, or can I cite the Eighth Amendment?

Sincerely,
Not a Morning Person

A: Dear Hiding,

You're dealing with "Excessive Proactivity," which can be disruptive. Here's how to neutralize it:

1. Reply, "I'll take a look when I get a chance" (you won't).
2. Forward their email back in two weeks with, "Any updates?"
3. If they persist, suggest, "Let's get a second opinion from the partners."
4. In extreme cases, print their memo in Comic Sans—if they still care, you're dealing with unstoppable diligence.

The key is to ignore accountability. Stay strong.

Sincerely,
Ethics Expert

A: Dear Not a Morning Person,

Your concern is valid. 8:00 AM meetings are either misguided or cruel. Here's the ethical breakdown; Ignore the invite, no need to expedite before coffee, this may qualify as misconduct.

Options:

- Accept and join late.
- Reply, "This could've been an email."
- Suggest a 9:30 PM meeting for them.

Alternatively, mark future invites as "Spam."

Coffee-fueled recovery,
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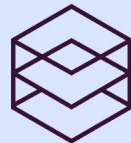
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While the impact of our roles as lawyers/attorneys/counselors is well known, it is important to recognize that our broader community contributions usually go unnoticed. Our fellow attorneys are in the trenches daily, actively enriching our communities and the profession by generously donating their time, skills, and resources to worthy causes. Kirk Piccione is one such attorney whose contributions are woven throughout the legal profession and the community.



Kirk Piccione

Justice and philanthropy have been Kirk Piccione's mission. A proud graduate of LSU (1983) and Tulane Law School (1986), he has carved out a successful legal career while still finding time to serve the Acadiana community outside of the courthouse.

During a 15-year partnership with

his father, Joseph James Piccione, he honed his skills at Piccione & Piccione. Following his father's retirement, Kirk's wife, Brenda, joined him in private practice, continuing the Piccione & Piccione legacy. Over his 33-year career, he has gained substantial experience in personal injury, business, and contract litigation. Kirk has successfully litigated everything from multi-million-dollar personal injury cases to capital murder cases.

Despite having had a diverse civil practice for many years, Kirk's recent focus has been on criminal defense, his true calling. When a crime victim asked how he could sleep at night defending the accused, he answered, "someone has to stand with

the sinners and tax collectors." He acknowledges that his response is rooted in his strong Catholic faith. Despite the challenges of being a criminal defense attorney, his unwavering commitment to ensuring that individuals are treated fairly in our justice system is a testament to his dedication and passion. Always championing the underdog, Kirk finds immense satisfaction in upholding the constitutional rights of the accused.

His service to professional legal organizations highlights Kirk's professional stature. A member of our esteemed national, state, and local bar associations, he is also a member of the Louisiana Association for Justice and the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. His extensive pro bono work exemplifies his commitment to justice. He was pivotal in establishing the Lafayette Young Lawyers in 1990 and 1991, serving as its founding president for two one-year terms. He also served on the Board of Governor of the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association (1989-91) and was a Board Member of the Louisiana Association for Justice. On three occasions, the Louisiana Supreme Court named him Court Appointed Administrator, whose job was to administer the practices of disbarred or suspended attorneys, ensuring their clients were not left hanging. At the request of the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office, Kirk has volunteered over the past decade as a trainer for the Acadiana Law Enforcement Training Academy, teaching cadets courtroom responsibilities and practices. Kirk also served on the 15th Judicial District Court District Defender Selection Committee. He has given numerous Continuing Legal Education presentations. Kirk has also presented on criminal justice topics to high school, paralegal, and college students.

Kirk's dedication to the legal profession spills over into serving the legal community at large, especially causes that benefit children and youth. As a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Lafayette, he has twice held the prestigious position of Lieutenant

Governor of the tri-state District. Over his 35-year volunteer history, he has humbly given of his time, talent, and treasure to causes such as Operation Magi, the Kiwanis Football Jamboree as the play-by-play announcer, and various children's projects and fundraisers reflecting his unwavering dedication to community service. Kirk has been recognized and honored for his service in Kiwanis. He is the recipient of the Kiwanian of the Year award, the Life Member Award, and the Hickson Fellow Award. He has also served as an assistant scout master for the Cub Scouts and worked diligently as a volunteer with BSA Troop 271 for several years. He has coached SLYSI football, girls volleyball, and girls basketball teams. He was a roadie for the St. Thomas Moore High School Band for four years. He regularly volunteered at his four children's schools for twenty-five years in academic, fundraising, athletic, art, and music activities.

The arts, the local culture, and his faith community are beneficiaries of Kirks' time, talent, and treasure. He served on the executive committee of the Acadiana Symphony Association, as a board

member of the Acadiana Center for the Arts, where he was also the treasurer, and as a board member of the City-Parish Parks and Recreation Commission. He has also volunteered at Holy Cross Catholic Church, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Festival Internationale, Gulf Brew, I-10 Bowl All-Star Game, and other local events. Kirk organizes and hosts reunion activities for the Cathedral Carmel Class of 1980, helps to produce local theater productions through Stage Backers and serves as campaign treasurer for various political candidates.

Grounded by his strong faith, led by compassion for family and humanity, driven by his deep-seated passion for criminal justice, and inspired by his love of the local culture and the arts, Kirk Piccione is a Lafayette attorney whose philanthropic service extends far beyond the courtroom. His faith and values guide his work, ensuring that he always acts with integrity and compassion, both in his legal practice and in his community service. His dedication to justice and his love for his community are not just professional obligations but deeply held personal beliefs that he lives out every day.



Credit: www.kirkpiccione.com



77th Annual Krewe de Troubadours Mardi Gras Ball. Natalie Rose of the House of Piccione (Black Swan) along side Royal Duke James Kirk Piccione.

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FAMILY LAW SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT LESLEY BEAM

As this is the April Fool's Edition of the Promulgator I thought I should give you some really serious, thoughtful advice on what makes a terrific family lawyer*.

Always show up in your scheduled courtroom or hearing officer chambers at least ten minutes late – it shows the judge, hearing officer, opposing counsel and your client how truly important you are and they will respect you more.

Never file a pretrial memorandum, even when there are substantial legal issues at stake. Family law is really about winging it, after all.

Always litigate for the exact result your client wants, no matter how unrealistic or unsupported by the law it is; managing client expectations takes too much time, and could really cut into the money you might be able to make from this case.


Represent your close friends and family; you will absolutely be able to remain emotionally distant enough to provide competent advice and retain client control and this representation will not impact your relationship with this person. You will also be paid for all the work you do for this client, of course, because they care about you so much.

It is perfectly acceptable to email your client's HOC affidavit to your hearing officer and opposing counsel, partially completed in their handwriting, that you have not had time to review, with little to no supporting documentation, at 5:05 pm on the evening before your scheduled HOC. Yes, it is technically in violation of the order issued in this matter, but nobody really cares about that, and there is no way it will impact your ability to resolve this matter at the HOC or in an efficient and competent manner.

There is no need to try and talk to your opposing counsel at any point during your representation of this client to see if the matter can be resolved without court – it is always better in family law cases to keep the litigation coming, and your client will be happier in the end if they have spent a fortune on your representation.

On a more serious note, the FLS crawfish boil will be on May 10, 2025 at 2 pm at the home of Lindsay Meador Young; you should have already received an invitation in the mail as well as an email with the details. Please feel free to reach out to me or any other members of the executive committee if you have any questions.

*Legal disclaimer – As this is an April Fool's edition, all of this advice is the OPPOSITE of what you should be doing as a family lawyer. Following this advice would be to your detriment. You cannot and should not rely upon this advice. I need to make sure I include this disclaimer so I cannot be sued if you miss the sarcasm and actually follow this advice.



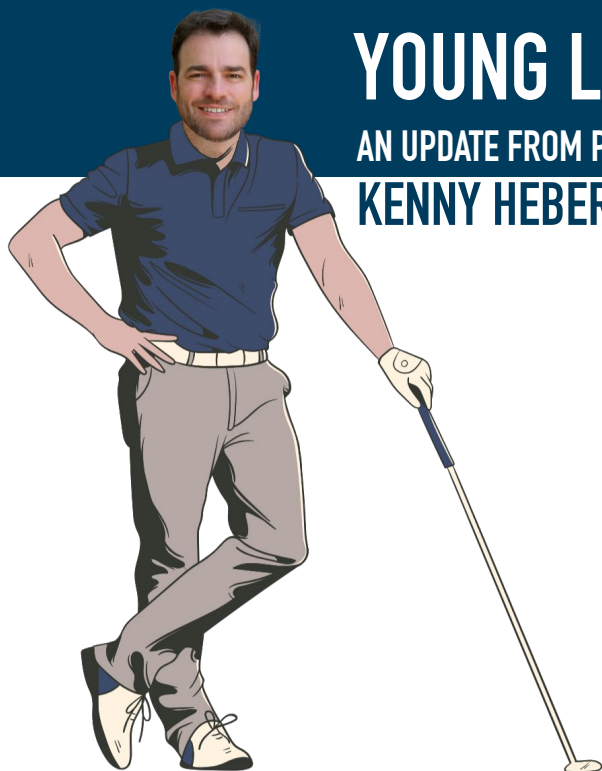
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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT
KENNY HEBERT



I hope everyone has been well and more importantly had a great time during Mardi Gras.

As usual, the Young Lawyers' Section and the Bar Association have been busy with events and planning more events going forward. Shout out to Young Lawyer Social Chair Gabrielle Romero and CLE Chair Chris Purser for putting on a phenomenal CLE and Social in February. Many thanks to Andrew Quackenbos for an excellent CLE on jury selection, Delta Media for hosting our CLE, and Le Grenadier Speakeasy for hosting our incredible social function. Both events were well-attended by several in our legal community.

Additionally, we also want to thank the Bar Association staff for not only assisting with putting together the above-mentioned CLE and Social but also for preparing the Bar Association for a fun Mardi Gras day of parade watching. The staff at the Bar Association work hard for our legal community on a daily basis and we appreciate them more than they know.

Looking forward, on April 4 is our annual Birdie with the Bar Golf Tournament at The Wetlands golf course. Spots are running out to play so please register soon for a fun day on the course!

We're also looking forward to hosting another great State Mock Trial Competition on March 29 at the Federal Courthouse. We are always looking for helpers and volunteers, so if you're available, please consider volunteering to be a scoring judge in assisting these high schoolers with their legal ambitions.

Finally, be on the lookout for information about the Bar Association's Annual Running in Heels event which is currently scheduled for May 16.

Thank you all so much for your involvement in all of our events, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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Take this highly scientific and completely serious quiz to discover which obscure legal doctrine best represents your personality. Answer honestly—or at least as honestly as you do in depositions.

1. Your client disregards your advice and then asks you to fix the mess. You:

- A) Sigh deeply, bill accordingly, and fix it anyway.
- B) Email them an old memo where you literally predicted this exact issue.
- C) Send a passive-aggressive “As I previously advised” email.
- D) Smile through the pain and remind yourself you should have gone to medical school.

2. How do you handle opposing counsel’s absurdly long emails?

- A) Reply immediately with an equally long rebuttal.
- B) Skim it, forward it to my associate, and pretend I never saw it.
- C) Respond only with “Noted.”
- D) Screenshot it and send it to my lawyer friends for entertainment.

3. What’s your courtroom strategy?

- A) Talk louder and with more Latin.
- B) Object to everything, just in case.
- C) Stay quiet until the perfect, devastating rebuttal moment.
- D) Charm the judge and hope for the best.

4. What do you do when a deadline is approaching?

- A) Submit it at 11:59 PM, like a true professional.
- B) Already submitted it last week—what kind of monster waits until the last minute?
- C) Ask for an extension “as a courtesy.”
- D) Convince opposing counsel they missed their own deadline instead.

5. What’s your opinion on billable hours?

- A) A necessary evil.
- B) The reason I wake up in a cold sweat.
- C) A game where I win if I find a way to bill for literally everything.
- D) Billable hours? That’s a conversation for Future Me.

Mostly A’s: You are the Rule Against Perpetuities!

You’re complex, slightly terrifying, and half the legal profession still doesn’t fully understand you. You take your time making decisions, but once you do, you’re unchangeable for the next several generations.

Mostly B’s: You are the Doctrine of Laches!

You believe that if someone waits too long to act, they deserve the consequences. You have no patience for procrastinators, and your catchphrase might as well be, “You should have handled this sooner.”

Mostly C’s: You are the Parol Evidence Rule!

You don’t believe in anything unless it’s written down and properly documented. If it’s not in the contract, it doesn’t exist. You live your life under the philosophy of “Show me the receipts.”

Mostly D’s: You are the Attractive Nuisance Doctrine!

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Let us know if we should host these classes anyway!

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The Basic Billable Problem

An associate starts working at 8:47 a.m. but doesn't officially clock in until 9:15 a.m.

- They spend 42 minutes reviewing emails, 26 minutes getting coffee, and 17 minutes trying to find the right Westlaw login.
- They then bill 3.2 hours before lunch, even though they've only been at work for 2.6 actual hours.

Question: How many billable hours should be recorded?

- A) 3.2 hours (standard law firm math)
- B) 4.1 hours (includes "thinking about work" time)
- C) 0.8 hours (if audited)
- D) Infinite, because time is meaningless



The Conference Call Conundrum

A partner schedules a one-hour client call for 3:00 p.m. The following events unfold:

- The call starts 17 minutes late because the client had "tech issues."
- Opposing counsel talks uninterrupted for 22 minutes, during which everyone else mutes themselves and does other work.
- The call runs over by 38 minutes because the client keeps adding last-minute questions.
- During the call, the partner also sends six emails, reads a motion, and silently judges the associate's messy background.

Question: How should the call be billed?

- A) 1.0 hour (the ethical choice, but let's be real...)
- B) 1.7 hours (including "pre-call preparation" and "recovery time")
- C) 2.4 hours (if the client is unlikely to check the invoice too closely)
- D) 4.2 hours, split across five different matters

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Clare Roubion
Louisiana Legal Ethics

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