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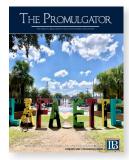
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**August 24–26 BENCH BAR** 

#### **SEPT 16 TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

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#### **OCT 5 COURT OPENING**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Robert Kallam

Dear Fellow Members.

I hope you have enjoyed your summer and now enjoying the beginning of school, another football season and perhaps cooler temperatures in the at 3 pm in the Lafayette Parish Courthouse as opposed to January. Justices and Judges from all levels will be in attendance.

As your President, I am extending a personal invitation for you to join us for this time hon-

ored tradition on October 5! A reception will

follow at Rock N Bowl.

respects to those who passed away. In an effort

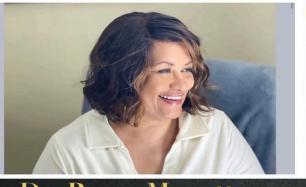
to bring us back to those "glory days", we have

moved the Court Opening to October 5, 2023

Thank you and I remain honored to serve as President of this great Bar Association!

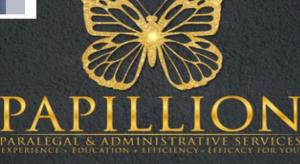
coming weeks and months! Speaking of new beginnings I want to highlight an up coming event and urge you to please join the Court and your colleagues for a time honored tradition, Court Opening.

As some of you may recall, Court Opening took place in the Fall and was a grand event well attended by the bar to celebrate and recognize our new lawyers and pay our



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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Bench Bar month to all of our members! We have a fabulous event planned for August 24-26 at the Windsor Court with social events planned at Arnaud's and Mardi Gras World. If you have not registered to attend, you should do so soon. We can't wait to see everyone there! Also, stay tuned for a big announcement regarding the 2024 Bench Bar.

We have a full slate of events scheduled for fall. There is something for everyone so be sure and peruse all of the offerings and plan to take part in an event or two...

The Annual YLS Tennis Tournament scheduled for Saturday, September 16 at Red Lerille's Health & Racquet Club. Claire and Ross Rubion, co-chairs, are hoping for a break from the heat with a nice cool front by then! Teams and sponsors can sign up on our website, lafayettebar. org.

Please make plans to attend the upcoming Court Opening on Thursday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Parish Courthouse. This is a very special event, steeped in history, and should be observed by all practicing attorneys, young and experienced, alike. During the program, newly admitted attorneys will be recognized. If you have hired a recent graduate at your firm, please send their information to me, pam@lafayettebar.org, so we can be sure to include them in the ceremony. Likewise, we will honor those attorneys who have passed away in 2023. This is an important part of the program as we recognize their families, mentors, and colleagues and remember their contributions to the legal community. A reception will follow Court Opening at Rock N Bowl.

Of note, Red Mass will remain in January, which is currently scheduled for January 5, 2024 at the Cathedral of St. John.

Clay Shoot co-chairs, Tad Hightower and Myles Sonnier have scheduled the annual Shoot for Justice, benefitting the Lafayette Bar Foundation's Pro Bono programs for Friday, October 20th at the Wilderness Gun Club. You can register to sponsor and/or participate in the event at lafayettebar.org. Miles Matt will once again be cooking up fresh fried catfish for all participants so you don't want to miss it!

With Fall comes the election of new Board members. If you are interested in serving on the 2023-2024 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 com-



Pam Landaiche

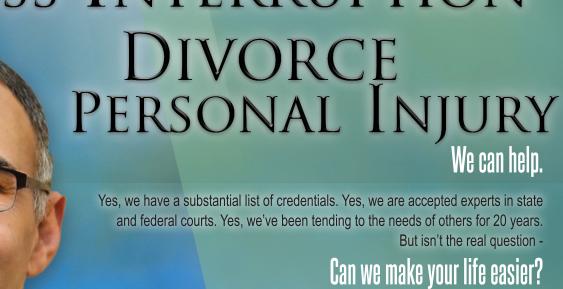
mittees to serve on with varying levels of commitment.

The LBA Installation of the Officers will look a little different this year as we combine the installation of the officers and board of the Association with the installation of the Young Lawyers Section board and the Criminal Law Section officers. This collective Installation will take place on Wednesday, November 1, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at City Club at River Ranch. Lindsay Young will be installed as president of the Association along with Jami Ishee, president of the Young Lawyer Section, and Claire Roubion, president of the Criminal Law Section.

Please stay tuned for more information regarding all upcoming LBA events by reviewing the LBA enewsletter and LBA emails and following our social media pages.

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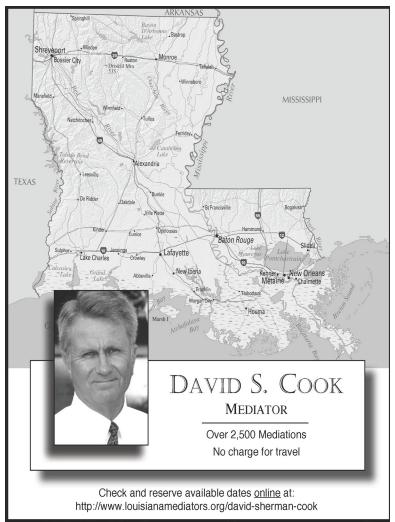


# YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT JAMI ISHEE

As this summer comes to an end, the Young Lawyers Section begins its last summer transition to new leadership, as the formal instillation of the Young Lawyers Section officers and board members will now take place with the instillation of the Lafayette Bar Association Board of Directors in November. However, the Young Lawyers remain fast at work preparing to host the Young Lawyers Section Annual Tennis Tournament at Red Lerille's Health & Racquet Club on September 16, 2023, the Annual Shoot for Justice Caly Shoot October 20, 2023, and the upcoming Lafayette Bar Association socials and CLE seminars.

I am so proud to begin my position as the Young Lawyers Section President, a role that I have long aspired to serve in, and extend the sincerest thanks and gratitude to all of the Officers, Committee Chairs, and YL members who have made this past year such a success. A very special thank you goes to our wonderful leader, Roya Boustany, who devoted her full attention to this organization to increase member participation and foster connections between the Bar Association and community needs! We are lucky enough to have her continued guidance this next year as Immediate Past President, and we are excited to continue providing the membership with exciting and engaging opportunities to foster comradery, expand legal knowledge and skills, and contribute to our community needs.



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

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I hope everyone is having a great summer. I am pleased to announce the Lafayette Bar Association\ Foundation has received a Building Capital Development grant, in the amount of \$39,400.00, from the Louisiana Bar Foundation for building repairs and maintenance. The Lafayette Bar Foundation has a duty to maintain the Lafayette Bar Association/ Foundation building. The money will be used for security upgrades at the front desk, upgrades to the audio/visual system within the building, repairs and upgrades to the back patio as well as to the exterior of the building. It is a matching grant from the Louisiana Bar Foundation. We appreciate the Louisiana Bar Foundation's continued support. Thank you to Pam Landaiche, our Executive Director, who applied for this grant. It was Pam's hard work and diligence that led to the Lafayette Bar Foundation receiving the grant.

The theme of the promulgator this month is the recognition and encouragement of members to get involved in community events. It can be through donations, time or other ways to support our community. I recently attended the baptism of a family member. The Deacon who conducted the baptism was Tim Maragos who many of you know is also an

attorney. He recently retired but was supporting his community through his church and his efforts as a deacon in his church. What a wonderful role model for all of us on how to conduct yourself as an attorney yet give something special back to your community. I wished him a happy retirement. I also had a conversation with another gentleman attending the baptism. I asked if was he attending the reception after the baptism but he said he would not be able to attend.

He was tending his time to an elderly lady who had no family in the community but needed transportation for doing tasks such as grocery shopping and maintenance around her house. In speaking with this individual, he informed me that he met the elderly lady through his work as a policeman and felt a calling to get involved in helping make her life a little bit better. Finally, I was pleased to learn the late Federal Judge Michael Juneau taught reading to those unable to read as well as volunteered his time to Bridge Ministries . He did these volunteer activities privately without any public recognition. These are great examples of individuals going beyond their own vocations to give back to their communities.

Many attorneys in our community give financial donations to worthy causes as well as donate their time to worthy causes to better our community. "To whom much is given, much will be required." If you have heard that line of wisdom, you know it means we are held responsible for what we have. If we have been blessed with talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we benefit others. We are all blessed with a legal education and the ability to earn a good living through our profession. The Lafavette Bar Association/Foundation gives attorneys an opportunity to give back to the community through the pro bono legal services, counsel on call, legal seminars for the public and many other volunteer activities. The next time you receive a call for your time, treasure, or talent, say "yes" and give something back to your community.

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# AN UPDATE FROM THE FAMILY LAW SECTION

## **BY CLAIRE EDWARDS**

Dear Lafayette Bar Association Members,

As I step into the role of President of the Family Law Section of the Lafayette Bar Association, I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Mandi Borne Bucher, whose exemplary leadership has paved a smooth road for us to move ahead together.

In this edition of "The Promulgator," I address the vital importance of entrusting family law cases to practice-focused family law attorneys. When it comes to matters as sensitive as children and maintaining (or breaking) (or restructuring) familial relationships, it is crucial to have professionals who are not only well-versed in the law but who also prioritize building personal relationships with our clients. As we all know, these cases often involve not just legal complexities, but also emotional challenges that demand compassion and understanding.

I encourage my fellow attorneys to support friends and family members who require legal assistance by attending court alongside them and their respective family law attorneys. This support can provide much needed strength and reassurance during what can be emotionally trying times.

My role as President of the Family Law Section is one of a facilitator. I believe our collective voices should be heard, working in harmony with the judiciary to achieve the best results for our community. Family law attorneys are the boots on the ground, focused on diligently following the law and procedures, without resorting to exploiting procedural loopholes to the detriment of our clients' wellbeing.

I implore all readers to honor the commitment family law attorneys bring to each case and recognize the importance of preserving personal relationships while upholding the law. In fact, among the family law community, some of us have practices specialized or personality tendencies that focus on more niche areas of family law. For example, some attorneys really enjoy handling custody cases. Some spend all their time in family preservation court, and others focus on state (or civil/private) related procedure such as child support. Even among the community property focused practices, there are distinctions between the grey divorce and a young couple who has no or very little assets. There

are experienced attorneys who are comfortable with QDROs and others who insist their clients handle estate planning at the time of divorce. Together, we can build a stronger, more compassionate legal community.

Any and all members of the Lafayette Bar Association are welcome to join our Family Law Section to have access to discounted CLEs and to receive invitations to our networking events. We kick off the year at 10am at the Lafayette Bar Association Office on Friday, August 18, with distinguished speakers Hon. Suzanne DeMahy, Hearing Officer Maggie Simar, and collaborative divorce attorney Sarah Pfeiffer, who will cover the spectrum of family law procedural opportunities. In conclusion, I want to express my enthusiasm for the journey ahead and my dedication to serving you, our valued members. I welcome your input and ideas as we move forward together.

Warm regards, Claire Edwards



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# LAWYERS GIVING TIME, TALENTS, & TREASURES TO THEIR COMMUNITY

BY JESSICA KROGSGARD

Women have been fulfilling crucial roles in the legal field more than ever. Their experience in the legal field; however, contrasts that of men. In the 1980's, just 8% of U.S. lawyers were women. Currently, nearly 40% of lawyers in the U.S. are women.

According to the Association for Women Attorneys New Orleans (AWA) in 1976 only 300 women were practicing law in Louisiana. The American Bar Association reports that women currently represent 35% of the state's law-yers. Through networking, community outreach, and discussions held through various organizations women attorneys have been climbing in number in Louisiana. Whether it is on the frontlines of forming a career in law or supporting someone in the legal field, women have proven to be invaluable throughout this profession.



**Kay Gautreaux** became an attorney in Lafayette to help people in the community. She endeavors to live by her motto, "to whom much is given, much is required." To follow the example of her mother, Kay volunteers when she sees a project that needs improvement. She finds that when you volunteer you cannot lose or fail; in fact, there is no competition when we support each other in reaching a common goal. Serving the community can be an emotional/mental release from the practice of law, which can cause tunnel vision. The focus required, and the stress of managing not only the practice of law but also family, can be overwhelming. For Ms. Gautreaux, it has always been a priority to serve her God, her family and her community. Working with attorneys in her practice and with non-lawyers in a positive, collaborative environment purely for the good of others... fulfills her.

When her children were students at Fatima, she became their Room Mom. When they played sports, she became their Team Mom (she created the Fatima Booster Club). When her children were students at St. Thomas More, she focused her efforts on supporting the sports programs. When they attended college, she served on the Fatima Altar Society, Eucharistic Ministry and the Pastoral Council of Fatima Alumni Council. She joined the Rotary Club of Lafayette and the Fatima Foundation Board.

Ms. Gautreaux serves on the UL Alumni Council, and is responsible for beginning the Grad Expo, which assists graduates preparing for commencement. As an Alumni Advisor for Delta Delta Delta Sorority at UL, she is proud to see the next generation of intelligent women, and considers herself to be the "mother of 150 college girls!" She finds it very rewarding, to say the least. I suppose she might be their Grad Mom.



**Roya Boustany** is an attorney who wants her children to see someone who cares about their community and wants to exemplify raising a family here, being part of the solution for a safe and prosperous Lafayette. She has been an integral part of the Junior League of Lafayette (JLL) since 2013. She contributes most of her time, beyond her legal practice, to the Lafayette Bar Association (LBA) and JLL. She finds that her personal mission and both organizations' respective missions are complementary.

Mrs. Boustany finds it necessary to be a part of the good in the profession, to bring light to it. With JLL, the focus areas include women's leadership, the health and development of women and children, and collaboration for lasting and meaningful changes in the com-

munity. Her efforts are lent in order to ensure the preservation of values for the next generation of women leaders. She believes, "the important change in both your community and within you begins at 5:01 p.m." She has never felt volunteering to be a waste of time, but an opportunity. Her duty is to leave this place better than as it was found. Mrs. Boustany is involved with the Boys and Girls Club, Junior Quiz Bowl and Painting in the Park. She is a LBA Board of Director, the Young Lawyers' Section Current President, the Cathedral Carmel Parent Booster Association Board Member, the Louisiana District Attorneys Board Member and supporter of Hearts of Hope. In addition, she is a Board Member of the Acadiana Center for the Arts and a CPP Member of the Louisiana Bar Foundation. She estimates that she has served for approximately 20,000 volunteer hours since 2013...so far!

James Roy learned early and often that it was his obligation to offer his time

and resources to serve the public. He has served Lafayette's non-profits for over forty years. His service began by supporting the development of 232HELP. He served as its Chairman of the Board and President for six years. -> His service began by supporting the development of 232HELP, which was founded in 1965 by his mother, and served as its Chairman of the Board and President for six years.

His mother, Mrs. Jewell Lowe, inspired the Jewell Lowe Foundation. Mr. Roy serves as the Chairman of the Board with the support of his wife, Ginger. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Roy have been benefactors of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and Hospice of Acadiana (co-founded by Jewell Lowe). Mr. Roy serves as chair on the Board of Advisory Trustees for LSU Law School. He also supports the International Association of Trial

Lawyers and its Foundation, as part of the executive committee of the former.

He has served the ULL Foundation, Community Foundation of Acadiana, LSU Foundation, Tiger Athletic Foundation, LSU Law School, LSU Board of Supervisors (2009 Chairperson) and the Community Foundation of Acadiana. The aggregate financial support that Mr. Roy and his wife have contributed to scholarships, athletics, and non-profit entities is considerable. The support that comes from his commitment to serve the community with heart, is notable...perhaps noble.



**Blake R. David** was raised in Lafayette. Annually, he teaches Trial Advocacy at LSU Law Center. Prior to and during law school, Mr. David worked as a registered lobbyist with Haynie & Associates in Baton Rouge. He is a founding partner of Broussard & David, LLC. He and his wife, Amber, reside in Lafayette with their three children. Mr. David is distinguished among the Top 1% of lawyers nationwide, by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. In 2006, he was named as "20 Under 40" by the Daily Advertiser, as a successful business person under 40 years of age. In 2009, he was honored as the "Outstanding Young Lawyer of Louisiana" by the Louisiana Bar Association. In 2017, he was appointed to the Louisiana Board of Regents by Governor John Bel Edwards, and again in 2023. This appointment was confirmed by the Louisiana Senate. He is Past Present of the Lafayette Bar Association, the American Inn of Court of Acadiana, Louisiana Association for Justice and Lafayette-Acadiana Chapter of the Federal Bar

Association. Mr. David currently serves as the Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Regents and chairs the Academic Affairs Committee. In addition, he serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Layette Economic Development Authority (LEDA), on the Advisory Board of First Horizon/Iberia Bank, Past Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, fundraising chair of the Catholic Charities of Acadiana, Eucharistic Minister and Foundation Board and Finance Committee member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, The Acadiana Tigers Board Member and Past President, and as a founding member of "the 705"- a young professionals organization focused on leadership and community service. From 2019-2023, he has been recognized by Louisiana Super Lawyers as being TOP 50 in the State.





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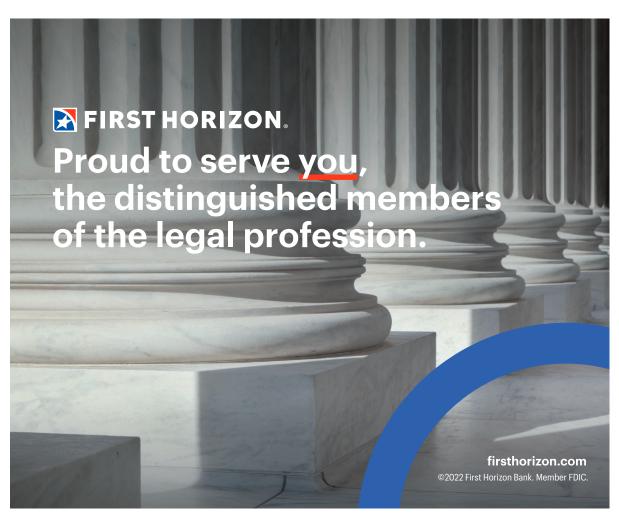
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# Common IT Vulnerabilities in a Law Firm Today BY BRUCE BROWN

Law firms, like any other organization, can be vulnerable to various IT security threats and vulnerabilities. Here are some common IT vulnerabilities that law firms should be aware of:

- **1. Data Breaches:** Law firms handle sensitive and confidential client information, making them attractive targets for cybercriminals. Data breaches can lead to the exposure of client information, which can have legal and reputational consequences.
- **2. Phishing Attacks:** Phishing emails are designed to trick recipients into revealing sensitive information or clicking on malicious links. Law firm employees could unknowingly disclose sensitive information or grant access to attackers through these tactics.
- **3. Ransomware:** Ransomware attacks can encrypt the firm's data and demand a ransom for its release. If the firm doesn't have proper backups and recovery plans, it may be forced to pay the ransom or risk losing critical data.
- **4. Insufficient Access Controls:** Weak or improperly managed access controls can lead to unauthorized access to sensitive data. This includes inadequate password policies, sharing of credentials, and not implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA).
- **5. Unpatched Software:** Failing to keep software, operating systems, and applications up to date with the latest security patches can leave systems vulnerable to known exploits and attacks.
- **6. Mobile Device Security:** Law firm employees often use mobile devices to access and manage client data. Without proper security measures in place, these devices can become entry points for cyberattacks.
- **7. Third-Party Risks:** Law firms often work with external vendors, partners, and clients. If these third parties have weak security measures, they could inadvertently expose the firm's data to potential breaches.

- **8. Social Engineering:** Attackers can exploit human psychology to manipulate employees into revealing sensitive information or taking unauthorized actions. This includes tactics like pretexting, baiting, and tailgating.
- **9. Remote Work Security:** With the rise of remote work, law firms need to ensure that their remote setups are secure. Unsecured home networks and personal devices can create vulnerabilities.
- **10. Physical Security:** Physical security is often overlooked in the digital age. Unauthorized physical access to the firm's premises or devices can lead to data breaches.
- 11. Lack of Employee Training: Without proper cybersecurity training, employees may not be aware of the latest threats and best practices. This can lead to unintentional security breaches.
- **12. Cloud Security:** If a law firm uses cloud services such as O365 or Google Workspace, misconfigurations or inadequate security measures could expose sensitive data to unauthorized access.
- **13.** Lack of Incident Response Plan: Without a well-defined incident response plan, law firms may struggle to effectively respond to and mitigate security incidents, increasing the potential impact of a breach.

To mitigate these vulnerabilities, law firms should implement strong cybersecurity measures, conduct regular security assessments, provide ongoing training for employees, establish incident response plans, and stay informed about the evolving cybersecurity landscape.

If you'd like to schedule a call to discuss your Law Firm IT security concerns, go to the below URL and schedule a time to mee with Bruce Brown at Computer One. We look forward to hearing from you soon. http://visitwithbruce.com

# PRO BONO HONOR ROLL

THE FOLLOWING ATTORNEYS HAVE ACCEPTED ONE OR MORE PRO BONO CASES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS

## **Dean Doherty**

The Law Office of Dean A. Doherty

**Robert Guidry** *NeunerPate* 

Hon. Michael Hill Attorney at Law

#### David Kaufman

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**Brian Lindsey** *Kean Miller LLP* 

Mark Owens
Owens Law

# 2023-2024 LBA Board of Directors

Applications for the 2023-2024 Lafayette Bar Association's Board of Directors are currently being accepted. If you are interested in applying to serve on the Board, please submit your application by the end of the day Friday, September 15.

This position entails a 3-year term commitment with various responsibilities to support the

Lafayette Bar Association, as well as a commitment to attend monthly board meetings and take part in association events. We look forward to reviewing this year's applicants as we grow and enhance our organization in the upcoming year.

The 2023-2024 LBA Board Application is inserted in between pages 16 & 17 of this Promulgator issue. If this is of interest to you please fill out this form and either email it to Pam Landaiche at Pam@lafayettebar.org or mail your application to 2607 Johnston St., Lafayette, LA, 70503

#### **Commercial Attorney**



We are seeking a full-time attorney for our Commercial Section. Five+ years of experience in commercial and business transactions is required. The candidate must be capable of handling matters of substantial legal significance, have a J.D. from an accredited law school, excellent academic credentials, be admitted to practice in the State of Louisiana, and have strong research, writing and interpersonal skills. Compensation is commensurate with experience and includes a full benefits package. Resume may be forwarded to info@onebane.com.



# THE GRAPEVINE

#### Jones Walker Welcomes Healthcare Litigator Edward Barousse

LAFAYETTE, La. – August 1, 2023 – Jones Walker LLP is pleased to welcome Edward Barousse as special counsel in the firm's Litigation Practice Group. Based in the firm's Lafayette office, Edward will be a member of the Healthcare Industry Team.

"We are pleased to welcome Edward to the firm. As we are committed to expanding our Healthcare Industry Team, his healthcare litigation experience and deep knowledge of the medical industry will be valued by clients attempting to navigate this often-complicated sector," said Bill Hines, managing partner of Jones Walker.

Edward is a healthcare litigator who has managed cases covering a wide range of issues, including medical malpractice as well as business and regulatory disputes. He represents clients in matters involving public and private hospitals, health systems, and individual physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers in professional liability, licensure, and related matters.

Contemplating his legal journey to Jones Walker, Edward said, "I began my Louisiana legal career 20 years ago in New Orleans and immediately became aware of Jones Walker's preeminent

standing in the legal landscape. Over the years, I have admired the work of the firm's attorneys, and my friends who are members of the firm are happy to be part of the team. I am delighted and grateful to have the opportunity to join the firm."

Edward also has experience interpreting statutes and helped advise a major insurance company regarding the quickly changing statutory regime of Louisiana's bad faith statutes after natural disasters, most prominently Hurricane Katrina.



Veazey Felder & Renegar Law firm is pleased to announce the addition of Kevin Fouquier as an associate to our office. Kevin specializes in family law, business law, and estate planning.









NEUNERPATE EXPANDS | SWLA & NEW ORLEANS

NeunerPate is pleased to announce our strategic growth with two major market expansions, solidifying our commitment to community and corporate partnerships.

NeunerPate has acquired the Lake Charles law firm Guillory & McCall LLC, effective in May 2023. This acquisition has resulted in the addition of two prominent legal professionals, Bill McCall and Dru Cunningham, who will lead NeunerPate's Southwest Louisiana service area.

Their extensive experience and local knowledge will be instrumental in providing comprehensive legal services to clients in the SWLA region!

With an established presence in New Orleans, NeunerPate has also made a strategic investment by securing a permanent location in the heart of the city's business district, effective January 2023. This expansion allows us to further serve the legal needs of business and corporate clients in Greater New Orleans and Southeast Louisiana.

Nicholas G. Jones, a seasoned attorney who has been an integral part of our firm since 2015, will lead this expansion and provide legal counsel to clients in the region.

With these two significant additions to our team and expanded locations, NeunerPate is well-positioned to continue serving as a trusted legal partner for individuals, businesses, and organizations throughout Louisiana and the Gulf Coast.



Becker and Hebert continues to expand its team by welcoming a new associate attorney, Bryce L. Lombard. Bryce graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Sports and Business Administration and is a recent graduate of the Southern University Law Center where he obtained his juris doctorate.



Becker & Hebert is pleased to announce that the 2023 edition of Chambers USA, widely regarded as the world's leading legal data and analytics provider, has designated Michael Hebert as a "Band 1" lawyer, Chambers' highest recognition, in the area of Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use. Mike is one of only three Louisiana lawyers to have attained this preeminent distinction.



## Same dedication. New name.

Broussard & David's reputation for advocacy continues to grow across Louisiana. And so is our name. Broussard, David & Moroux embodies the same expertise and commitment to fighting for just compensation and protecting the rights of injured people.

For 13 years, partner Jerome Moroux has fought for our clients in the courtroom litigating serious personal injury and wrongful death cases. Today, Broussard, David & Moroux is 10 attorneys strong with offices in Lafayette and Covington.

Adding his name brings our firm's story full circle. His father, Anthony "Tony" Moroux, was the former law partner of Richard Broussard.

Now, as ever, the names Broussard, David & Moroux mean representation you can trust.

# BROUSSARD DAVID & MOROUX

#### Tried and Trusted.

Nationally renowned in personal injury law, the attorneys of Broussard, David & Moroux are proven trial lawyers. We believe that justice is obtained by looking at the big picture of each case and focusing on every detail to secure maximum compensation for our clients.

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