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ON THE COVER

In this 2026 February issue, we cover a recap of Red Mass and Court Opening. The cover photo captures the memory of our local state and federal judges in attendance alongside Bishop Douglas Deshotel, Deacon George Jourdan, and Father Pius Pietrzyk, Homilist.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members of the Lafayette Bar Association:

I hope you all are enjoying a great start to the new year! I am happy to report that the Bar Association finished the year with yet another highly successful CLE By the Hour Program. This year's program featured 81 speakers, 72 presentations, 8 ethics hours, and 10 professionalism hours. The program has become one of our primary sources of income, and thanks to our volunteers and staff, has exceeded budgeted revenue each year. The additional funds allow us to continue to grow the scope of the services that we offer our members and the community at large. Thanks also to Jen Ardoin and Judge Roya Boustany for spearheading this year's program, and to our wonderful staff for putting in the long hours to make it a success!

We celebrated the Red Mass and Court Opening on January 9. Both the Mass and the opening ceremony were well attended

by judges and attorneys alike. We welcomed over 30 new admittees to the Bar and celebrated the lives of 12 recently deceased members of our Bar with beautiful eulogies from family, friends, and colleagues. Thank you to all who attended these special ceremonies marking the start of a new year! Special thanks to Broussard, David & Moroux for continuing to sponsor the gumbo at the reception following the Red Mass. Thank you also to Davidson Meaux, Gordon Arata, The Law Offices of Kenneth Dejean, Liskow Lewis, Mahtook & LaFleur, and Kean Miller, who generously sponsored the reception following the Court Opening.

This spring will once again feature several events for our members, including the annual Birdie With The Bar Golf Tournament, which is hosted by our Young Lawyers Section and raises funds for the Lafayette Bar Foundation and pro bono



*Trey Hightower*

programs. We will also continue hosting the Bench-Bar Quarterly Lunches. Be on the lookout for invitations to sign up for these wonderful opportunities to lunch and learn with the local judiciary.

We will be marketing and planning for the annual Bench-Bar Conference that will be taking place from August 20–22 this summer. Please be on the lookout for details regarding the conference and make plans to join us for fun, fellowship, and CLE!

I look forward to seeing you at these events this spring. In the meantime, best wishes to you all for a safe and fun Mardi Gras season!

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Our annual Red Mass and Court Opening Ceremony occurred Friday, January 9, 2026, right in time for inspiration for this message. Celebrating Mass in the beautiful Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist is always a truly life-changing event. Surrounded by beautiful architecture, red vestments, colleagues gathering to commence a new calendar year, and, most importantly, a deep faith in the power of God, it is an opportunity to start afresh, renewed and fortified in spirit.

The Red Mass is offered to invoke the Holy Spirit as the source of the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, and fortitude, for the dispensing of justice in the courtroom and in the lawyer's office. I witnessed beauty and majesty and thank all who participated and sponsored the day's events.

The Court Opening celebrated our newly admitted attorneys and also provided an opportunity to eulogize all those who passed away in the past year. I'd like to thank the 15<sup>th</sup> JDC leadership, especially Chief Judge Susan Theall, and the staff at the

Lafayette Parish Courthouse for lending their hand and space to make the event memorable.

May all of us remember who we are and why we became attorneys as we embark upon this new calendar year! As we do so, let's also congratulate the newly admitted attorneys who join us in our practice of law.

In closing, mark your calendars for Mardi Gras on February 17, as our office will be open, offering food, beverages, and parking for members who register. Safety will be ensured with on-site security. We'll also offer passes for on-site parking for other parade events. You can register online at our Events page or email me at [jan@lafayettebar.org](mailto:jan@lafayettebar.org) for more information.



*Jan Swift*

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



On behalf of the Lafayette Bar Foundation, I would like to welcome all of the newly admitted attorneys to the practice and encourage all of you to contact us about the many opportunities to serve the less fortunate in our community, which so desperately needs legal counsel. Whether providing direct representation on cases provided through Acadiana Legal Service Corporation or our Elder Wills Program, or participating in our advice-only events such as Counsel on Call, your pro bono work will be immensely rewarding and greatly appreciated. New member volunteers can reach out to any member of the Foundation Executive Committee, myself, or our pro bono director, Marilyn Lopez, for more information. Of course, membership in the Foundation is free.

I also want to direct everyone's attention to the free Expungement Lunch and Learn CLE, which we

will be providing on February 26, 2026. It will be at the Lafayette Bar office from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and lunch will be provided. Judge Douglas Saloom and attorney Lauren Kirichkow with the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana will provide instruction on how to complete the Lafayette City Court expungement forms and all the relevant information needed to provide this critical service to our neighbors who can't afford it. I encourage every member of the Bar to consider participating in this program.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our event with Catholic Charities. By donating these bags during the holiday season, we allowed many of the transient and homeless in our area to store their belongings and important documents. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

Happy Mardi Gras to all!



# FAMILY LAW SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT

LOGAN ISTRE

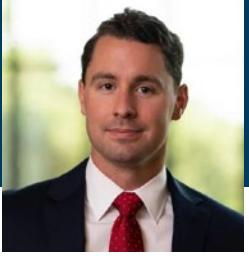
This year has started off strong, and our section intends to continue the momentum that we are currently riding. With our three-hour CLE opportunity on January 23, 2026, and several upcoming CLE opportunities, including presentations from distinguished colleagues such as the Honorable David A. Blanchet, Brad Felder, and Dr. David Landry, we are on track to offer our members, as well as other practitioners, the opportunity to advance their legal knowledge across a range of topics.

We are excited about social opportunities for the section this year as well, with our first being after our January 23, 2026, CLE marathon, and hopefully a few more to follow, including our section crawfish boil, which has been set for May 9, 2026. Last year's crawfish boil was a family-fun affair, and we are hoping to keep that tradition going.

To those members of the Bar Association who take

on family law matters, or hope to take on family law matters, our section would welcome you to attend any one of our meetings and CLE opportunities. If you have taken on these types of cases, or if you are interested in doing so, you either know or will learn that this area of the law can be very contentious and full of emotions. Getting to know fellow practitioners in the area outside of the courtroom very much helps in forming good working relationships, as well as friendships with your colleagues. Through our CLE opportunities, it also helps you stay up to date on many family law topics, which is very important in the ever-changing field of family law.

To our section members, I welcome your input on ways that the section can better serve its members. I encourage you to email me at logan@southernokslaw.com if you would like to bounce around ideas or have suggestions on topics, events, or other offerings that the section may be able to provide to its members.



# YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT

J.P. GRAF

As the new year begins, the Lafayette Bar Association marked the opening of the judicial term with two programs that reflect the tradition, purpose, and sense of community that define our Bar: the Red Mass and the Fifteenth Judicial District Court Opening Ceremony.

The Red Mass, held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, continues a tradition that dates back centuries. Offered at the start of the judicial year, it invokes wisdom, understanding, and counsel for all who serve in the administration of justice—judges, lawyers, and public servants alike. It was especially meaningful to see members of the bench and Bar gathered together in that space, reflecting not only on the law we practice but on the values that guide it. We are grateful to the Diocese of Lafayette, the clergy, and all who helped make this year's Red Mass a reverent and thoughtful beginning to the term.

Later that day, the legal community reconvened at the Lafayette Parish Courthouse for the Court Opening Ceremony of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court. This ceremony remains one of the most important moments of the Bar year, formally opening the courts while reaffirming our shared commitment to professionalism, service, and respect for the rule of law.

Theall for administering the Lawyer's Oath. Hearing that oath serves as a powerful reminder that admission to the Bar is not only an achievement but a solemn commitment—to respect the courts, to practice with honesty and integrity, and to treat colleagues and opposing counsel with civility.

We are sincerely grateful to all of our local judges for their presence and leadership at Court Opening. Your engagement with the Bar, and particularly with our newest members, helps set the tone for the year and reinforces the standards to which we all aspire.

This year's Court Opening also included a meaningful Recognition of the Recently Deceased, honoring members of our legal community who have passed. Sincere thanks to each of the individuals who offered remembrances. Those tributes were a powerful reminder that our profession is shaped not only by the work we do but by the people who do it—and by the example they leave behind.

Thank you as well to the sponsors who supported the Court Opening reception—Kean Miller; Gordon Arata; Liskow; Mahtook & LaFleur; and the Law Offices of Kenneth W. Dejean—for making fellowship after the ceremony possible. A special thank you to Broussard, David & Moroux for providing lunch and giving members of the bench and Bar an opportunity to

gather, reconnect, and welcome the new year together.

Looking ahead, we are entering one of Lafayette's best seasons. With Mardi Gras around the corner, the Young Lawyers Section looks forward to hosting a social for members of the entire Bar in the coming months, with details to follow. Building collegiality across practice areas, generations, and courtrooms remains a priority for the YLS.

On behalf of the Young Lawyers Section, thank you to everyone who attended, participated in, and supported these programs.

We look forward to a productive year ahead and to continuing our work in support of the courts, our community, and one another.



Newly admitted attorneys attending the Fifteenth Judicial District Court Opening Ceremony

I was honored to participate in welcoming and introducing the newly admitted attorneys, and I extend a special thank-you to Chief Judge Susan



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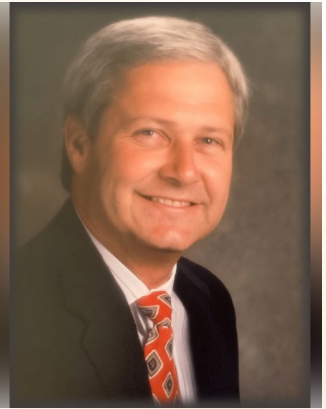
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It is a tradition at Court Opening each year to remember our colleagues who recently passed away and to celebrate their lives and contributions to the legal community.  
May we never forget them.



# RED MASS AND COURT OPENING

JANUARY 9, 2026



*Sasha Massey, Cantor*

Joseph, USA, delivered an inspirational homily at the Red Mass, reminding us that God's truth and access to justice are inseparable realities. A priest of the Order of Preachers (the "Dominicans"), Father Pius earned a doctoral degree in canon law (JCD) from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Rome). Early in his career, Father Pius worked for three years in the corporate and securities practice of Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago. He obtained his law degree (JD) from the University of Chicago.

Red Mass and Court Opening were celebrated on January 9, 2026. The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist was overflowing and a majestic sight.

Father Pius Pietrzyk, O.P., vicar for administration for the Dominican Province of St.

He was nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation by President Barack Obama on June 25, 2010, and his nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on September 29, 2010. He currently serves as vice chairman of the LSC Board.

A huge crowd enjoyed the gumbo luncheon following Mass, sponsored by Broussard, David & Moroux. The day was capped off with our annual Court Opening, where we welcomed newly admitted attorneys to the 15<sup>th</sup> JDC and remembered recently deceased attorneys who had practiced in our region. Thanks to our sponsors who made this day possible!



*Bishop Deshotel leading procession out of church*



*Judges at Red Mass*



*Father Pius Pietrzyk, O.P., Homilist of Red Mass*



*Dean Cole and Trey Hightower, gift bearers*



*Jared Nelson, LSBA President Ed Walters, Trey Hightower and J. P. Graf at court opening*



*Newly admitted attorneys at Court Opening 2026*

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# It's All in the Family: Remembering Joseph J. Piccione

In 1916, Joseph J. Piccione was born to Italian immigrants in Lafayette. His parents' families were farmers, or more particularly "peasants," in Sicily during a time of political instability and worker unrest. They came to America as teenagers to escape the poverty and violence that had engulfed their rural communities southwest of Palermo. Joe's mother's family immigrated through New Orleans in the 1890s and settled in Jeanerette, where the family cultivated a pear orchard and other crops. Joe's father and uncles also came through New Orleans around the same time. They eventually opened a small grocery store in downtown Lafayette.

Joe's mother and father remained poor and never became fluent in English, but with their ten children, they were an active and vibrant family in Lafayette. Six of the ten served in the military, four in World War II and two in Korea and Vietnam. Joe graduated from Lafayette High School and Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now UL Lafayette), earning his degree in 1938. He then went on to Tulane Law School, working two jobs to support himself and pay for school. Nevertheless, he graduated at the top of his class



*"It broke his heart to see those people like that — and to know that man could do that to man."*

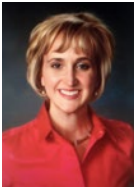


and was editor in chief of the *Tulane Law Review*, a member of the Order of the Coif, and moot court champion.

After graduating in 1940, Joe practiced law in Lafayette briefly before joining the U.S. Army. He served in the European Theater in World War II in the 65<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Divisions, Third Army, under General George Patton. He recounted the time when he led his men across the border into Germany and came upon a recently abandoned farmhouse. First Lt. Piccione brought his tired, cold, and very hungry platoon into the house, where they found a ham hanging in the fireplace, ready for a feast. He also participated in the capture of enemy forces and the liberation of the Dachau concentration camps in Germany. There, he guarded the camp while medics took care of the prisoners who were discovered there. "Skin and bones," he told us. He said it broke his heart to see those people like that, "and to know that man could do that to man."



Later, as a captain, Joe was appointed to the Judge Advocate General Corps to serve in postwar Germany. He first defended American soldiers accused of crimes committed on base, an experience that ignited a lifelong calling to represent the accused. After a short while, he became a military prosecutor. The Dachau Military Tribunal handled the prosecution of war criminals captured in the U.S. military zones of Allied-occupied Germany, and the prosecution of military personnel and civilians who committed war crimes against the American military and American citizens. War crime trials were held at Dachau Concentration Camp by military tribunals authorized by the Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Third Army.



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At one point during his military career, Joe was sent to Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia. While sending a telegram to his parents in Lafayette, he happened to fall instantly and madly in love with the telegraph operator, Wilma Lee Kirkland, whom he married the following year upon returning to America after his discharge from the Army.

Joe and Wilma settled in Lafayette, and Joe returned to his general practice in the bustling downtown area, representing people and businesses from

all over Acadiana. Joe's younger brother Peter returned home from the war and entered law school, following in his brother's footsteps. The two practiced as partners for many years in the 1950s and '60s. Soon, the next generation of Piccione lawyers joined the Bar when nephews Peter Jr. and Michael started practicing in Lafayette. In 1987, Joe's son and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Brenda (this author), returned home to Lafayette for Kirk to practice with his father. Kirk hired his sister Nita to be their paralegal, and Brenda later became a partner, establishing themselves as a true family business. Together they represented civil, criminal, and business clients for many years.

Joe practiced law in Lafayette for 60 years. He was president of the

Lafayette Parish Bar Association and active throughout the legal community. He had a passion for the law, enjoying research, crafting arguments, and discussing with gusto novel legal theories until the very end of his career. He was a family man and artist, a gardener and carpenter, a great dad and a good friend, yet he spoke Latin and collected law books. He learned from and admired the older lawyers whom he met in court, and he relished his role as a mentor to others. He would have been proud to see his legacy continue when his nephew John became the third generation of Piccione lawyers to join the Lafayette Bar.

**Are you part of a family of lawyers?** The Lafayette legal community is made up of many first-generation trailblazers, but I know quite a few who were born with a Civil Code in their hands! Let us know your story, and we'll highlight it here in the next edition of *All in the Family*.





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After over 100 years serving the Acadiana and Northern Louisiana parishes, **Voorhies & Labbe** has wound down its practice and wanted to thank the Acadiana and North Louisiana areas for their support and trust over the years. Attorneys **Lamont Domingue, Robert Francez, Cyd Page, Robert Ellender, and Beau LeBlanc** have moved to the Allen & Gooch firm. Domingue, Francez, Ellender and LeBlanc will be in its Lafayette office with Cyd Page of Counsel from Monroe. Attorney **Hoai Hoang** has joined the law firm of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith in its Lafayette office. They all welcome your continued support and trust of their new firms.

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## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

*Clare Roubion, Louisiana Legal Ethics*

A new year always arrives with a familiar mix of clean calendars, fresh yellow pads, and cautious optimism. In the legal profession, January also brings renewed deadlines, renewed clients, and renewed commitments to doing this work well—and doing it with integrity.

We're pleased to begin the year with this first issue of The Promulgator, and with it, another opportunity to reflect the strength, character, and personality of our local bar. This journal exists because of your work: the long hours, the quiet professionalism, the courtroom victories no one sees, the client calls that run late, and the

steady mentorship that keeps our community strong.

In this issue, you'll find updates from bar leadership, features on lawyers making a difference beyond their practices, and stories that remind us that our profession is not just a body of rules, but a group of people—thoughtful, principled, and occasionally very funny.

As always, thank you to our contributors, advertisers, and volunteers who make this publication possible, and to our readers who continue to support it. If you have ideas, submissions, or stories worth telling this year, my door (and inbox) are always open.

Here's to a year of good judgment, steady nerves, clear writing, and just enough wins to make the hard days worthwhile.

Warm regards,

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# Lawyers in Love:

## THREE STORIES FROM OUR BAR

Law practice is demanding. So is marriage. Combine the two, and you have a partnership that requires patience, perspective, and more than a little humor.

For our February issue, we spoke with three couples from our Bar who have managed to build lasting marriages alongside full legal careers. Their stories span decades, practice areas, and personalities—but they share a common thread: respect for each other's work and a steady understanding of what it takes to make both law and marriage endure.

### Jan and John Swift: A Second Meeting That Changed Everything

Jan and John Swift first met as college students in the 1970s, when Jan came over to John's apartment with one of his friends. Nothing much came of it at the time.

Years later, law school and life had intervened. Jan was clerking for Judge Ronnie Cox. John's father, retired Third Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Bill Swift, was sitting as an ad hoc judge in Lafayette Parish on a murder case and had met Jan.

John remembers his father stopping him in the hallway and saying, "You need to meet this girl." When John replied that he already had, his father insisted, "You

need to give it a try."

That was 1983. This time, it stuck.

Their careers unfolded on parallel but separate tracks. John became a litigator. Jan worked in government and real estate and served as attorney chair on medical malpractice panels. They rarely practiced in the same areas, and Jan believes that helped.

"We never really did the same thing," she explained. "John was always a litigator, and I did different things."

They did, however, bring work home.

"Oh yes," Jan said, laughing. "Seven days a week. He's always got stuff at home."

John shared one moment that perfectly captured their rhythm.

When COVID began and offices shifted to remote work, he announced at home that he would be working there too.

Jan had other plans.

"She said, 'No, you're not. I need the computer. You go to your office.'"

Decades later, when Jan looks back, what stands out is not a single milestone but the accumulation of ordinary loyalty.

"You just survive, you look back, and you're like, wow, where did the time go?" she said. "John's always been there for me."

Their advice to younger lawyers is simple and hard-earned.

"Prioritize each other," Jan said. "It's easy to fly through your days—careers, kids, volunteer work—and lose track of what matters."

John added, "Enjoy your family. It goes by fast."

### Brenda and Kirk Piccione: From Junior High to Law Partners

Brenda and Kirk Piccione do not even remember exactly how they met.

It was junior high. Cathedral-Carmel. Lafayette.

"We honestly have no idea how we met," Brenda said. "We were just... there."

They remained friends for years. Then, in 1981, Brenda needed a date for a Mardi Gras ball—and she knew Kirk owned a tuxedo.

"I asked him to come with me," she said. "That was our first date, and we've been together ever since."

This year marks forty years of marriage.



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"Knowing what each other is doing, and the struggles that come with it," she said, "makes a difference."

Her favorite part of their story is simple.

"We still look at each other like we're eighteen and nineteen."

She also laughed about how people react when they learn they are both lawyers.

"They always laugh," she said. "Like, 'What do y'all do, go home and argue all the time?'"

They do talk about work.

"All the time," Brenda said.

But the arguing, thankfully, is mostly left for court.

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Law was always part of the plan for both of them. Brenda spent two decades clerking on the appellate court before joining Kirk in private practice in 2013.

"Now we've been partners since 2013," she said. "And it's great."

Working together suits them.

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Their first real interaction was at a gathering for tutors and first-year students before the semester began. They officially started dating the following semester, around the time of Barristers' Bowl.

Early on, Reed

told Kevin she was not looking for a relationship during law school.

He accepted that.

About a week later, she changed her mind.

"She came back and said, 'Actually... let's do this.'"

Law school made dating easier in some ways and harder in others.

They understood each other's stress immediately. Combining study styles, however, was less successful.

"We tried to combine outlines," Kevin said. "It worked great for me. She was less thrilled."

Now in practice on opposite sides of the Bar, Kevin says their shared background still anchors their marriage.

"There are nights when one of us disappears because of a deadline or a hearing," he said. "The other picks up the slack. It's just understood it'll balance out."

They also serve as sounding boards for each other.

"We practice on opposite sides, so we give each other different perspectives," he said.

Kevin confirmed that people warned him about marrying another lawyer.

"Absolutely," he said. "And I absolutely ignored them."

They have never faced each other in court.

And, for now, that is just fine.



### One Profession. Three Marriages. Countless Briefs.

None of these couples claim to have a secret formula. They simply understand the pressures of the profession—and the importance of showing up anyway.

In a field defined by deadlines and demands, their stories are a reminder that partnership is built not on perfection but on patience, humor, and the steady decision to choose each other again and again.



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# An Update from the Lafayette Bar Foundation

## PRO BONO HONOR ROLL

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