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On the cover, you can find the newly admitted attorneys we were so proud to welcome into the legal community at the 2023 Court Opening.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Robert Kallam**

Dear Friends,

Wow...I cannot believe it's already been one year and I'm writing to you for the last time as President of your bar association! I am so looking forward to seeing you and celebrating with you on November 1

at the installation events for our next President, Lindsay Meador Young. I know Lindsay will do an excellent job as our next President and I thank her for her service to our bar association. I also want to thank my predecessor, Shannon Dartez, for her leadership and counsel now that she rolls off our Executive Committee and Board.

Our bar association is in great shape financially, membership at levels not seen before, social and

professional events at an all-time high and our staff, led by Pam, is second to none! It was my true honor to work alongside many of you and the LBA staff to ensure that our association continued to function at the very highest levels. I could not have done it without each and every one of you and for that I say thank you!

Finally, I hope in some small way that our "Lawyers who care...Legends of Service" campaign opened your eyes and those of the community at large to the wonderful contributions and service of our bar members outside the court room or conference room. These individuals will continue to be highlighted in the Promulgator and if you have someone you wish to nominate, please contact me.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your President!

Sincerely,

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Fall and all of the LBA events that go along with the changing of the season!

We have had plenty of events recently, offering a wide range of opportunities for CLE, networking, and fun. If you had the opportunity to take part in Bench Bar, Tennis Tournament, the LSBA-sponsored Professionalism CLE, or Court Opening, you know that great things are happening at the Bar. The overwhelming response to the programming and social events at Bench Bar was extremely positive. Much appreciation to chairs Trey Hightower and Jonathan Woods, for their planning and execution of the event.

Speaking of Bench Bar, mark your calendar now for Bench Bar 2024, August 20-22, at the Grand in Point Clear, Alabama. You don't want to miss out on this fabulous venue and all that it has to offer. I had the pleasure of visiting the property recently to view the venue and will be sharing my experience and some pictures in the next few issues of the Promulgator.

There are plenty of upcoming events at the Lafayette Bar so stay tuned to our website and social media channels to be sure you don't miss anything.

- **CLAY SHOOT:** The annual Shoot for Justice Clay Shoot was Friday, October 20 at Wilderness Gun Club. The event was, as always, a great time with friends and colleagues and the ever-enjoyable fried fish lunch special by Miles Matt was unforgettable.
- **PRO BONO WEEK/CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE:** National Pro Bono week was held October 23-27. Geaux Casual for Pro Bono kicked off the week with all law offices and firms the LBA encouraged to participate in the event. The donations we received will help to fund pro bono programs put on by the Lafayette Bar Foundation. Pro Bono week culminated with the annual Champions of Justice Awards which recognized



*Pam Landaiche*

those attorneys who have served the Lafayette Bar Foundation's Pro Bono program this past year. The 2023 Champions of Justice took place on Friday, October 27, 7:30 -9:00 a.m. at Abacus. The event was well-attended and a great success.

- **LBA INSTALLATION:** Mark your calendars for the LBA Installation of Officers, installing Lindsay Meador Young as president, along with Jami Ish-ee as president of the Young Lawyers Section and Clare Roubion as president of the Criminal Law Section. This year's installation will take place on Wednesday, November 1, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at City Club.
- **LBA HOLIDAY PARTY:** The annual LBA Holiday Party will take place on Thursday, December 7, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at The Room@Corner Bar. Please note this new location for this year. The party is always a great time to visit with colleagues and usher in the holiday season.
- **CLE BY THE HOUR:** It is not too early to begin thinking about end of the year CLEs. The dates for this year will be Dec. 5, 11, 12, 14, 18, 20, 27, 28, and 29. If you are interested in presenting a one-hour CLE, please let me know and we will take care of scheduling ([pam@lafayettebar.org](mailto:pam@lafayettebar.org)). Registration to sign up for CLE by the Hour courses will be open soon – check the Lafayette Bar website, [www.lafayettebar.org](http://www.lafayettebar.org) for updates.

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# YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

## AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT JAMI ISHEE

I am so impressed with our Young Lawyers, as our entire membership should be! Not only are young lawyers deciding to live and work in Lafayette, but they are excited and engaged in our Lafayette Bar Association. Having to pull out additional seats at our September monthly meeting, the young lawyers are ahead of the game and are working steadfast toward a fun-packed-fall. While we couldn't answer the prayers for cooler weather just yet, the Young Lawyers Section helped everyone get into the fall spirit at the annual Clay Shoot for Justice on October 20, 2023.

Also coming this season is the Fall Social. Although hosted by the Young Lawyers Section, we hope that attorneys with all ranges of experiences, from first-year associates to 50+ years, will join us! The event will be held on Wednesday, November 8th from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Wildcat Brothers Brewery

at Gator Cove. Come out and join us and the DJ for drinks, music, and more.

What has made the practice of law exciting for you? Why do you choose to live and practice in Lafayette? Have a great war story or advice for young lawyers that you can share? Want to meet and mingle with judges? Need a brain break? Are you looking to foster comradery with your peers, or talk about the exhilarating (or depressing) football plays you watched over the past weekend? No matter your intent, our socials are for you!

As we enter the season of thanks and giving, please also consider nominating a young lawyer for their contributions to the legal community, whether through pro bono service, professionalism, or as an all-around outstanding lawyer, the Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division is now accepting award nominations: <https://www.lsba.org/YLD/>. A large portion of the young lawyers who are recognized on the state level have been from our community, and we want to continue our strong representation, but we need your help with nominations. You can also submit names to [jishee@davidsonmeaux.com](mailto:jishee@davidsonmeaux.com).



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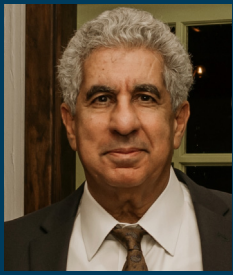
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## ACCESS TO JUSTICE

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



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We had some exciting events this past month. We had the Champions of Justice breakfast banquet hosted by the Lafayette Bar Foundation on October 27, 2023 from 7:30 to 9:00am at Abacus here in Lafayette. At the Champions of Justice breakfast banquet the Lafayette Bar Foundation celebrated those local attorneys and firms who have contributed the highest levels of free volunteer service to provide pro bono legal assistance to the poor and underprivileged in our community. Without the volunteer service, the poor and underprivileged would have no means by which to secure the protection and security of our justice system. Our programs provide free legal representation and counsel in matters such as securing protective orders for abused spouses, seeking child support and a host of other services. Serving the underprivileged in our community is one of the highest forms of giving back. Our keynote speaker this year was Judge Charlie Fitzgerald of the Third Circuit Court of Appeal. For those who have never heard Judge Fitzgerald speak, you are in for a treat. Thank you to all who have donated your legal services to the underprivileged in our community.

The Lafayette Bar Foundation is funded by fundraisers presented by our members and by grants from Acadiana Legal Services, as well as the Louisiana Bar Foundation. All legal work performed by our members is on a pro bono basis. This includes visiting with clients, witnesses, and court personnel, time doing research, time preparing legal documents and time in court. Often

times, the attorneys donating their time incur their own out-of-pocket expenses. We were excited and proud to honor those attorneys who volunteered, and continue to volunteer, their time to further the mission and calls of the nonprofit Lafayette Bar Foundation.

The night before the Breakfast of Champions banquet the board of directors of Louisiana Bar Foundation hosted a dinner in Lafayette to meet the Lafayette Bar Foundation board members. It was great opportunity for the Lafayette Bar Foundation members to get to know the Louisiana Bar Foundation members on a first name basis which can lead to better collaboration on future projects undertaken by both nonprofit organizations.

Finally, after the Champions of Justice breakfast banquet, the Lafayette Bar Foundation hosted the Louisiana Bar Foundation Board of Directors meeting at the Lafayette Bar Association/Foundation office. We enjoyed hosting the Louisiana Bar Foundation, and we look forward to future opportunities to collaborate with the Louisiana Bar Foundation in a joint effort to continue and increase the services of both organizations to the community at large.

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# FAMILY LAW SECTION

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT  
**CLAIRE EDWARDS**

The Family Law Section has been up to some wonderful things in our community! Last year, when I was coordinating Continuing Legal Education (CLE) opportunities, I focused on collaborative divorce. We invited a diverse range of professionals, including Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs), Certified Defense Financial Managers (CDFMs), Certified Financial Planner (CFPs), and Certified Public Accountant (CPAs), to share their insights with our section. This not only helped us improve our communication with clients but also expanded our network of connections, especially when advocating for our clients.

This time of the year, we're carrying forward with a theme that keeps us motivated and focused: giving back to the community. Already, in response to requests from the August FLS Meeting and through word of mouth and email chains, two generous members of our Family Law Section have stepped up. Dyan Schnaars donated essential paper products, while Elizabeth Dugal made a monetary contribution.

Let's not forget that our Family Law Section attorneys play a significant role in our community's day-to-day needs. They are frontline workers who serve both men and women every day. In family law, it's not always clear-cut whether litigants are the "plaintiff" or the "defendant," as intricate emotional dynamics often come into play. That's why it's crucial for our group to continue networking, socializing, and spending time together. This helps ensure that we maintain a cordial and professional atmosphere, even in the midst of challenging cases.

There's also a common misconception about family law attorneys, especially among the general public. Many believe that everyone is "entitled to" an attorney in family law cases, just as in criminal law. However, from a constitutional standpoint, this isn't the case. Unfortunately, this misconception can lead some people to neglect budgeting for this fundamental need in their already tight personal family finances or are lead to representing themselves.

If non-family law practitioners have any ideas on how to bridge the gap for unrepresented parties in our overwhelmed court system, we are open to suggestions. Perhaps exploring Limited Legal Services cases can be a helpful step, or maybe we can consider starting a family law counsel-on-call service in the courthouse? Your insights and ideas are greatly appreciated as we strive to make our legal system more accessible to all. Thank you for being part of our wonderful Family Law Section, where community support and collaboration make a real difference.

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# 2023 COURT OPENING

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Every year, the Court Opening ceremony provides an opportunity for members of the bench and bar to come together to welcome new attorneys to our community and honor the memory of attorneys who passed away during the prior year. Although traditionally the event at which court reopens after a summer hiatus, Court Opening remains ever relevant as the symbolic start to a new cycle, one with new faces and conspicuous absences.

This year, the legal community welcomed thirty new lawyers to the area. The new lawyers welcomed included the following: Christopher James Auzenne, Jessica Marie Barton, Emily Catherine Belanger, Sam Biddick, Gabrielle Alyce DeVille, Kelsi Gayle Flores, Tyler Austin Frederick, Elise Claire Gibbens, Robert Darren Guidry, Andrew Douglas Hughes, Karly Anne Kyzar Dorr, Brittany Domingue LaCombe, Alexandra Lauren Leblanc, Bryce Louis Lombard, Juliane Gene Mahoney, William Lee McComb III, Mary Faith McCormick, Jacques Miguez, Madison Claire Morgan, Hayden Dallas Presley, Stephanie Rene' Reed, Madeline Grace Smith, Kade Rilee Stutes, Daniel Alejandro Tercero, Andre Francis Toce, Jr., Raven Ngozi Uzuegbu, and Tyler Samuel Williamson. Although many of them were likely sweating the pending results of the bar exam, to be released the following morning, they bore the stress well. We are confident that they will go on to do great things professionally and in our community.

The legal community also gave a final farewell to eight cherished colleagues: Calvin T. Guidry, Robert Kenneth Guillory, Ronald Gossen, Robert B. Hargrove, Hon. Michael J. Juneau, Katherine M. Loos, Kenneth Mayers, and Tim McNamara. Moving eulogies highlighted the unique and meaningful legacies of the deceased, which serve as an important example to all of us, but particularly to the newest members of our legal community, who will not have the good fortune to grow under their tutelage. We

stand on their shoulders, and hopefully one day, in part because of them, others will see fit to stand on ours.

The Court Opening ceremony included a special tribute to Judge Marilyn Castle, who will soon be retiring from the bench after many years of service. Judge Castle will be missed, but we congratulate her on her well-earned retirement and wish her well in all of her future endeavors!

Following the ceremony, the bench and bar enjoyed a reception with food, drinks, and fellowship. Festivities lasted well into the evening, and even the stress attendant to awaiting the release of bar exam results could not dampen the spirits of those in attendance. Thank you to our Platinum Sponsors, Broussard, David, & Moroux, Kean Miller LLP, and Liskow; our Gold Sponsor, Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon, & Edwards; and our Silver Sponsors, Becker & Hebert, Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett, The Dill Firm, Louisiana State Bar Association, Mahtook & Lafleur, & NeunerPate.

Of course, putting on an event like Court Opening requires a great deal of work. The LBA would like to thank and recognize its hard-working staff, without which the event could not have happened. We particularly appreciate their efforts to ensure that no one was left out or forgotten. A special thank you is also extended to the many judges who attended, and particularly to Judge Laurie Hulin, Chief Judge of the 15th Judicial District Court, who helped to organize, and presided over, the ceremony. We are blessed to have judges who are so actively involved in the community. Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank the many generous sponsors who not only made Court Opening possible, but a memorable and thoroughly enjoyable event!







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

BY JESSICA KROGSGARD

**The Lafayette Bar Association finds importance in spotlighting the outstanding work our members do both inside and outside of the legal community. We believe that each of you deserve recognition for all of your time, talents, and treasures you pour into the Lafayette community. This issue we spotlight Richard D. Chappuis, Jr., Mrs. Elaine D. Abell, and Mr. Jerome Moroux.**



**Richard D. Chappuis, Jr.** is and has been a distinguished pillar to the legal community, practicing law for 55 years- since 1968. He served as President of the law firm, Voorhies & Labbe' for 15 years. He recently retired in May of 2023. He helped guide, mentor, and inspire new attorneys throughout his tenure, many of whom he is proud to retain as personal friends and colleagues. Mr. Chappuis has actively participated in local, state, and national community, academic, athletic, religious, and cultural endeavors.

He has been recognized as the former graduate and Salutatorian of Cathedral High School; he was a star athlete in basketball. Mr. Chappuis is the first Cathedral graduate awarded an athletic football scholarship to Louisiana State University. He greatly valued his Catholic education and wanted to extend the very same opportunity to his children and the community. He is one of six founders of St. Thomas More Catholic High School.

Mr. Chappuis (working with Archbishop Harry Flynn) supported the foundation and stability of St. Thomas More Catholic High School by serving as the President of its Board years ago, as the school was forming. He formerly served as an Emeritus Member of Cathedral-Carmel School's Foundation and founded the St. Thomas More Foundation. Mr. Chappuis's wife was a Cathedral Carmel educator for 25 years, where their children and grandchildren have continued the tradition of being part of the Cathedral family legacy.

Mr. Chappuis worked with the Red Cross, in numerous capacities, including Chairman of the Southeastern United States Area Advisory Council, and the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, at the occasion of its 50th year national convention. He is a founding member of the Louisiana Association of Christian Lawyers and is committed to continue serving as the organization's Secretary.

He is proud of his work as a Board Member of the Catholic Services of Acadiana. He was the President of the Carmelite Guild and had the Breaux Bridge Highway renamed Carmel Avenue. His work with the Beaver Club, Father Serra Club, Ducks Unlimited, various Lafayette Mardi Gras organizations, United Givers Fund, and the Lafayette Bar Association (Hall of Fame) is part of his dedication to give back.

Mr. Chappuis is a member of the LSU Foundation, a member of Tiger Athletic Foundation, was a high school football official, served as the President of the Lafayette Football Officials Association, and served as a Board Member of the Lafayette Youth Football Association. Mr. Chappuis finds service to be "a significant honor." It was certainly an honor to converse with him, regarding what he finds important enough to support as lasting community necessities.





**Elaine Durbin Abell** is an outstanding attorney in the Lafayette community. She graduated from LSU Law Center and serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Fountain Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery (Eterna, Inc). She is married to Edward Abell, Jr. and the proud mother of Andrew S.C. Abell (deceased), Edward Abell, III (deceased), and Jessica Abell Rodriguez.

Mrs. Abell is actively engaged in the community- she currently serves on the First Horizon Bank Advisory Board and contributes to numerous causes. Mr. and Mrs. Abell proudly sponsored the LPB program produced by Zachary Richard - Against the Tide: The Story of the Acadian People.

In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Woman's Foundation of Acadiana (Past Chairman), the Lafayette Metropolitan Expressway Commission (Chairman), the University Medical Center New Orleans (New Orleans- Past Chairman) and the LSU Honors College Advisory Council. She is the Past Chairman and former member of the LSU Board of Supervisors, the Louisiana State Mineral Board, the Community Foundation of Acadiana (founding Board Member), and the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Mrs. Abell previously served on the Board of Directors of the Iberia Bank for 26 years, the Executive Committee of the Commission on Colleges (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), the Junior League of Lafayette Board, the Board of the Council for a Better Louisiana, the Academy of the Sacred Heart Board of Trustees, the Fine Arts Foundation Board, and was a founding Board Member of Women's and Children's Hospital of Acadiana. She has also worked extensively with the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, on the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Abell's honors include an induction into the LSU Alumni Association's Hall of Distinction, designation in Women Who Mean Business (Times of Acadiana), receipt of the Leah Hipple McKay Memorial Award (for Outstanding Volunteerism, which was presented to her by the Louisiana State Bar Association). She was recognized as a Louisiana Pathfinder, by the Women's Summit, received the League of Women Voters of Lafayette "Making a Lifetime of Difference" award, and was elected into membership of the Leadership Louisiana Class.

Mrs. Abell served on the National Alumni Board of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, as President of the LSU Law Alumni Association, and also on the Lafayette Bar Association Board. She is equipped with determination to support the causes she finds important, and well-paired with her husband to continue an example of service throughout her community..



**Jerome Moroux**, is a local attorney who has been actively involved in a number of organizations since joining the legal community. Mr. Moroux is a board member with the American Inns of Court, the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Louisiana, on the Board of Governors with LAJ, and the current President of the Acadiana Trial Lawyers Association. He also serves on the board at the Episcopal School of Acadiana (his children's school) and the Acadiana Center for the Arts and regularly serves at St. Joseph's Diner, through Catholic Charities of Acadiana.

Mr. Moroux shared that, "the practice of law often prioritizes the bottom line, and in litigation, the goal of the whole thing this is to win. Service is the complete opposite. Service is rarely about the bottom line and is never about 'winning.' Service is the tonic to the sometimes sickness of the practice. He finds that he has been "blessed to work with law

partners who have emphasized the importance of service. They lead by example and encourage all of the lawyers in the firm to serve." His advice, if one is thinking about service, is to "find something you like to do and find an organization that does it, and give your time...everyone who ever serves- even if it's just one lunch shift at St. Joe's Diner - leaves the experience feeling a sense of fulfillment and purpose."



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# A CLOSER LOOK INTO THE QUARTERLY BENCH BAR LUNCH SERIES

BY CLARE ROUBION

On September 21, 2023, the Lafayette Bar Association hosted a Bench-Bar Luncheon with Judge Royale Colbert at the Bar Association Office. Judge Colbert is a relatively new judge having been elected to the bench in 2020. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Colbert served our community as an Assistant Attorney General, a public defender, and most recently, as a felony prosecutor in the Lafayette Parish District Attorney's office. Judge Colbert has a jovial demeanor both inside and outside the courthouse. He is approachable, friendly, and nice. Judge Colbert welcomes all members of the bar to visit him in chambers or during his Zoom "office-hours" to address issues in ongoing legal disputes. Judge Colbert also encourages all members of the bar to visit him in chambers to chat about Marvel Superhero's and Villains, play Play-Station, or schedule a time to "Squash the Beef" with any legal opponent or personal foe. Judge Colbert values his staff and frequently reminds lawyers to stop by and get to know those who work in his chambers including Secretary Sarah Briggs and Law Clerk Precious Jackson. Word on the street is that both ladies enjoy cookies and will gladly accept visitors (and cookies) any day of the week!

In case you haven't had a chance to meet or appear in front of Judge Colbert yet, here are a few things we learned about him during the recent Bench-Bar lunch. Judge Colbert reads all written submissions. Judge Colbert reads all papers that come across his desk. Judge Colbert has one exception to this rule: he does not always read all the pages of a motion to compel. Lawyers appearing before Judge Colbert should expect him to have read their submissions, studied their arguments, and to have confirmed that the cases cited actually stand for the proposition asserted. Judge Colbert appreciates it when lawyers email him copies of the important cases that are cited in their papers. Lawyers electing to do this may file the written briefs with the clerk of court and then email Judge Colbert a courtesy copy of the filing along with copies of

important cases cited in the papers.

Judge Colbert expects lawyers to act respectfully. Judge Colbert knows the pressure that comes with oral argument in a crowded courtroom. Indeed, he worked as a public defender and a prosecutor for years before taking the bench. Judge Colbert expects the lawyers appearing before him to treat their opponents with the same respect and dignity that Judge Colbert extended to his legal adversaries when he was a lawyer. All lawyers appearing in Judge Colbert's courtroom will get a chance to argue. Make sure to wait your turn. Judge Colbert does not tolerate lawyers who argue over one another. Judge Colbert presides over his courtroom professionally and in a respectful manner. He expects the lawyers appearing before him to act the same.



Judge Colbert is a "Lawyer's Judge." Judge Colbert reminds lawyers that it was not so long ago that he stood in their shoes. Judge Colbert remembers the immense pressures of lawyering as well as the practical constraints associated with a full docket. He is sympathetic to those pressures and will work with lawyers to accommodate their jam-packed schedules. Need more time to finish your legal papers? Just ask Judge Colbert for additional time. Have to be in two courtrooms at once? Just let Judge Colbert know about the conflict so that his staff and your



opposing counsel can adjust accordingly. Want a special fixing for the Judge to hear your motion? Are all parties ready to set that trial date? Judge Colbert holds Zoom “office hours” every Friday (except the last Friday of the month) from 10 am until 3 pm for lawyers to visit with him about addressing ongoing issues in their legal matters. Schedule a time during his office hours to visit with Judge Colbert about any issues including setting a time for a mediation, getting your case on a trial docket, or whether Spider-Man, Iron Man, or Captain America reigns supreme.



Bench-Bar lunches provide an opportunity for lawyers of all ages and levels to socialize outside of work with judges in our jurisdiction. The program consists of an informal lunch hour during which judges and lawyers come together to share insights, perspective, and friendly gossip. Special thanks to Andrew Quackenbos, with Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards, LLC and to Jamie Rhymes, with Liskow, for organizing all of the Bench-Bar Luncheons this year. Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards, LLC sponsored the event and provided lunch for the attendees. Members interested in attending the next Bench-Bar Luncheon should contact Pam Landaiche at the Lafayette Bar Association.

# PRO BONO HONOR ROLL

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*NeunerPate*

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

The Lafayette Bar Foundation hosted our annual Champions of Justice Awards Ceremony Friday, October 27th at Abacus Restaurant. We celebrated and honored those who volunteered their time and efforts to the Foundation and the Lafayette community. These award winners continue to positively impact the community, and we are proud to recognize their work.

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### OUTSTANDING PRO BONO ATTORNEY AWARDS

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### ALLY OF THE YEAR AWARD

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### OUTSTANDING FIRM AWARD

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### TAMMY DEROUEN OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE BAR AWARD

Judge Valerie Gotch Garrett

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## Managed IT Services for Law Firms: Streamlining Technology to Enhance Practice Efficiency

Managed IT services have become increasingly popular in recent years, with many businesses turning to third-party providers to manage their IT infrastructure. Law firms are no exception, as they too can benefit from the expertise and support of managed IT service providers.

Understanding Managed IT Services is essential for law firms that want to stay ahead of the competition. Computer One, a local managed service provider, offers a range of services, including network monitoring, data backup and recovery, cybersecurity, and cloud computing. By outsourcing these services to a third-party provider, law firms can focus on their core business functions and leave the IT management to the experts.

The role of IT in a law office is crucial, as technology plays an increasingly important role in the legal industry. With the rise of legal tech solutions, law firms need to be equipped with the latest technology to stay competitive. However, maintaining an in-house IT department can be costly and time-consuming. Managed IT services providers offer a cost-effective solution that allows law firms to access the latest technology without the need to invest in expensive hardware and software.

### Understanding Managed IT Services for Law Firms

In the fast-paced world of law, technology plays a critical role in the efficient operation of law firms. Managed IT services have become increasingly vital for legal practices of all sizes, providing a range of benefits to support their daily operations.

One of the key benefits of managed IT services for law firms is enhanced security. Legal practices handle sensitive client data, making them prime targets for cyberattacks. Managed IT services providers employ robust security measures, ensuring data confidentiality and regulatory compliance.

Managed IT services enable law firms to focus on their legal work without being burdened by the complexities of technology management. With continuous monitoring and maintenance, IT issues can be identified and resolved proactively, minimizing disruptions. This enhanced stability and efficiency ultimately lead to improved productivity, as lawyers can dedicate more time to their clients and cases.

In addition to these benefits, managed IT services can also help law firms save money by reducing the need for in-house IT staff and equipment. This can free up resources that can be used to invest in other areas of the legal practice, such as marketing or client development.

By outsourcing IT management to experts, law firms can ensure data security, improve operational efficiency, and allocate their resources more effectively, ultimately helping them better serve their clients and meet their legal obligations. In an increasingly digital world, managed IT services are the backbone that ensures law firms remain competitive and responsive.

### Benefits of Managed IT Services in Legal Industry

Managed IT services can bring numerous benefits to law firms. These benefits include:

- **Increased Efficiency:** Managed IT services can help streamline law firm operations, making them more efficient. For example, managed IT services can automate routine tasks such as data backups, software updates, and security patches, freeing up time for lawyers and staff to focus on more important tasks.
- **Improved Security:** Law firms handle sensitive client information, and as such, they are prime targets for cyber attacks. Managed IT services can help mitigate these risks by implementing robust security measures such as firewalls, antivirus software, and data encryption.
- **Remote Work Technology Solutions:** The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many law firms to adopt remote work policies. Managed IT services can help facilitate remote work by providing the necessary technology solutions such as virtual private networks (VPNs), video conferencing software, and cloud-based document management systems.
- **Cost Savings:** Managed IT services can help law firms save money by reducing the need for in-house IT staff and equipment. Instead, law firms can outsource their IT needs to a managed IT services provider, which can provide the necessary expertise and equipment at a lower cost.

Overall, managed IT services can help law firms operate more efficiently, securely, and cost-effectively. By outsourcing their IT needs to a managed IT services provider, law firms can focus on their core competencies and provide better service to their clients.

If you'd like to learn more, contact Bruce Brown at Computer One to discuss how working with a managed service provider could enhance your practice efficiency.

Bruce can be reached by phone at 337-242-3107 or online at <https://computerniinc.com/contact-us>

Written by Bruce Brown

## THE GRAPEVINE

**Congratulations to Broussard, David, & Moroux's new attorney, Tyler Frederick, and his wife on the welcome of their baby boy, Austin, on August 30th.**

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