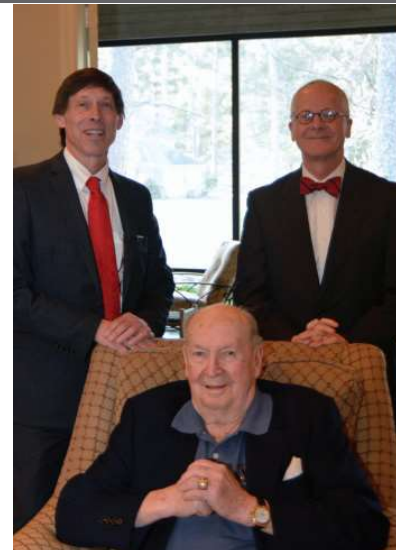


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2/23	Centaur Parade
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From The President

by Jim McMichael, President, jmc michael@mmw-law.com

LIFE AND ART

I admit it – I’m a courtroom junkie. While most trials, arguments and hearings don’t generate high interest among those not directly involved (in fact, many can be boring and routine), courtrooms are often the sources of gripping human drama – full of intrigue, suspense, comedy, joy and tragedy. Whether it’s domestic court, with its divorces, custody battles and family dramas, civil court with its stories of the struggle for commercial survival, of good versus evil or David versus Goliath, or criminal court where life and liberty are put at risk, there are often clear and captivating narratives in the courtroom – narratives of conflict, of high-level strategy and competition between opposing lawyers, of the search for truth and of the best and worst human nature has to offer.

We have a long history of trials that have captured the attention of our community or the nation. Locally, the 1981 murder case of Lewis Graham was one such legal spectacle. The three-week trial was front-page news in both daily papers for its duration, spectators lined up daily outside the courtroom hoping to get a seat inside and local restaurants advertised trial-themed drink specials to lure in thirsty trial fans. And, who can forget the national attention and hysteria over the trials of O.J. Simpson, Timothy McVeigh, George Zimmerman and the Menendez Brothers. And, historically, the public has always been captivated by trials-of-the-century – the Scopes trial, Leopold and Loeb, Lizzie Borden, etc.

And, quite naturally, Hollywood has picked up on the public’s fascination with courtroom drama (particularly criminal courtroom drama) and has made hundreds of court-themed movies and television shows. I’ve watched many of them. The question I get asked is, “How can you spend all day or all week in court and then watch shows about court when you’re done?” I don’t have a good answer, except to say that I am often entertained and educated by courtroom shows and never tire of them.

So, here are my three favorite courtroom movies. My list is purely personal and arbitrary and subject to your own ideas on the topic. In fact, I welcome your comments and criticisms – preferably in a convivial atmosphere with libation involved.

“Inherit the Wind”

“Inherit the Wind” is a 1960 Hollywood film adaptation of the play of the same name, that fictionalizes the 1925 Scopes Trial in which a Tennessee high-school teacher was arrested and prosecuted for teaching Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution. It stars Spencer Tracy as defense lawyer Henry Drummond (based on the real-life Clarence Darrow) and Fredric March as his friend and rival, prosecutor Matthew Harrison Brady (William Jennings Bryan). The film also features notable

actors Gene Kelly, Dick York, Harry Morgan, Claude Akins and Noah Beery Jr. Tracy may be my all-time favorite actor, and his portrayal of Darrow is brilliant and, for this young lawyer wannabe, inspiring. The setting is so authentic, you can feel the Tennessee heat in the unairconditioned courtroom. The courtroom in the old DeSoto Parish Courthouse always reminded me of the set of “Inherit the Wind.”

“Presumed Innocent”

This 1990 film stars Harrison Ford as an assistant district attorney charged with the murder of his colleague and mistress Carolyn Polhemus. It is based on Scott Turow’s book of the same name. Turow is the author of several bestselling works of legal fiction and nonfiction books including *One L*, about his experience as a law student. Brian Dennehy, Raúl Juliá, Bonnie Bedelia, Paul Winfield and Greta Scacchi also appear in starring roles.

My favorite scene is the late Juliá’s portrayal of Harrison’s savvy defense lawyer Sandy Stern. His cross-examination of the state’s medical examiner is a work of art and a must-see for any trial lawyer.

“Anatomy of a Murder”

“Anatomy of a Murder” is a 1959 adaptation of the bestselling novel written by Michigan Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker under the pen name Robert Traver. Voelker (who, as Traver, also wrote a couple of bestselling collections of essays about fly-fishing) based the novel on a 1952 murder case in which he was the defense attorney. The film stars James Stewart (as a fly-fishing, fly-tying defense attorney), Lee Remick, Ben Gazzara, Eve Arden and George C. Scott. Gazzara’s character is charged with the murder of bartender Barney Quill. He admits the murder but claims that Quill raped his wife (played by Remick). At the ethically questionable suggestion of defense lawyer Stewart, Gazzara claims to have no memory of the event, giving rise to a defense of irresistible impulse – a version of a temporary insanity defense. Stewart’s folksy and laid-back demeanor hides a sharp legal mind and a propensity for courtroom theatrics that keeps the judge busy keeping things under control.

This was one of the first mainstream Hollywood films to address sex and rape in graphic terms. It been described by Michael Asimow, UCLA Law School professor, as “probably the finest pure trial movie ever made.”

And, of course, I love it for the fly-fishing references.

My two favorite television series are also worthy of a quick mention.

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“Perry Mason” – I have written in this space before about my early exposure to and love for “Perry Mason,” the series that originally ran on CBS television from 1957 until 1966. Raymond Burr is still my idea of the quintessential trial lawyer. I think I’ve seen every episode of every season a number of times and still record and replay every episode that is shown locally. Contrary to popular belief, Mason actually did lose three cases during his television career: “The Case of the Witless Witness,” “The Case of the Terrified Typist,” and “The Case of the Deadly Verdict.” A short list of the young actors the show helped put on the map includes Barbara Eden, Burt Reynolds, Adam West, Dick Clark, Robert Redford, Angie Dickinson, Leonard Nimoy, James Coburn, Ryan O’Neal and Cloris Leachman.

And finally, **“Rumpole of the Bailey”** – a British television series created and written by the British writer and barrister John Mortimer. It stars Leo McKern as Horace Rumpole, an elderly London barrister who defended a broad variety of clients, often underdogs. The “Bailey” of the title is a reference to the Central Criminal Court, the “Old Bailey.”

Rumpole loves the courtroom, defending the accused, cross-examination, teasing judges, quoting Wordsworth and Shakespeare and privately refers to his wife Hilda as “She Who Must Be Obeyed.” Known for his inexpensive cigars, cheap red wine and faded barrister’s wig, Rumpole “never pleads guilty” and never fails to be hilarious and entertaining. Do yourself a favor and give Rumpole a look.

Thanks for reading. As I said, I’m happy to discuss. Let me know.

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BAR BRIEFS

Inn of Court Takes a Tour of the New North Louisiana Crime Lab



The Shreveport Inn of Court toured the new North Louisiana Crime Lab on October 25, 2018. Lab Director Jimmy Barnhill explained that the lab is certified to provide forensic science services for DNA analysis, firearm examination, fingerprint examination, drug chemistry analysis, and physical evidence examination.

The new \$27 million lab is a state-of-the-art facility on Tulane Avenue, a few blocks from LSU Medical Center. Each of the four floors is dedicated to different types of forensic work.

The top floor will soon be home to an autopsy facility that will operate in partnership with LSU Medical Center physicians. In the event of a mass casualty, the autopsy wing has a cold storage room with a capacity of up to 100 bodies. The new facility is quite a step up from the old location in an abandoned elementary school.

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- 8:00 A.M. Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 A.M. Criminal Law Recent Developments**
60 Minutes Judge Brady O'Callaghan – First Judicial District Court
- 9:30 A.M. Helpful Hints from A to Z from Fannin Street**
60 Minutes Judge Jeanette Garrett - Second Circuit Court of Appeal
- 10:30 A.M. Sponsor Break**
- 10:45 A.M. Federal Procedure**
60 Minutes Magistrate Judge Mark Hornsby - United States District Court, Western District
- 11:45 A.M. Lunch (included with all-day registration, or \$25)**
- 1:00 P.M. 2018 Legislative Updates**
60 Minutes Senator Ryan E. Gatti – Gatti & Merckle Law Firm
- 2:00 P.M. Sponsor Break**
- 2:15 P.M. Employment Law**
60 Minutes Allison Jones – Downer, Jones, Marino & Wilhite and Michael Lowe – Kean Miller
- 3:15 P.M. Sponsor Break**
- 3:30 P.M. Bankruptcy**
60 Minutes Judge John Hodge – United States Bankruptcy Court

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

- 8:00 A.M. Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 A.M. Appellate Practice**
60 Minutes Kenneth P. Haines – Weems, Schimpf, Haines, Shemwell & Moore
- 9:30 A.M. Technology in the Courts: 2018 Update**
60 Minutes Melissa Allen - United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- 10:30 A.M. Break**
- 10:45 A.M. Successions**
60 Minutes Ben Politz - Booth, Lockard, Politz & LeSage
- 11:45 A.M. Lunch (included with all-day registration, or \$25)**
- 12:45 P.M. First, Make a Roux! A Recipe For Winning at Trial and Appeal Court**
60 Minutes Judge Frances J. Pitman - Second Circuit Court of Appeal and Judge Michael Pitman – First Judicial District Court
- 1:45 P.M. Ethics**
90 Minutes Associate Justice Scott J. Crichton - Louisiana Supreme Court
- 3:15 P.M. Break**
- 3:30 P.M. Professionalism: Litigation and the Art of War**
60 Minutes Judge Jeff Thompson– Twenty Sixth Judicial District Court and Jim McMichael - McMichael, Medlin, D'Anna, Wedgeworth & Lafargue

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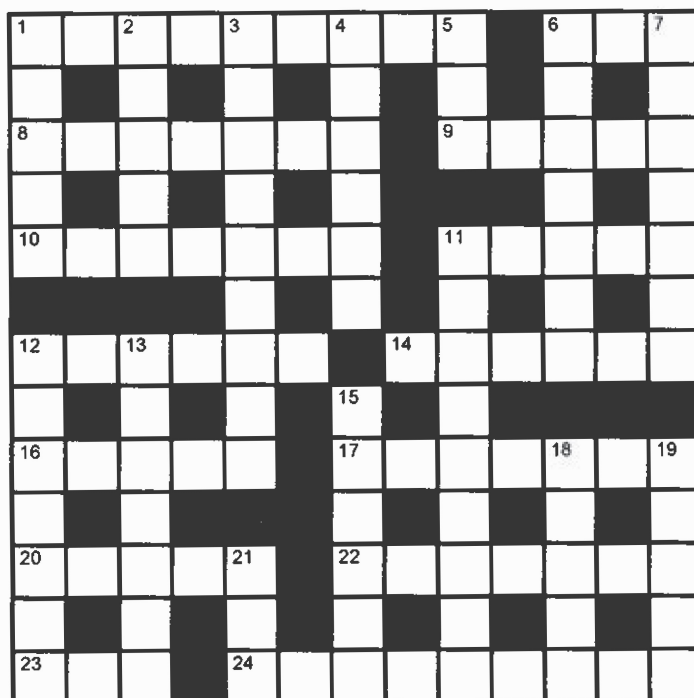


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We're In the Parish Now
 by Hal Odom Jr.



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- 1 Home of the Poke Salad Festival (9)
- 6 Tooth on a wheel (3)
- 8 Unincorporated community partly in Panola County (7)
- 9 Wild, like pigs and cats (5)
- 10 Village closest to the northwest corner of Louisiana (7)
- 11 Sleepy prefix (5)
- 12 Home of the Red Bud Festival (6)
- 14 Great disorder (6)
- 16 Not small (5)
- 17 Village that's the birthplace of artist Clyde Connell (7)
- 20 Entertain; tickle (5)
- 22 Offered as evidence (7)
- 23 ___ City, home of Christmas on Caddo Fireworks Festival (3)
- 24 Home of Pioneer Heritage Festival (9)

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- 2 Took steps; played a role (5)
- 3 Person in your homeroom, e.g. (9)
- 4 In whatever manner; word for changing the subject (6)
- 5 ___ Leppard, "Love Bites" band (3)
- 6 Candied-apple coat (7)
- 7 Smallest incorporated village in the parish (7)
- 11 "Aja" band (6, 3)
- 12 Explosive geographic feature not found in Louisiana (7)
- 13 Kind of reality popular with gamers (7)
- 15 Rub raw (6)
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Mark Your Calendar



DECEMBER 11-12

December CLE By the Hour Seminar

Petroleum Club (15th Floor)

DECEMBER 16

Area Law Student Christmas Party

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Robinson Film Center

DECEMBER 20, 27, 28

2018 Last-Minute CLE

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Shreveport Bar Center

JANUARY 23

SBA Member Luncheon

12:00 Noon at the Petroleum Club (15th Floor)

Speaker: TBD

FEBRUARY 1

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FEBRUARY 23

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Speakers: Judge Paul Young

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Curtis R. Joseph Jr. begins his term as president of the Shreveport Bar Association on January 1, succeeding James C. McMichael Jr. to the one-year post. Curtis is a partner with the law firm of Winchell & Joseph LLC. Curtis represents clients in defense as well as plaintiff-related litigation cases. He has served the SBA as Co-Chair of the Golf Tournament committee since 2013. Curtis plays the drums in two local jazz/blues bands, *Easy Money* and *Junior the Third*. He is married to Barbara Ginsburg Joseph, and they have two children, Ivy Joseph and Caleb Joseph.

Serving with Curtis Joseph on the 2019 SBA Executive Council are **M. Thomas Arceneaux**, president-elect; **James C. McMichael Jr.**, immediate past president; **Donna Y. Frazier**, vice-president; **Rebecca L. Radford**, secretary-treasurer; **Natalie R. Howell**, member-at-large; **Emily Settle Merckle**, member-at-large; **Heidi Kemple Martin**, member-at-large; **Anna Brown Priestley**, member-at-large; **Judge Karelia R. Stewart**, judicial liaison; **Valerie DeLatte**, Young Lawyers' Section president; **Sarah Giglio**, Women's Section President; and **H. Lyn Lawrence Jr.**, Krewe of Justinian Captain.



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MEMORIAL & RECOGNITION CEREMONY



Attorneys, judges, family members and members of state and local government paid tribute to five deceased members of the legal profession at the First Judicial District Court and Shreveport Bar Association sponsored Memorial and Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

Deceased members honored and their presenters were **Susan Armstrong** presented by Judge Robert P. Waddell; **Victoria Marie Cranford** presented by Lauren Lock Telep; **Peter Reichman Flowers** presented by Kelly L. Long; **Robert Kirk Mayo** presented by Lawrence W. Pettiette Jr.; and **Michael Allyn Stroud** presented by A.M. "Marty" Stroud III.

Following the memorial ceremony, R. Gahagan Pugh III, President of the Young Lawyers Section of the SBA, introduced 20 new attorneys to the Court: **Brittany B. Arvie**, **Caitlin Margaretta Cline**, **Ronald Chaz Coleman**, **Erica Marie Ducoing**, **Paul "P.J." F. Erba Jr.**, **Lauren Ferand**, **Paxson Cole Guest**, **Molly Gunnels**, **Madison R. Harvey**, **Courtney Harris**, **Dakota S. Hawkins**, **Marshall Johnston**, **Pamela M. King**, **Libby Gabrielle Lemoine**, **Hannah M. Marler**, **Charles K. Parr**, **Stefanie N. Stephens**, **Victoria T. Washington**, **David L. Wilkes**, **Cheyenne Y. Wilson**, and **Mac Zentner**.



VETERANS PROGRAM LUNCHEON



2018 Professionalism Award

by: Jim McMichael, jmcmichael@mmw-law.com

At its October luncheon, the SBA announced Bill Flanagan as the winner of this year's Professionalism Award. The coveted award is given annually to the SBA member who best exemplifies the ideals of professionalism and who possesses sterling character, unquestioned integrity and a dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law. It is considered the highest honor that the SBA can bestow on one of its members.

Bill is a former federal and state prosecutor. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. After a judicial clerkship with the Hon. Clarkson S. Fisher, Chief United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, he joined the Mercer County (Trenton, New Jersey) Prosecutor's Office. Within three years he was appointed Director of Special Investigations, a stand-alone unit of prosecutors and investigators within the office devoted to the prosecution of organized crime and high-level drug trafficking.

Shortly thereafter, Flanagan was appointed an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey by then-U.S. Attorney (now Associate Justice) Samuel A. Alito and then-First Assistant (and later U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security) Michael Chertoff. After serving in the district's Criminal Division, he moved to Shreveport and joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Western District of La. Eighteen months later he was appointed First Assistant U.S. Attorney and served as First Assistant for three U.S. Attorneys from 1990-2010. Flanagan was also appointed by the Attorney General of the United States to serve as the interim U.S. Attorney in 1993, 2000-2001, and again in 2010.

Flanagan's primary practice was in the prosecution of white-collar crime, public corruption and antiterrorism. He handled numerous high-profile and sensitive cases, as well as other collateral matters such as the Rule of Law Project in Nepal, a two-year joint effort by the U.S. Departments of State and Justice to improve the justice sector in that country. He served as the district's International and National Security Coordinator, Election Crimes Coordinator, Capital Crimes Coordinator, Ethics Advisor, Professional Responsibility Officer, and was a member of the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council. In 2010, he received an Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys Director's Award for Superior Performance by a Litigation Team.

He is currently an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., where he teaches Constitutional Law. He has lectured on various topics for the DOJ Office of Legal Education, Federal Bar Association, La. State Bar Association, LSU Law School

Center for Continuing Professional Development, and the Shreveport Bar Association. He is also an Assistant La. State Bar Examiner for Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

Bill is highly regarded among the judges before whom he practiced and by his peers – both fellow prosecutors and defense attorneys – for his dedication to honesty, justice and fair play.



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2018 Liberty Bell Award

The Shreveport Bar Association has named Colonel Steve dePyssler as the recipient of the 2018 Liberty Bell Award. The award presentation took place at the SBA's annual Veterans Day Recognition Luncheon held on November 7 at the Petroleum Club of Shreveport, with a crowd of over 100 members of the legal community giving Colonel dePyssler a standing ovation for his work in the community. The award is presented each year by the SBA to a group or individual for outstanding leadership and community service.

Other than Lt. Eugene Hoy Barksdale, for whom the base is named, there is perhaps no other single officer at Barksdale who is more well-known than Colonel Steve dePyssler (USAF retired), the recipient of this year's Liberty Bell Award. After an active duty career that spanned 38 years from 1940 to 1978, Colonel dePyssler began a second career volunteering at the Office of Retiree Affairs at Barksdale, and he never stopped. At age 99, he still goes to the office on a regular basis and supervises a staff of other volunteers, none of whom know as much as Colonel Steve about casualty affairs and matters of importance to survivors of military members and military retirees. The military survivor spouses and retirees he has assisted throughout the 40 years of his volunteer service number literally in the thousands. He personally writes and publishes two monthly retiree newsletters with a circulation of over 20,000 readers.

Colonel dePyssler, originally an Illinois state boxing champion and member of a championship basketball team, entered the U.S. Army in 1940 and served in every enlisted, warrant and officer rank up to colonel in a career that saw him serve in World War II, the Korean War, the Indo-China War (with French Forces) and Vietnam. He also served for three years with the CIA between stints in the Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force.

His final active duty assignment was as Chief of Supply at Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

To the great benefit of our community, Colonel dePyssler simply does not know the meaning of "small steps." He decided in the late 1990s that Shreveport-Bossier should host the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's annual convention and set out to bring that prestigious event to Bossier City. It was held here in 2002 with General H. Norman Schwarzkopf as the headline attraction, along with 81 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor and more than 1,600 guests. He led the successful campaigns to have the Northwest Louisiana War Veterans Home located on the banks of the Red River in Bossier City and the War Veterans Memorial constructed at the Bossier Civic Center. He hosts annual luncheons for the Order of the Purple Heart and to

honor the nation's POWs and MIAs.

His stated goal is to work until his 100th birthday. The Shreveport Bar Association is pleased that he was able to take a short break from his volunteer work so that we can honor him as the recipient of this year's Liberty Bell Award.



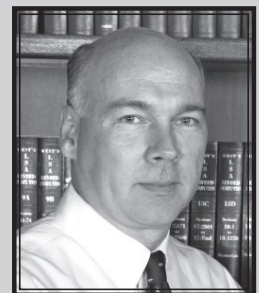
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THE EARL OF LOUISIANA EARL K. LONG (1895-1960)

We have earlier considered three papers on Gov. Huey P. Long and now it is time to give deserved recognition to his younger brother, Earl K. Long, the 45th governor of Louisiana, who ran six times for Lieutenant Governor and was successful thrice, and once ran for the top prize (1956-1960), winning the governorship easily. During that period he departed from the racial political views of other southern governors by promoting a progressive agenda, expanding school lunch programs, increasing teachers' pay, expanding public works programs and quietly broadening minority voting rights. His increasingly erratic behavior appeared to be of no consequence to his electoral success which resulted from the resignations of governors due to illness and indictments of the governors in earlier years. He also served as governor 1939 to 1940 and 1948 to 1952.

Born on the family "pea patch farm" in Winnfield in 1895, Earl was two years younger than brother Huey P. Long. Their boyhood relationship appeared to be good with Earl glowing in his brother's political successes and going through a lackluster career as a salesman during his early career in the 1930s and 1940s. Uncle Earl became one of the most famous, infamous and outrageous governors of Louisiana, his notoriety challenged only by Jimmie Davis, Huey P. Long and Edwin Edwards.

1959 was a bad year for Earl. Early in the year he resumed heavy drinking, which he had under control, and embarked on wild shopping sprees, buying such nonsensical things such as a dozen #3 wash tubs which he filled with cracked ice and dipped linen handkerchiefs in to cool his brow during the hot Louisiana summers, plus buying Vienna sausages by the carton and 300 alarm clocks "because the price was right," all topped off by making no secret of his relationship with Bourbon Street striptease performer Blaze Starr (1932-2015). To cut to the chase, Earl met Blaze while walking down Bourbon Street with some cronies and saw her picture displayed by Sho-Bar Club, went inside and was smitten. He entered Blaze's dressing room, asked her to dinner and she accepted. The rest is history topped off by a well-received movie "Blaze" that starred Paul Newman and Lolita Davidovich.

Blanche Long, affectionately known as Miz Blanche, was an educated, refined, New Orleans woman who met Earl in 1930 and married him two years later. She was highly supportive and successful in managing his political career and used her sense of decorum to win over voters immune to Earl's brand of bawdy charm.



Earl and Blanche Long, in 1948
(The Times-Picayune archive)

By May of 1959 Miz Blanche had enough. Enough was enough, and with the help of her nephew, Senator Russell Long, Earl, apparently unaware of what was happening, was put on a La. National Guard plane and flown to Galveston where Blanche committed him to a mental hospital.

Unwilling to accept treatment at the mental hospital in Texas, Earl won a compromise with his family by agreeing to treatment at the Ochsner's Hospital in New Orleans (leaving Ochsner's under his own power the following day, Earl said he never promised how many days he would stay).

When Blanche heard that Earl had departed Ochsner's she had the coroner of East Baton Rouge Parish prepare papers for Earl's commitment to a Louisiana state mental hospital and as part of the process, state troopers located the governor on the highway and physically restrained him and took him to the garage in the basement of the Baton Rouge courthouse. All the while Earl insisted that he was going up to Winnfield to rest. The legal papers ordered that Long be committed to the Southeast Louisiana Hospital in Mandeville.

There he was faced with a challenge. Joe Simms, Long's personal lawyer and a man of ability, accepted the challenge. He filed a petition of *habeas corpus* in the state court at Covington and had it set for hearing the following day. During the interval Earl fired the directors of all state hospitals and particularly the director of the one in which he was confined.

Earl departed the hospital and proceeded to the Green Springs Motel in Covington. He particularly liked the chef, who was the sister of the parish sheriff and also clerk of court. He especially like her cooking. When his breakfast was served he refused to eat it fearing it had been poisoned and proceeded to help himself to the plates of other guests.

In 1956 Long successfully received a majority vote in a five-person field; second place finisher was Mayor deLesseps Story Morrison Sr., mayor of New Orleans. In private Earl says he enjoyed competing against Morrison because he was so easy to defeat. Included in these vignettes are the following told to me by his nephew and later Public Service Commissioner, John S. Hunt:

1. Morrison was a handsome man and veteran of World War II, neatly dressed and with what might be considered a

receding hairline. Earl, taking all this in, would always ask Morrison to readjust his “toup,” Earl’s vernacular for toupee, and this always brought hoots and hollers from the rural poor who made up most of the audience. Morrison never wore a toupee.

2. Another vignette used by Long went something like this:

Long: You know, Mayor Morrison went to Tulane and while there it was discovered that he was “m-a-t-r-i-c-u-l-a-t-i-n-g” behind the gymnasium.

This, of course, brought whistles and bells from the audience, many of whom heard this verb for the first time.

3. In the same vernacular, Long would add: “Mr. DelaSoups” (his favorite name for his opponent) had a sister in New York where it was discovered that she was a practicing “t-h-e-s-p-i-a-n.” This salacious discovery brought even louder whoops and hollers from the audience. Finally, in the same vein, Long said “Soups” himself was caught performing “c-h-a-s-t-i-t-y” while he was in high school in New Orleans. They yelled and cheered.

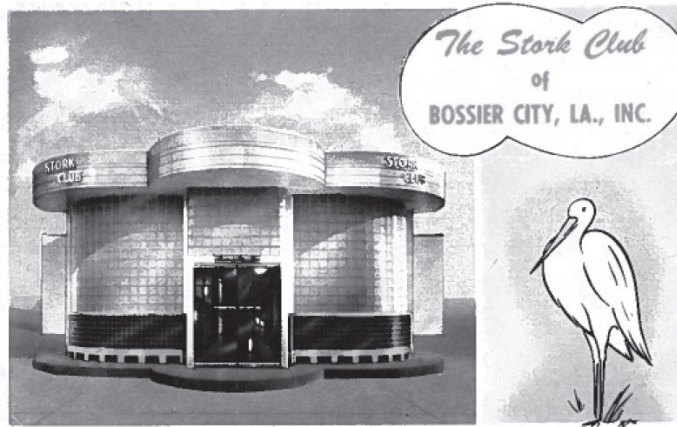
Long qualified for the 1960 election and campaigned in his usual style against Morrison during the fall of 1959. He planned to resign as current governor, allow Lt. Gov. Lether Frazar serve a few months as governor, and thereby circumvent the constitutional prohibition against succeeding himself in office. At some point, however, he learned that the La. Supreme Court would not support this subterfuge, and he quietly withdrew from the race. He became progressively weaker during this period and it was believed that he sustained a series of mild heart attacks. To the great surprise of his inner circle, qualified for the open 8th congressional seat and won it by an overwhelming majority, while Shreveporter Jimmie Davis defeated Morrison by 54% to 46% tally.

During the final months, Long spent more and more time at the family home in Winnfield. During the summer of 1960 he experienced a real and serious heart attack and was hospitalized at Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria where he died September 5, 1960, without ever having the opportunity to be sworn into the Congress of the United States. He is buried in Winnfield on the grounds of the beloved pea patch farm.

A personal reminiscence:

When I started practicing law in Shreveport in the fall of 1952, there were no longer surviving viable Long issues. By the mid-1950s, the two local newspapers and three television stations all strongly opposed the Long movement and their voices were well heard in Caddo and Bossier Parishes and refuted the Longs at every opportunity.

I was never conscious of any favoritism from the Longs to local attorneys. Actually there was not much they could do if they wanted.



The Stork Club, on the “Bossier Strip,” in its heyday. Blaze Starr performed here in the 1960s, after Uncle Earl’s death.

If they wanted it, the most valuable patronage would be as the attorney for the inheritance tax collector. This position had been held by the iconic Harry V. Booth for as long as I can remember, possibly before 1930 when the Longs had no power.

A visit with Mr. Booth would require a trip to his office where he sat behind a perfectly clean desk, smoking Lucky Strikes right to the nub with a pleasant smile on his face, and he would greet you first by calling your name, ask about your health and family, inquire about gossip on the street and, all in all, hosting a

delightful conversation.

He looked at the papers you submitted on the inheritance tax with a sharp eye and asked pertinent questions. If all was in order the proposed tax was approved; if not, further homework was required. Strangely, the amount of tax was paid directly to the lawyer and he placed it in a special account paid directly to the state treasurer. This practice seemed strange and was abolished in the late 1950s.

Mr. Booth’s tenure was marked with extreme straightforward honor and skill and never tainted by the slightest scandal. He was held in such awe and respect that the effervescent Hank Politz, on being employed by the Booth Firm around 1956, said that it took three months after employment before he had the courage to tell Mr. Harry a Cajun joke. His kind only come this way once.

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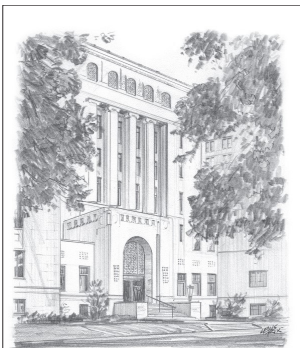


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Women's Section

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Happy Holidays, Women's Section! My tenure as president is coming to a close, and I want to thank our membership for its support and participation in this year's events. The Women's Section has received positive feedback on the changes made to our events and programs, and I am excited to see what the future holds for this group. I would like to recognize and thank my fellow Section leaders, Bar Association staff and fellow Executive Council members for their assistance and guidance this year: Sarah Giglio, Katherine Gilmer, Elizabeth Wong, Dana Southern, Madeline Farrar and Jim McMichael. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as this year's president, and I look forward to continuing to support the Women's Section and the Shreveport Bar Association next year as immediate past president.

Now, please help me in congratulating next year's Section leaders: President Sarah Giglio, Vice President Elizabeth Wong, Treasurer Courtney Harris and Secretary Katherine Gilmer. I have no doubt these women will plan and lead a successful, fun new year for our Section. Congratulations, ladies!

In November, we hosted our last "Wine Down Wednesday" at Superior's Steakhouse and our annual Lady Justice CLE. Our CLE event had over 30 registrants, and the attendees learned some of our local courts' "best practices" from the presenters. Thank you to all who attended these events, and special thanks to our CLE presenters: Melissa Fox, Karen McGee, Lillian Evans Ritchie and Mike Spence.

This month, the Women's Section will host its final events of the year. On Wednesday, December 12, our Section will host a "Donation Day for Dress for Success Shreveport-Bossier" at the Bar Center from 9 AM – 4 PM. Female professionals in the area can drop off gently used professional attire to benefit the Dress for Success organization. Clothes must be clean and on hangers. For a list of specific items accepted, please visit: <https://shreveport-bossier.dressforsuccess.org/get-involved/donate>.

Our last event this year will be our Annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 14, from 6 – 8 PM at my home in the Provenance Community. The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar offering beer and wine. Members are welcome to bring their spouses. An invitation with my address and directions will be sent out in the Women's Section December Newsletter. If you're not receiving our MailChimp Newsletter, please subscribe by visiting www.shreveportbar.com/womens-section/ and fill out the sign-up form. Also, if you haven't done so already, please "like" and follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sbawomenssection.

Thank you all again for a wonderful year. We hope you and your loved ones have a joyful holiday season, and we look forward to seeing you at our Holiday Party on Friday, December 14!





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