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5/3	SBA Member/Family Day 4-7 p.m. – ERCC
5/5	Give for Food Campaign Rhino Coffee Downtown
6/8	Annual SBA Gift Tournament



From The President

by Tom Arceneaux, President, tarceneaux@bwor.com

HERE TO SERVE YOU

To quote the late comedienne Joan Rivers, “Can we talk?”

These are difficult times for lawyers, especially lawyers in regional centers like Shreveport-Bossier. Because I think most of us are introverts by nature, despite having skill in oratory and some confrontation, our natural reaction to the stress is to withdraw. Your bar association would like to help you avoid that natural reaction.

What your Executive Council and Executive Director have observed is that your personal participation in bar activities has slipped a bit. We’d like to reverse that trend, and we’d like to start by finding out why you (as a group) are participating less. Then we want to alter our trajectory to serve you better, to help you more, to help you enjoy your Shreveport Bar membership and get more value from it.

Some of our revenues fell below our expectations last year, particularly net revenues from Continuing Legal Education. As you may know, CLE is a major source of funding for your Shreveport Bar Association. We’d like to understand the drop-off in attendance so that we can make changes to make our sponsored CLE more valuable for you.

We got evaluations from those of you who attended the Recent Developments by the Judiciary, the appellate advocacy seminar, and the CLE by the hour. We don’t get evaluations from those of you who did not attend.

We’d like to know what we can do to make it more worth your time and money to participate in SBA-sponsored CLE. Why did you pass on those opportunities? Was it lack of notice? The topics offered? Should the topics be changed or rotated? The speakers offered? The venue(s), and, if so, what venues do you suggest? Would you prefer smaller audiences but more specialized offerings? Would you like to see the choices by the hour increased? Throughout the year? At the end of the year?

Judges Michael and Frances Pitman have worked tirelessly and effectively to present quality CLE programs, but they can’t come up with all the ideas or all the speakers. They will again chair the CLE Committee this year, but they, and your Executive Council, can use your ideas and your help.

What about our monthly meetings? Attendance has been dropping at those. Would you prefer meeting less often (bimonthly or quarterly)? Would you prefer a different location or time of day? Do you have program suggestions? Angela Waltman has agreed to take on the post of Program Chair this year. Please let her or me know what you’d like to see at the meetings.

One area we are targeting for more efficient use of resources is *The Bar Review*,

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this publication. We have already identified some changes in the online version to make it easier to read, download, and print single pages or the whole newsletter. We are considering going digital only, which would represent some significant savings. Most of you receive it only digitally.

Would you want to see *The Bar Review* published less often, say bimonthly or quarterly, with information on upcoming events being presented through Communiqués and other emails? Hal Odom and Chris Slatten produce a high-quality review, but we'd love to know how we can best meet your needs and desires in a cost-effective manner.

Finally, what would you like to do to have more "off the clock" social relationships with each other, or would you rather not? Family Day has become a welcome and well-attended function. Would you like to see more? If so, what? Would you like to see a tennis tournament or mini-tournament whose aim would be recreation, not fundraising? What else?

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We will be meeting for a mini retreat the evening of Tuesday, February 18, to address the issues I've discussed with you in this column and others. Particularly before that mini retreat, please share your views with any of us, either by phone or email. We know that many of you completed surveys, but surveys do not always capture your real feelings or ideas for improvement.

Really, "Can we talk?"

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FEBRUARY 15

Centaur Parade
Krewe of Justinian Participates

FEBRUARY 23

Highland Parade
Krewe of Justinian Participates

FEBRUARY 26

SBA Member Luncheon
12:00 Noon at the
Petroleum Club (15th Floor)
Speaker: Judge Shonda D. Stone

MARCH 25

SBA Member Luncheon
12:00 Noon at the
Petroleum Club (15th Floor)
Speaker: Randy Grigsby
Author of A Train to Palestine

APRIL 29

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

MAY 1

Red Mass
9:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

MAY 3

SBA Member/Family Day
4-7 p.m. at East Ridge Country Club

MAY 5

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Rhino Coffee Downtown

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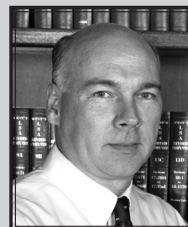
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Second Circuit Highlights

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There's many a slip ... and two of these recently wound up in motions for summary judgment!

In the first case, the plaintiff, Matlock, was walking through the produce section of Super 1 Foods in Monroe. As he passed by a cardboard bin loaded with watermelons, he slipped in a “milky/clear” puddle of watermelon juice, some 18 inches in diameter, and fell to the floor. He filed suit for his injuries. After two years of discovery, Super 1's owner, Brookshire Grocery, filed an MSJ. It attached the affidavits of four store employees, including the assistant manager and the produce manager, all of whom denied creating the spill, and the deposition of Matlock, who stated that the liquid “must not have been there too long ahead.” Matlock opposed the motion, attaching photos of the area, surveillance video covering the 28 minutes leading up to the accident, and the assistant manager's deposition. The district court granted Brookshire's motion, without reasons, and Matlock appealed.

The Second Circuit affirmed, **Matlock v. Brookshire Grocery Co.**, 53,069 (La. App. 2 Cir. 11/20/19), in an opinion by Judge Stephens. The court quoted the Merchant's Liability statute, La. R.S. 9:2800.6, noted that the plaintiff in such a case has a “heavy burden,” and cautioned Matlock against “blurring the lines” between failure to exercise reasonable care (Subsection B(3)) and creating the hazard (Subsection B(2)). The court found absolutely no evidence that any Super 1 employee created the spill – only speculation. As for reasonable care, the court tromped into the weeds (or, perhaps, the vines) of the assistant manager's deposition, tracing the process by which Super 1's melons were acquired, trucked, offloaded and placed on the grocery floor. (Interestingly, the melons seem to stay in the same cardboard bin from one end of the process to the other.) The court was simply not prepared to say that reasonable care required an individual inspection of each melon for a weak or weepy rind. Also, the video showed that “a small female child” crossed the area several times about six minutes before Matlock, leaving no tracks, suggesting that the spill was under six minutes old. In short, there was no MSJ evidence to show that Matlock could meet his burden.

A different result obtained in **Lewis v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.**, 53,207 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1/15/20), an opinion by Judge Stone. Ms. Lewis was shopping at the Walmart Supercenter in Ruston. She went to a register in the garden center, but a sales associate directed her to a cashier in the front of the store instead. On her way there, while passing the pharmacy, she slipped and fell in a puddle of water, injuring herself. She

sued Walmart; 11 months later, Walmart filed its MSJ, which the district court granted. Ms. Lewis appealed.

This time, the court cited R.S. 9:2800.6 but bore down on jurisprudence admonishing courts to make reasonable inferences *against* granting MSJ. Notably, Ms. Lewis's deposition stated that immediately after her fall, the store manager and another employee told her the water could have come from a leak in the store's ceiling; Walmart's answer to an interrogatory about “any examination, inspection, or test of the place or location” was vague; and Walmart's internal claim form cited “defects” and an “unclean surface” as part of the “Slip/Fall Information.” The court found that these facts created the genuine issue whether the puddle was caused by a leak, which may have existed for sufficient time that Walmart should have known about it, under Subsection B(2).

Obviously, each Merchant Liability case will stand or fall on its own facts. These two cases illustrate the kind of MSJ evidence that will secure or thwart the motion.

This really means *judicata*. Back in 1986, DOTD began expropriating land to build I-49; in this writer's view, it was money well spent. The State negotiated with the owner of three parcels, Clark, and his lessee, L&M Hair Care Products, to pay them \$173,985 in compensation for the property and \$12,034 in severance. Despite this stipulation or judicial admission, Clark and his lessee demanded a replacement cost for their “unique” location. The district court, the late Judge Charles Scott, accepted their argument, and awarded them an additional \$191,781. This excess over the stipulation was promptly knocked out on appeal, *State v. Clark*, 548 So. 2d 365 (La. App. 2 Cir.), *writ denied*, 552 So. 2d 395 (1989) (an opinion by the still-very-much-alive, but retired, Judge Lemmie O. Hightower). However, the tantalizing taste of nearly 200 grand – over \$450,000 in today's dollars – was a delicacy that Clark could never get out of his mouth. He set out on a genuine odyssey to win that money back.

“In 1986, Ronald Reagan was President of the United States, Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Berlin Wall separated East Berlin from West Berlin, rotary dial telephones were still in common usage, and the State of Louisiana, through DOTD, began [these] expropriation proceedings,” began **State v. Clark**, 53,197 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1/15/20), an opinion by Judge McCallum, placing the whole thing in stunning perspective. It recorded that after the initial rebuff by the Second Circuit, Clark filed

three more Caddo Parish suits on the same issue, all of which were unsuccessful; he then filed suit in the Western District of La., which was equally unavailing; he then tried his hand in East Baton Rouge Parish, also in vain; followed by yet another fruitless foray into Federal Court; and a final rejection in the 19th JDC, in late 2013. The last of these included a long-shot application to Washington, where the U.S. Supremes summarily denied cert, in December 2014.

Clark, however, was undeterred. In September 2017, acting pro se, he filed another petition in Caddo Parish, to declare certain prior judgments absolutely null, to revoke his 30-year-old stipulation, and to demand additional compensation. The State responded with an exception of res judicata, which the district court granted. The Second Circuit affirmed, noting that Clark has often told courts that he “simply dislikes the previous outcomes and wishes to retry the exact same issues.” The court’s recap of the litigation history showed that not only had the substantive issues been adjudged, but the meta-issue of res judicata had already been resolved, three times. Make this the fourth.

Given his level of tenacity, the judicial system has probably not heard the last from Mr. Clark. However, it is unlikely that any future pleadings will skirt res judicata.

To fire a cop. Blakemore was hired as a Grambling police officer in late 2005; in his first four years on the job, he was counseled or reprimanded for smoking in a patrol unit, filing late incident reports, failing to attend a training seminar, and misusing his fuel card. Nevertheless, he was promoted to sergeant, but this did little to improve his overall performance. First, he failed to file an incident report, and then, eight months later, he failed to call dispatch any time during his shift. The chief found Blakemore’s patrol car parked in front of his house the whole time, while an abandoned vehicle was left unattended nearby. On investigation, the chief found that Blakemore had not produced one single activity report for the last two months. The chief called him in, intending to give him a two-day suspension, but when he refused to accept it, the chief placed him on administrative leave and proceeded with discipline. After a hearing, the chief terminated Blakemore, who appealed to the mayor, without success. Blakemore then sued the Town of Grambling, which responded with an MSJ. The district court granted this, and Blakemore appealed.

The Second Circuit affirmed, **Blakemore v. Town of Grambling**, 53,135 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1/15/20), in an opinion by Judge Cox. Aside from the overlay of MSJ law, the substantive issue was Blakemore’s status as an at-will employee, in light of (1) Grambling’s policy and procedural manual and (2) the Police Officer Bill of Rights, La. R.S. 40:2531. The court found that neither of these created any property interest in his job, altered his status as an at-will employee, or gave him any statutory or constitutional protection that was denied.

The court finally noted the strength of the evidence, including Blakemore’s own testimony. When the claimant

is this “candid,” it makes the employer’s decision, not to mention the court’s, much easier.

The technical stuff. The Second Circuit has rendered several recent opinions that are factually intricate and hard to summarize concisely, but contain real nuggets of substantive law. If you have a professional or merely academic interest in any of these topics, the cases will be very rewarding.

In **Gloria’s Ranch LLC v. Tauren Expl. Inc.**, 53,226 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1/15/20), the court held that a revision comment to one Civil Code article does not supersede the text of another, even though the comment seems to be precisely on point. The comment to Art. 1803 states, “In case of insolvency of a solidary obligor after the obligee has remitted the debt in favor of another, the loss must be borne by the obligee.” However, the text of Art. 1806 states, “A loss arising from the insolvency of a solidary obligor must be borne by the other solidary obligors in proportion to their portion.” Of course, the text will prevail over the comments; one must wonder, what was the author of the comment thinking? The opinion is by Judge Moore.

In **Kansas City Southern Ry. Co. v. Wood Energy Group Inc.**, 53,096 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1/15/20), the court reiterated that claims-made-and-reported CGL policies are just as valid as occurrence and claims-made policies, and held that the reporting requirements are strictly construed. If the policy requires the insured to report the claim, it is not sufficient to activate coverage that a third party (here, the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality) filed a notice of potential penalty within the reporting period. The opinion is by Judge McCallum.

In **Collins Asset Group LLC v. Hamilton**, 53,209 (La. App. 2 Cir. 11/20/19), the court held that foreclosure on one promissory note does not automatically accelerate a second promissory note, executed at the same time as the first and evidencing another loan on the same real property. The court reasoned that the second note was subject to its own prescriptive period, under La. C.C. art. 3498. The opinion is by Judge Thompson.

In **Jacobs v. State**, 53,208 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1/15/20), the court reversed the suspension of a commercial driver’s license, finding the sheriff’s department failed to comply with La. R.S. 32:661 C (administering drunk-driving tests). The documentation showed that the deputy read Jacobs his rights at the Ouachita Correctional Center a mere three minutes after arresting him on Hwy. 165; although the opinion does not state how far apart these two points were, the court deemed this short turnaround a physical impossibility. Jacobs was speeding, failed a field sobriety test, and gave an inadequate blow into the Intoxilyzer. Still, before the state can take away somebody’s driving privileges, it must get all the numbers right. The opinion is by Judge Pitman.

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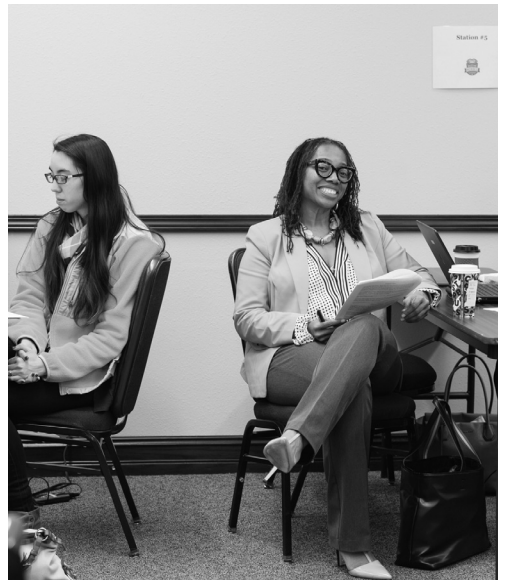
By Judge Elizabeth Foote

HARRY V. BOOTH-JUDGE HENRY A POLITZ INN OF COURT

The Harry V. Booth- Judge Henry A. Politz Inn of Court celebrated the beginning of the holiday season with a new outreach program. In one day in November, the Inn provided approximately 45 first responders with wills and/or powers of attorney. The agencies served included the Shreveport Police Department, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and the Shreveport Fire Department. Over 20 lawyers volunteered their time to meet with the responders and to provide the free legal services.

The event was a collaborative effort with the Louisiana State Bar and the Shreveport Bar Associations. Modeled after the Louisiana State Bar's "Wills for Heroes" effort, the program utilized the state bar's software and computers. Russell Woodard Jr. coordinated the Inn's efforts with the state bar. The Shreveport Bar Association provided the venue, on-site support and publicity.

Event organizer and the Inn's Outreach Chair Sherron Phae Williams commented that her work on this program was rewarding. "From the time they entered the door, it was obvious how grateful and honored the first responders were that we were providing a service that assists them and their families. Often we tell the first responders 'thank you,' but actions speak so much louder than words. I am grateful that we had such a positive response during our first program, and I look forward to expanding the scope of first responders we are able to serve in the future."



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How Write You Are

by Hal Odom Jr., rhodom@la2nd.org

A most prolonged error. A court recently quoted, without correction, the appellant's assignment of error: "The trial court erred as a matter of law * * * by failing to find appellee * * * had a history of *perpetuating* family violence, such that the application La. R.S. 9:361-369 is mandated." *Joubert v. Joubert*, 2019-187 (La. App. 3 Cir. 10/9/19), 238 So. 3d 502.

Appellate counsel is not alone. One court attempted to explain the cited statute: "In the event a parent is found to *perpetuate* domestic violence, the trial court is mandated to abide by La. R.S. 9:364." *McFall v. Armstrong*, 10-1041 (La. App. 5 Cir. 9/13/11), 75 So. 3d 30. Another court quoted a Family Court judge, "The Court believes [defendant] is the parent less likely to continue to *perpetuate* family violence. Therefore, pursuant to La. R.S. 9:364(B) she is awarded sole custody." *Morrison v. Morrison*, 97-0295 (La. App. 1 Cir. 9/19/97), 699 So. 2d 1124.

In a different context, consider: "There was no fraud or ill practice *perpetuated* by DCFS in this matter." *Alexander v. State*, 2018-154 (La. App. 3 Cir. 6/6/18), 249 So. 3d 95. "But as averred and broadly construed, the Papanias' pleading alleges that their consent upon entering into the contract was vitiated by a fraud *perpetuated* by LeBlanc." *Robinson v. Papania*, 2015-1354 (La. App. 1 Cir. 10/31/16), 207 So. 3d 566.

For the record, the word for *commit an unlawful or fraudulent act* is *perpetrate*, no "U" in it. It is correctly used in the Post-Separation Family Violence Relief Act, La. 9:364: "a history of *perpetrating* family violence," "continue to *perpetrate* family violence," "the *perpetrating* parent is not abusing alcohol or using illegal substances." In each of the passages quoted above, the word should be *perpetrate* or *perpetrated*.

A justified extension. That other word, *perpetuate*, means to *prolong* or to *preserve for future use*. It is related to *perpetual* and is properly used in the following: "The board found it troubling that respondent carefully crafted the quitclaims to conceal the self-serving nature of the transactions and *perpetuate* the false notion that he had acquired an interest in the subject properties." *In re Magee*, 2018-0383 (La. 1/30/19), 263 So. 3d 845. "The current provision *perpetuates* invidious racial discrimination." *State v. Hodge*, 2019-0568 (La. 11/19/19), __ So. 3d __ (dissent of Johnson, C.J.). "The case came before the trial court for the *perpetuation* of Dr. Traylor's testimony, as he was going to be unavailable for trial." *State v. Singleton*, 52,151 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1/16/19), 263 So. 3d 1269. "A shut-in well shall *perpetuate* the term of this Deed." *Gilmer v. Principle Energy LLC*, 52,218 (La. App. 2 Cir. 9/26/18), 256 So. 3d 1139 (quoting royalty deed).

On some occasions, the two words may nearly intersect. This quote, from Judge Per Curiam, initially struck me as wrong: "Though Hernandez may not have independently accessed such a device, she exploited the tools entrusted to her by the credit union to *perpetuate* a fraud that ultimately rendered the company insolvent." However, the opinion states that Ms. Hernandez, while working at a credit union, engineered a Ponzi scheme selling fake share certificates in



the credit union, and using proceeds of later "sales" to pay earlier "investors." The scheme involved over 100 fake certificates and spanned six years, with constant activity to cover up the scheme. In this sense, she surely *perpetrated* a fraud, but perhaps *perpetuated* it as well. *United States v. Hernandez*, 876 F. 3d 161 (5 Cir. 2017).

Be safe. If it's a fraud, a hoax, or family violence, use *perpetrate*.

Can we get together? The two-word expression *all together* means in a group or considered as a whole. The one-word compound *altogether*, by contrast, means *entirely* or *completely*. A little more attention is due in certain situations:

"However, Dr. Bauer's report states, 'It is difficult to determine whether [BDC] is fearful or reticent in response to his mother's overprotective nature ...' which is quite a different thing *all together*." A single thing stands alone, not together. This should be *altogether*. *Council v. Livingston*, 2017-1773 (La. 12/5/17), 231 So. 3d 30 (dissent).

"Had the trial judge in CDC intended to prevent her from raising her tort claim *all together* (i.e. in CDC or FCC), the trial judge would have used the same decretal language as used in the dismissal of her reconventional demand." Same observation: *altogether*. *Cowan v. Kanuch*, 2015-0097 (La. App. 4 Cir. 9/16/15), 176 So. 3d 553.

"Other things such as lethargy, vomiting, elevated heart rate, no fever, not drinking – *all together* indicated the child was not doing well." Correct: referring to a group of symptoms, taken as a whole. *Pitts v. LAMMICO*, 2016-1232 (La. 3/15/17), 218 So. 3d 58.

"View it *altogether* because you haven't heard all the evidence yet. So, once you get it *altogether*, then kind of start forming your opinion[.]" The subject is evidence, taken as a whole: *all together*. *State v. Vincent*, 07-90 (La. App. 5 Cir. 10/16/07), 971 So. 2d 263 (quoting trial transcript).

"The state responds that Jones was with Lioy and Foster when Lioy cashed his \$600 check, and the cell phone records showed they were *all together* in south Bossier Parish near the time Lioy was robbed and shot." Correct: the defendant, codefendant and victim were in a group in south Bossier. *State v. Jones*, 46,758 (La. App. 2 Cir. 12/14/11), 81 So. 3d 236.

"Instead of making the representative get the correct papers and do the correct in camera review, the judge denied defense counsel the ability to call [the DCFS investigator] up to the stand *all together* [sic]." The appellate court, quoting a trial transcript, astutely noted the court reporter's error and *sic-ed* it. *State v. Lamizana*, 2016-1017 (La. App. 4 Cir. 5/31/17), 222 So. 3d 58.

This predates word processing. The published opinion in *Placid Oil Co. v. Taylor*, 325 So. 2d 313 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1975), includes this line: "CULPEPPER, J., *dissnets* for the reasons stated in the previous decision authored by him and rendered May 5, 1975." Try typing that today, and Spell check will explode! Modern technology won't fix everything, but it can salvage the occasional blunder.



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I am honored to be serving as the 2020 President of the Young Lawyers' Section, and I am excited to meet all of the new members within our legal community. I want to thank our immediate past president, Valerie DeLatte, who made this past year a huge success. Additionally, I want to thank all of last year's sponsors who enabled us to host many of our events.

As we enter a new year, I am pleased to announce our 2020 Executive board officers and committee members: Elizabeth Wong – Vice-President and President-Elect; Valerie DeLatte – Immediate Past President; Luke Whetstone – Secretary; Ashby Davis – Treasurer; Alex Williams – Development Chair; William Murray – Mock Trial Chair; Senae Hall – Social Media Chair; Joy Reger, Jack "Jake" Bailey III and Cody Grosshart – Members-at-Large.



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The Young Lawyers' Section works to encourage professionalism and camaraderie among young lawyers through community service projects and networking events. Our first community service project was the Region One High School Mock Trial Competition. This competition was held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana. I would like to thank Billy Murray for his continued efforts in making this event so successful.

Any attorneys under 40 years old or in the first five years of practice are encouraged to join. Our email is shreveportbarassoys@gmail.com, and it is used to notify all members of upcoming events. We also post all of the scheduled events on Facebook and Instagram. I am looking forward to a great year, and let's make an impact in 2020.



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SBA LUNCHEON MEETING - FEBRUARY 26

*Petroleum Club (15th Floor) – Buffet opens at 11:30 a.m. Program and Speaker from 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m.
 \$25.00 for SBA members includes lunch with advance reservation
 \$30.00 for Late Reservations (after 5:00 pm the Monday prior to the luncheon) and Non-SBA Members*

**AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGACY
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When: Wednesday, February 26 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Petroleum Club (15th floor)
Featuring: **Honorable Shonda D. Stone,**
Second Circuit Court of Appeal

Join us on Wednesday, February 26 for a special presentation by Judge Shonda Stone. The Honorable Shonda D. Stone is a judge on the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Second Circuit, to which she was elected on March 5, 2016. Judge Stone earned her Juris Doctor from Southern University Law Center in 1988 and completed the New York University School of Law, Appellate Judge’s program in 2017. Judge Stone earned her Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Southern University in 1984. She practiced law briefly with her late father and attorney and civil rights icon, Jesse N. Stone Jr., in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, before relocating to Shreveport where she entered full-time private practice. Judge Stone was elected to the Caddo Parish Juvenile Court in 2008, where she presided over Delinquency, Children in Need of Care (CINC), Family in Need of Services (FINS), and Adoption cases. She also presided over two of the most successful and notable specialty courts in the state of Louisiana, Family Preservation Court (Adult Drug Court) and Good Support Court (Child Support Court). She served several terms on the Louisiana Judicial College Board of Governors and the Judicial Budgetary Control Board by appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court beginning in 2011 and 2015, respectively; she served as facilitator/speaker on the subject of Human Trafficking and served as co-chair of the 2015 Family, Juvenile and City Court Judges Conference in New Orleans. Judge Stone is the recipient of the 2012 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Judge of the Year award. Judge Stone was honored by her portrait unveiling on the Judicial Wall of Fame at Southern University Law Center and was the Keynote Speaker for the 2017 Spring Law Center Commencement. She is an active board member and officer of the Louisiana Judicial Council/NBA, Avenue Baptist Community Service Agency and the Caddo Community Action Agency. She is also a member of Louisiana State Bar Association, the Jesse N. Stone, Jr. Legal Society, the Shreveport Bar Association, the National Bar Association - Judicial Council, the National Association of Women Judges, Avenue Baptist Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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 ATTENDING**

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I plan to attend the February luncheon. Attorney: _____

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