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Shreveport Bar Association’s
Continuing Legal Education



December CLE
By the Hour



Lunch & Learn
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From The President

by Kenneth P. Haines, kenny@Weems-law.com

As I neared the end of my year as president, one night, as is sometimes the case, I awakened from restless sleep with a busy mind, contemplating all the things that I would soon need

to accomplish in my daily grind. You know, the cases to attend to in the practice of law, problems to solve at the office, varying duties to fulfill, deadlines to meet, and what to say in this farewell President's Message.

There was a time in my life, where in addition to practicing law, I coached Little League baseball. During that time, I attempted to impart to the team a message they could use for the rest of their lives and not just while they were baseball players. My message was inspired from having read Coach Nick Saban's book, *How Good Do You Want To Be?*

What Coach Saban teaches, even in his days of retirement, I found to be beneficial to winning, not only on the field, but in life. It's a thing he calls "The Process." The Process is the mechanism whereby the team's attention is directed away from the result of winning and onto doing the things that contribute to a favorable outcome.¹

To win, you first have to prepare. Next, you have to perform to a standard both individually and collectively. Excellence is the standard of any winning team. What I generally proposed as our standard was simply "your best." I told my guys, "It takes zero talent to hustle." Your best effort is your standard, and our best effort all the time is the team's standard. If everyone upheld the standard, we won.

As we were about to play games, I would sometimes ask this question, "How do you want to be remembered?"² And that is what I decided to make the topic of this final message.

Inscribed in my eighth-grade yearbook is a note from one of my teachers that reads: "If I ever need one, I hope to look you up as a lawyer one day." This is a reminder that early in life I had articulated a desire to become a lawyer that was known to at least one of my teachers.

I can also remember standing in my driveway in the summer of 1983 telling my best high school buddy goodbye as he was about to head back to the United States Air Force Academy. I was then majoring in engineering and not enjoying it very much, as calculus and I never saw eye to eye. My friend reminded me, "You are not supposed to be an engineer, you are supposed to be a lawyer." I changed my major the next semester.

I said all of that to say this, that this profession, the law, called me to it. And, how I want to be remembered is as someone who upheld the standard of the calling. The

standard being my best effort to every client, every day. My best preparation for every judge, in every court, every time. My best professionalism to my colleagues in the bar all the time. When called upon by client, court or colleague to service, I answered the call with my best effort.

I would also want to be remembered for being grateful to the people who helped me along the way. Nobody helped me through law school more than my study buddy, Carolyn Smilie. The Louisiana Bankers Association gave me my first clerking job. Mike Rubin and Warren Mengis taught me about practicing law before I realized what that meant. The late Pike Hall gave me my first law job as his trusted clerk. Ron Weems and Carey Schimpf were my first law partners, and I would not be practicing law for all these years in Shreveport without them.

Nobody can truly give their best to any endeavor without strong support. I am so fortunate to have had the love, support and inspiration of Brenda Haines, my wife of 31 years. She has been my rock through many trials (literal and figurative). She daily overcomes many health challenges and is still there for me with her best effort every single day. I am truly thankful and blessed to have Brenda on my team.

Coach Skip Bertman is quoted as saying that to win, you have to focus on "What's Important Now." My hope is that all of you will discover that what is important now is giving the best of what's inside of you to the things you are called to do. And, when you think of me, you remember that I gave my best effort to what brought us together in this journey.

¹In his book, *How Good Do You Want to Be?*, Coach Saban says it's more important to develop habits that contribute to winning than to focus on the result of a given game.

²Joe Demaggio was often asked why he always ran onto and off the field, why it seemed he hustled every play. His answer was that he never knew who would be in the stands watching and he wanted to be remembered for giving his all to every game.

Editor's note. Due to an unexplained glitch, a portion of the President's Message for November was omitted from the final version. In a footnote, Kenny addressed a spelling issue regarding his last name. We think it's important too, so we are now including it, with apologies to Kenny:

Hains, as my veteran dad spelled his name, is not a misspelling. For years, my brothers and sisters have wondered the source of the "e" in our last names. We believed it was the military that had provided my father with an extra vowel, but my review of his records refutes that theory. Thus, my siblings and I are left to wonder from whence we inherited an "e."



Elizabeth M. Carmody
President

Elizabeth M. Carmody Will Lead the SBA in 2025

Elizabeth Carmody will begin her term as president of the Shreveport Bar Association on January 1, 2025, succeeding Kenny Haines to the one-year post. Elizabeth is special counsel at the law firm of Cook, Yancey, King and Galloway where she practiced with the firm from 2000 through 2002 and rejoined the firm in 2009. Elizabeth represents employers of all sizes in the private and public sectors, and primarily represents management’s interests in almost all aspects of labor and employment law, including advice, drafting employment agreements and employee handbooks, training, prevention tactics and litigation, defending against claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation and wrongful discharge in federal and state courts and before administrative agencies. Elizabeth prepares, litigates and defends noncompetition and non-disclosure agreements and other restrictive covenants. Her practice also consists of representing

local government entities in Louisiana, including sheriffs, municipalities, and police juries. She has handled cases involving use of force, arrests and detentions, prison conditions and property rights. She also regularly handles insurance defense litigation. A native of Lafayette, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Newcomb College of Tulane University in 1995. She received her J.D. from LSU in 1998, where she was a Moot Court finalist. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Donald E. Walter, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, from 1999 through 2000 and 2002 through 2008. She also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Rebecca Feeney Doherty, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division, from 1998 through 1999. She is the second vice president of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel and former president of the Shreveport Bar Foundation and the Red Mass Society. Elizabeth is a Team Leader for the Harry V. Booth-Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court. She is also a member of the Ethics Advisory Service Committee for the Louisiana State Bar Association. Elizabeth is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, a member of the board of the Shreveport-Bossier Alumnae Chapter of Chi Omega Fraternity and the House Corporation Board Secretary for the Iota Gamma Chapter of Chi Omega at Centenary College. Elizabeth is listed in Best Lawyers in America (2018-2024) in Employment Law – Management.

Serving with Elizabeth on the 2025 SBA Executive Council are **Kenneth P. Haines**, immediate past president; **J. Marshall Rice**, president-elect; **Gerald M. “Marty” Johnson Jr.**, vice-president; **Garrett Hill**, secretary-treasurer; **Ranee Haynes**, secretary-treasurer-elect; **Sam Crichton**, member-at-large; **Heidi Kemple Martin**, member-at-large; **Judge Emily Merckle**, member-at-large; **L. Gordon Mosley II**, member-at-large; **Judge Donald E. Hathaway Jr.**, judicial liaison; **Gregory Trompé** Young Lawyers’ Section president; **Chandler Higgins**, Women’s Section president; and **Holland Miciotto**, Krewe of Justinian Captain.



J. Marshall Rice
President-Elect



Kenneth P. Haines
Immediate Past President



Gerald M. “Marty”
Johnson Jr.
Vice-President



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Young Lawyers’ Section
President



Chandler Higgins
Women’s Section
President



Holland Miciotto
Captain (2024-2025)
Krewe of Justinian

Federal Bar Donates \$12,000 to Barksdale Charity

The Federal Bar Association of North Louisiana held its 11th Annual Clay Shoot Fundraiser at the Shreveport Gun Club. The beneficiary of the event is Operation Bright Holiday, a Barksdale Air Force Base project that helps send first-year Airmen home for the holidays. Since 2008, the charity has funded holiday homecomings for more than 1,600 Barksdale Airmen, who are chosen by officers based on exemplary work and need.

Judge Maury Hicks, Judge Mark Hornsby and Scott Chafin, on behalf of the FBA, will present Operation Bright Holiday a \$12,000 check from the proceeds of the 2024 clay shoot. It will help fund travel home for approximately 50 airmen who will be selected this year.

A dozen teams of shooters participated in the event. John Odom's team won, Reggie Quillen had the individual high score (97), and Adam Jones of the Jones Bushhogging Team had his raffle ticket drawn for a Taurus 1911 pistol. Everyone else had to be satisfied with perfect weather, lunch from Johnny's Catfish, and helping a great cause.

The staff at Gregorio, Chafin & Johnston, LLC did a great job with the details and making sure the event was a success. The officers of the Local FBA chapter are President-Robin McCoy; Vice President-Whitney Howell; Treasurer-Jason Nichols; & Fundraising Chair-Scott Chafin.

Event Sponsors for the 2024 Clay Shoot were Squire Creek Country Club; BRF; Judge Maury Hicks and Judge Mark Hornsby; Bradley Murchison Kelly & Shea, LLC; Scott J. Chafin, Attorney at Law; James, Hardy & Haley, CPAs; Kean Miller, LLP; Rice & Kendig; Lunn Irion Law Firm; First Horizon Bank; Blanchard Walker O'Quin & Roberts; Premier Plumbing; Langley & Parks, LLC; Morris & Dewett Injury Lawyers; Fischer & Procell; Louisiana Association for Justice; and Wilkinson, Carmody, & Gilliam. Thank you to all of the sponsors and shooters for making this another successful year.



Allison Prothro with a score of 94 out of 100 was the ringer on Judge Hornsby's team.



Emily Mott Shooting From The Tower



John Odom's team pulled off another win.



Glenn Langley's team included an Air Force General and Reggie Quillen, high individual scorer.



The Bradley Murchison team smashed their share of clays.



Shreveport Bar Association Archives

A Holiday Traditions in Our Legal Community

The Wilkinson, Carmody & Gilliam Christmas Party

by Valerie DeLatte Gilmore, valerieanndelatte@gmail.com

Since the pandemic of 2020 changed the world and the way we connect with people, traditions have gone altogether by the wayside, or become all that more important. It seems, at least to this writer, that there is no real in-between. The pandemic break from tradition was welcome for some and devastating for others. There is no better time than the holiday season to look at the traditions that have survived, and celebrate the importance of passing on the good bits of yesteryears and fond feelings of togetherness fostered by tradition.

A tradition is the transmission of customs or beliefs from one generation to the next, passed down by those before you, inherited memories and tangible objects whose significance rests solely on the collective belief of the beholders.

Traditions cannot survive without belief, like fairy dust cannot make you fly unless you believe in fairies. Traditions cannot survive without care and love, like the old, tattered recipe cards shoved into books with handwritten amendments and substitutions, or carefully bubble-wrapped ornaments from your childhood packed up and taken out again annually with the hope for an opportunity to share these treasures with family and friends.

There is one tradition in our small legal community that has continued for over 125 years! The Wilkinson, Carmody & Gilliam Christmas Party, a tradition which has survived the Great Depression, two world wars and a global pandemic.

The firm was founded in 1895 by John Dallas Wilkinson and A.T. Alexander, and boasts the title of the oldest still-operating law firm in Shreveport. In its first year of operation, the firm opened its doors to the legal community hosting a Christmas Party which has continued every year without interruption, unless you consider the limited guest list of 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. With much care, hard work, budgeting and planning, it has continued for 129 years.

Every year a theme is selected, decorations are ordered or carried out of storage. An ice sculpture is commissioned. A band is hired. Catering is organized, and invitations are designed and ordered. The invite list includes firm clients, attorneys, judges, officials and friends. The list must update yearly. The staff sends out approximately 800-1000 invitations per year, some with handwritten messages, all

stuck into envelopes, sealed and stamped. The firm has begun to send save-the-date reminders electronically, but holds firm to the tradition of a paper invitation regardless of the expense. The process of stuffing physical invitations usually takes the staff 2-3 days.

Traditionally, the Wilkinson, Carmody & Gilliam Christmas Party was held at the firm's offices in the Wells Fargo tower in downtown Shreveport. With a catered buffet from the Shreveport Club on the conference room table, people moved from room to room squeezing through

the narrow hallways, bumping into old friends and meeting new and interesting characters. Notable guests over the years have included clients from across the pond, professional football stars, and even a Playboy Bunny of the year.

Since 2021, the firm has moved its annual party to the 16th floor ballroom of the Petroleum Club, but carried over traditions of a live band, ice sculpture, open bar and catered meal. Some trends have

changed over the years and parties, in general, appear to not be as popular as they once were. I learned that the '50s and '60s were the decades with the biggest, most well-attended parties.

One of the firm's fondest traditions is the handcrafted boards displaying photos from past parties. The photo boards are displayed around the room at every Christmas Party.

Art Carmody, longtime partner of the firm and local legal legend, passed in 2021. At his memorial it was noted that the firm's Christmas Party was his pride and joy. Bobby Gilliam, current managing partner, commented that it is hard to keep traditions going, but the Christmas Party is worthwhile. During 2020 there was discussion over discontinuing the Christmas Party, but the firm overwhelmingly determined that this is one tradition that must continue no matter the cost.

Without traditions such as this Christmas Party, where would one go to hear fantastic stories, like the time Mr. Scott Wilkinson swam across the Mississippi River from one bank to the other only to land some 6-7 miles down from where he started? While initially dubious, this story is undoubtedly repeated at every Christmas party and with belief and wonderment we keep tradition alive. I hope to see you all at all the parties this holiday season.



Arthur Carmody and Judge Tom Staggs



1940s Christmas Party



1950s Christmas Party



Champagne 1950s



1950s Women Toasting



1979 Christmas Party



88-89 Christmas Party



20-21 Christmas Party



December CLE By The Hour December 18-19, 2024

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13 Louisiana CLE Credits (including 1 Hour Ethics & 1 Hour Professionalism)
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Wednesday, December 18, 2024

7:30 A.M. Registration

8:30 A.M. Procedures & Tips for Practicing Before the First JDC
60 Minutes Judge Brady O'Callaghan - First Judicial District Court

9:30 A.M. Break

9:35 A.M. Writs and Appeals at the Second Circuit
60 Minutes Robin Jones and Jenny Segner – Second Circuit Court of Appeal

10:35 A.M. Break

10:40 A.M. Developments in the Louisiana Supreme Court and
90 Minutes Second Circuit Court of Appeal in 2024 - Kenneth P. Haines – Weems, Schimpf, Haines & Moore and Roy "Hal" Odom Jr. – Second Circuit Court of Appeal

12:10 P.M. Lunch (included with all-day registration, or \$30)

1:00 P.M. Criminal Law Update
60 Minutes Judge Jeff Cox - Second Circuit Court of Appeal and Tammy Jump - Bienville Parish District Attorney's Office

2:00 P.M. Break

2:05 P.M. Tort Update
60 Minutes Marshall Rice - Rice & Kendig Injury Lawyers and Alexander Mijalis - Lunn Irion Law Firm

3:05 P.M. Break

3:15 P.M. Professionalism
60 Minutes Judge Jimbo Stephens and Judge Jeff Robinson - Second Circuit Court of Appeal

Thursday, December 19, 2024

7:30 A.M. Registration

8:30 A.M. City Court Update
60 Minutes Judge Brian Barber, Judge Emily Merckle and Judge Brittany Arvie– Shreveport City Court

9:30 A.M. Break

9:35 A.M. Oil & Gas Update
60 Minutes Andrew "Drew" Martin and Grant Summers – Davidson, Summers, Hearne, Martin & Powell

10:35 A.M. Break

10:40 A.M. Improving Outcomes for Families - How
90 Minutes Co-Parenting Apps Can Enhance Client Communication and Ensure Success- Judge Edwin Byrd - First Judicial District Court and Brad Benedetto - OurFamilyWizard

12:10 P.M. Lunch (included with all-day registration, or \$30)

1:00 P.M. Bankruptcy Update
60 Minutes Judge John Hodge – United States Bankruptcy Court

2:00 P.M. Break

2:05 P.M. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act– "The Feds' Big
60 Minutes Money \$\$\$ Maker" Mary Lou Salley Bylsma - The Law Office of Jack M. Bailey Jr.

3:05 P.M. Break

3:15 P.M. Ethics
60 Minutes Sarah Giglio - Gilmer & Giglio and Ronald J. Miciotto - Law Office of Ronald J. Miciotto

Registration Fees:

Complete this form or register online at shreveportbar.com

Individual Session Rates

Non-Member - \$65 per session (\$75 after Dec. 9)

SBA Member - \$55 per session (\$65 after Dec. 9)

All Day Wednesday Non-Members - \$400 (\$450 after Dec. 9)
(6.50 hours) SBA Members - \$300 (\$350 after Dec. 9)

All Day Thursday Non-Members - \$400 (\$450 after Dec. 9)
(6.50 hours) SBA Members - \$300 (\$350 after Dec. 9)

Both Days Non-Members - \$550 (\$600 after Dec. 9)
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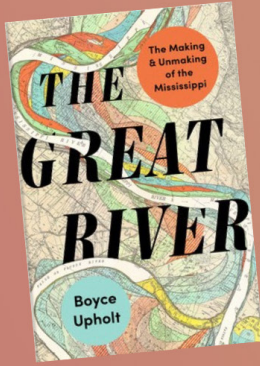
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SBA Luncheon Save the Date January 22, 2025

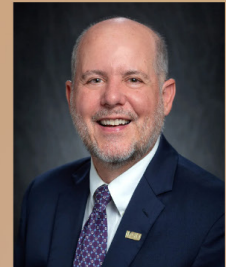


Boyce Upholt, author of *The Great River* and is a journalist and essayist whose writing has appeared in the *Atlantic*, *National Geographic*, the *Oxford American*, and *Virginia Quarterly Review*, among other publications. He is the winner of a James Beard Award for investigative journalism, and he lives in New Orleans.



Boyce Upholt

Clinton Willson Director of LSU Center for River Studies.



Clinton Willson, Ph.D., PE

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Pro Bono Project

Do Good Work ~ Hon. Henry A. Politz

Shreveport Bar Foundation Receives Grant from Community Foundation of North Louisiana



We want to thank the following attorneys who accepted one or more Pro Bono cases and volunteered at our monthly Ask A Lawyer clinic during the months of October and November. Without our volunteer attorneys, we could not provide services to clients who cannot afford legal assistance.

Christopher Broussard
Attorney at Law

John Davis
Gordon McKernan Injury Attorneys

Valerie DeLatte Gilmore
Delatte Law Firm

Holland J. Miciotto
Law Office of Holland J. Miciotto LLC

Pamela King Newlen
Attorney at Law

John Nickelson
Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway

Becky Vishnefski
Attorney at Law

Earlnisha Williams
Attorney at Law

We were able to assist over 30 people collectively at our Ask A Lawyer clinic in October and November. We had 8 attorney volunteers to advise and assist everyone who attended. Pictured below are photos from the October and November clinics.



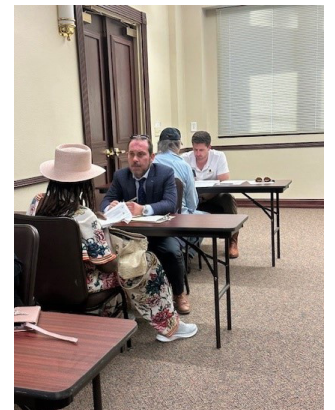
Holland Miciotto gives legal assistance at the November AAL Clinic



John Nickelson gives legal assistance at the November AAL clinic.



Valerie DeLatte Gilmore gives legal assistance at the November AAL clinic.



October Ask A Lawyer Clinic



Pam and Chris at the October Ask A Lawyer Clinic



Holland Miciotto, John Davis, Becky Vishnefski, Earlnisha Williams and Valerie DeLatte Gilmore



Holland Miciotto, Valerie DeLatte Gilmore and John Nickelson

SBF Outreach Clinic Highlights



Shreveport Bar Foundation in collaboration with Gingerbread House CAC & Project Celebration

During the month of October our focus was on Domestic Violence Awareness. We created and posted videos with our friends at Project Celebration and the Gingerbread House on our Facebook page to bring awareness and education to our community. Between 30-40% of Americans are impacted by sexual abuse, physical violence or stalking. The Shreveport Bar Foundation has played a huge role in so many of those lives here in Caddo and Bossier parish and we were able to share that throughout the month of October.

On October 21 we held a Judges in the Classroom event at Caddo Magnet High School. Judge Natalie Howell, Judge Jeff Cox and Judge Emily Merckle spoke with approximately 100 students helping them learn and understand the court system, answer questions about their jobs, and encouraged students to be the best version of themselves.

On November 6 we participated in a Basic Needs Fair at the LSU-S campus. We were able to share information about the many programs we offer with the students and staff.

On November 11 Judge Brady O'Callaghan gave a presentation at C.E. Byrd High School to the Debate class. Judge O'Callaghan answered many questions the students had for him about being an attorney, a judge, and the types of cases that come through his court. It was a wonderful opportunity to encourage and educate the next generation. We hope to do it again soon.

Finally, on November 14 we had the privilege to be with the members of the HISET program through Community Renewal International at Noel United Methodist Church. We love having the opportunity to educate individuals on the programs the Shreveport Bar Foundation provides and how we are here to help our community from a legal perspective.

If you would like us to come speak to groups, companies and nonprofits you are affiliated with, give us a call. We are always looking for opportunities to share information about our programs.

The Shreveport Bar Foundation is able to do all that we do because of the support we receive from our grantors, Louisiana Bar Foundation, Acadiana Legal Services Corporation, The Community Foundation of North Louisiana, Carolyn W. and Charles T. Beard Family Foundation, First Methodist Church, Grayson Foundation and the SBA Krewe of Justinian.



Judge Brady O' Callaghan gives a presentation to the Debate class at CE Byrd High School



Linnae Magyar speaks to the HISET program through Community Renewal International at Noel United Methodist Church



Judges in the Classroom with Judge Jeff Cox at Caddo Magnet High School



Judges in the Classroom with Judge Emily Merckle at Caddo Magnet High School



Judges in the Classroom with Judge Natalie Howell at Caddo Magnet High School



Linnae Magyar, SBF Outreach Coordinator at the Basic Needs Fair at the LSU-S campus



Best Wishes from Your Shreveport Bar Association and Foundation Staff, SBA Executive Council and SBF Board Members for a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful, Prosperous New Year!

Nikki Buckle
Elizabeth Carmody
Nancy Cooper
Ted Cox
Sam Crichton
Lucy Espree
Chris Forester
Allison Foster
Valerie DeLatte Gilmore
Kenny Haines
Lee Harville

Judge Donald Hathaway
Ranee Haynes
Garrett Hill
Brian Homza
Tommy Johnson
Callie Jones
Linnae Magyar
Drew Martin
Heidi Martin
Thomas Mayfield
Judge Emily Merckle

Holland Miciotto
Gordon Mosley
Larry Pettiette
Audrius Reed
Marshall Rice
Dana Southern
Don Weir
David White
Stacey Williams
Mary Winchell

Veterans Program Luncheon Highlights



Memorial & Recognition Ceremony

The Memorial & Recognition Ceremony is a longstanding tradition in the Shreveport Bar Association – a tradition that has been around for 145 years. This year we paid tribute to 14 deceased members of the legal profession at the First Judicial District Court and Shreveport Bar Association sponsored Memorial and Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, November 14, 2024.

Larry Pettiette served as Chairman for this year’s program, Honorable Michael Pitman served as Master of Ceremonies, and Honorable Ramona L. Emanuel, Chief Judge, presided over the ceremony. Larry Pettiette worked with Judge Michael Pitman and David McClatchey from the First Judicial District Court to plan a great memorial program.

Deceased members were honored and their presenters were **Michael Bowers** presented by Mary Harried; **William Manasseh Cady III** presented by Tom Thompson; **Hon. (Ret) Richard Harmon Drew Jr.** presented by James Campbell; **Joseph William “Bill” Fleming** presented by Herschel Richard; **Elizabeth Lawrence Gibson** presented by Michelle AndrePont; **Howard Lynwood “Lyn” Lawrence** presented by Chris Stahl; **James C. McMichael Jr.** presented by Keith Jones; **Hon. Lane Pittard** presented by Hon. Michael Craig; **Henry Allyn Sale** presented by Laura Carroll; **David A. Szwak** presented by Curtis Shelton; **Hon. (Ret) Jeffrey Paul Victory** presented by Hon. Chris Victory; **Stephen Morrow Waller** presented by Hon. Donald Hathaway; **Claudius Emile Whitmeyer** presented by Stephen Glassell and **Kenneth “Ken” Preston Wright** presented by Carey Schimpf.

Following the ceremony, Thomas Mayfield, president of the Young Lawyers’ Section of the SBA, introduced 12 new attorneys to the Court: **Chase Burgess, Skylar Dean, John Edward Lee Dunford, Krislyn Flores, Sean Fore, Kaylon Vic’Shun Hendricks, Allyson M. Horton, Rachel Hughes, Trent Robertson, Anna Claire Tucker, Matthew Stevens** and **Camille Webre**.

This annual event holds great importance to the Court, as well as to the family and friends of the departed, the members of the Bench, the Bar, and our community.





CLASSIFIEDS

The Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General Liz Murrill, Litigation Division, seeks applications for Assistant Attorney General in the Shreveport office. The Litigation Division defends the State and its agencies and employees in suits, including Civil Rights, General Liability, Medical Malpractice, Road Hazard, Transportation, and Workers' Compensation. Applicants must have valid driver's license and be admitted to practice in Louisiana. Excellent benefits include insurance and retirement. Forward cover letter and resume to yandleh@ag.louisiana.gov.

The Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General Liz Murrill, Litigation Division, seeks applications for Legal Secretary in the Shreveport office. Legal secretaries would assist assigned attorneys handling various civil cases pending in State and Federal court. Must have high school diploma/GED, or higher. Must have valid driver's license. Prior legal secretary experience strongly preferred. Excellent benefits package, including health insurance and retirement. To apply, forward cover letter and resume to yandleh@ag.louisiana.gov.

The Louisiana Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General Liz Murrill, Litigation Division, seeks applications for Paralegal in the Shreveport office. Paralegals would assist attorneys in the civil defense of the State of Louisiana, its agencies, and employees in State and Federal court. Must have valid driver's license and paralegal certificate OR Bachelor's degree or higher. Prior paralegal experience strongly preferred. Excellent benefits include health insurance and retirement. Forward cover letter and resume to yandleh@ag.louisiana.gov.

Paralegal Needed

The law office of David L. White APLC is looking to hire a paralegal.

Email your resume to:

mary@bossierattorney.com

For questions, contact Mary or Lenae at 747-7023

Acadiana Legal Service Corporation seeks licensed, full-time staff attorneys to represent low-income and elderly clients with civil legal matters in Shreveport, Monroe, Natchitoches, Alexandria, Lake Charles, and Lafayette. Excellent fringe benefits and a \$5,000 hiring incentive (for attorneys) are available. Writing samples and cover letters are required. Visit www.la-law.org/careers to apply today!

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Silver Star Grille

DECEMBER 10
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5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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Guest Speakers: **Boyce Upholt**, Author
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