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## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Date	Event
6/18	Lunch & Learn CLE Lunch & Learn CLE – 12:00 Noon – Shreveport Bar Center
6/24	SBA Membership Luncheon – 12:00 Noon – Petroleum Club of Shreveport (15h Floor)
7/13	Golf & tennis Tournament – East Ridge Country Club
7/16	Lunch & Learn CLE Lunch & Learn CLE – 12:00 Noon – Shreveport Bar Center
8/7	Justinian Coronation Bal



## From The President

by Bennett L. Politz, SBA President, blp@blpllaw.com

### The Trail to Eagle and Professionalism

In last month's issue of *The Bar Review*, colleague Thomas Arceneaux was interviewed on an aspect of professionalism and referenced the Boy Scout motto ("Be Prepared") and Scout law in response to the question posed. It was true to form from a 1963 Eagle Scout who has served actively on the local Boy Scout Council Executive Board for years, when Tom rattled off from memory the 12 points of Scout Law. "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent."

The Boy Scout program and the value system (citizenship training, character development and personal fitness) taught in this outdoor program have no doubt impacted in a positive way generations of American youth. The trail to Eagle Scout is not an easy one. Only about 5% of the youth historically enrolled in the Scouting program reach the rank of Eagle Scout. That is more than 2 million Boy Scouts that have earned the rank since 1912. The local council's Eagle Scout list numbers no less than 3,785.

A nonexclusive sample (over the decades) of the homegrown lawyer Eagle Scouts includes:

Milton Trichel	1924	Kenneth Hickman	1963
Simon Herold	1929	Claude W. Bookter	1966
Warren Graves	1933	John O. Hayter III	1967
Judge John A. Dixon Jr.	1934	Judge Frank H. Thaxton	1968
Robert G. Pugh Sr.	1939	Nyle A. Politz	1970
Byrum Teekell	1942	Paul Strickland	1970
Joe C. LeSage Jr.	1943	Jeffrey Little	1975
Sydney Nelson	1952	Judge Brady O'Callahan	1987
Carl Rice	1958	Eugene W. Bryson III	1989
Harry McInnis	1958	Kyle McInnis	1993
Stephen Glassell	1961	Tristan Gilley	1999
George Mills	1963	Alan Posner	2001

This is a principled bunch! There are no doubt many Eagle Scouts (like Tommy Arceneaux) who earned the rank elsewhere but migrated here to practice law. We would like to identify you or, for that matter, any lawyer who has fond memories of the Scouting program. Send me or Dana Southern an email. Such a group can have a positive impact on Scouting locally. We as a group owe it back for the values and benefits we got from this wonderful youth program.

Professionalism has always been somewhat elusive to define. It may be that the 12 points of the Scout Law and professionalism in the law practice are in lock step with each other. You could not convince me otherwise. Like in the Marines, the saying goes "Once an Eagle Scout, always an Eagle Scout."

Do good work!

Ben

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# Golf and Tennis TOURNAMENT



July 13, 2015  
East Ridge Country Club  
Shreveport, Louisiana

## SHOTGUN & TENNIS START

12:30 p.m.

### ENTRY FEES

Golf:  
\$600 per team  
4-Man Scramble

Tennis:  
\$75 per player

### LUNCH

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Monday, July 13, 2015 at East Ridge Country Club, Shreveport

Lunch Is Included, Serving at 11:00 a.m. – Awards Given Post Play



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#### GOLF – \$600 per team - Four Person Scramble – Shotgun Start at 12:30 p.m.

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You will be placed on a Team and Teams will be chosen on Monday morning, July 13

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2015 SBA Golf & Tennis Tournament Registration, 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

# BAR BRIEFS



Supreme Court Justice Scott Crichton, Spencer Hays and LSBA President Larry Shea

Congratulations go to **Spencer Hays**, who received the 2015 LSBA Pro Bono Publico Award at an awards ceremony that was held at the Louisiana Supreme Court in New Orleans on May 19. The award recognizes an attorney who has provided pro bono legal services to the citizens of Louisiana and meets or exceeds the aspirational goal of providing 50 hours of pro bono services per year.

Spencer is a sole practitioner in Bossier City, handling civil litigation including family law, personal injury and general civil law issues, as well as criminal defense. A graduate of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, J. Spencer Hays has been in private practice since 1982. During that time he also served as an assistant district attorney for the 26th Judicial District for 12 years. He is proud to be a Louisiana lawyer and is grateful to be chosen to receive the Pro Bono Publico Award.



Victoria Washington and Erin Eberhard, entering seniors at Southern and Loyola law schools, recently began their summer internships at the Second Circuit. (Photo by Hal Odom Jr.)



## Women's Section

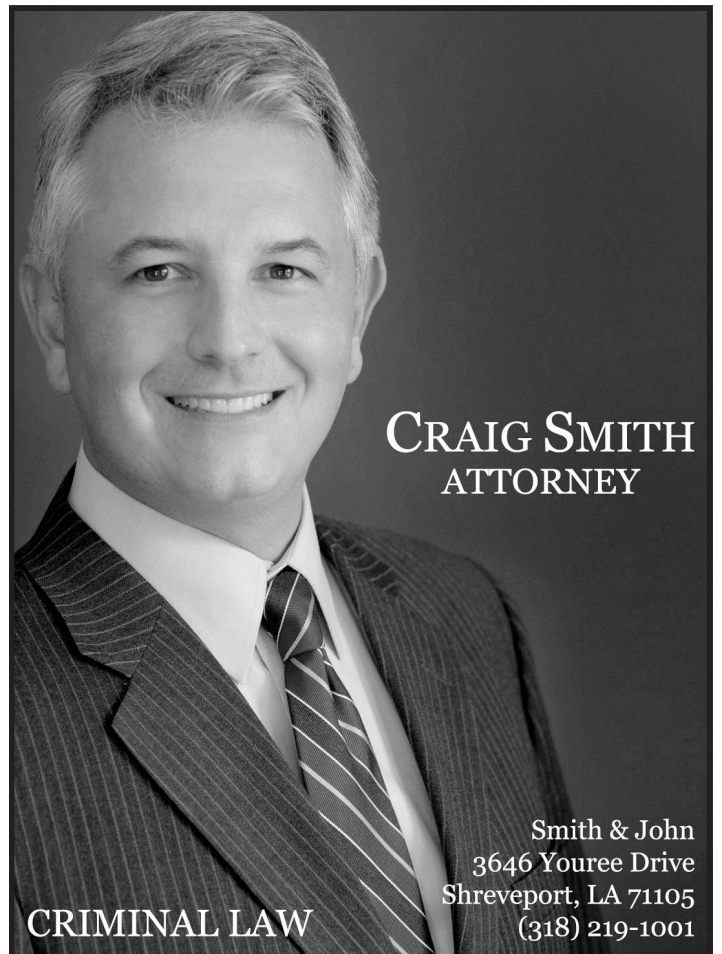
by Elizabeth Aycock,  
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Our April luncheon was a great success, with a great turn out, including lots of ladies from the Second Circuit Court of Appeal. Thanks go out to Dr. Clemons Garrett for her insightful presentation about good skin care. We also had a cocktail hour in May at Cantina Laredo, and it was good to see all those who came out for a drink.

On June 2, we held our Annual Lady Justice luncheon at the Shreveport Bar Center. Judge Katherine Dorroh took the lead in presenting an exciting presentation for the Ladies of the Shreveport Bar Association.

**We Are Looking for Members Who  
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# Meet Your "New" SBA/SBF Executive Director



"If you search everywhere, yet you cannot find what you are seeking, it is because what you seek is already in your possession."

-Lao Tzu

And so it is with us. We are pleased to announce that our longtime dedicated employee, Dana Southern, has accepted the permanent position of SBA and SBF Executive Director. The Bar has been in Dana's capable hands for the last 19 years, and she is uniquely qualified to help our organizations continue to grow and provide valuable services to members and the community.

Dana began working for the SBA on March 18, 1996, six months after we opened our first physical office, which was in the Slattery Building. As an aside: the Slattery Building was built by John Bernard Slattery, Bernard Johnson's great-grandfather and Slattery and Harry Johnson's great-great-grandfather. John Bernard Slattery was himself a lawyer, and practiced in Shreveport with one of his sons, John

Slattery, Bernard's uncle, who never had children.

In 1999, the SBA offices moved to the American Tower, and Dana worked with our prior Executive Directors Pat Tyler, Marguerite Allen, Patti Guin, Sandra Haynes, Bridget Verret and M'Lissa Peters. In January 2011, Dana and Sandra literally moved the office and 11 years of accumulated "stuff" to the still unfinished and under renovation Shreveport Bar Center at 625 Texas Street. They were assisted by Mighty Movers, whom they lovingly nicknamed "Mighty Messed Up Movers," in the completion of this monumental effort. Ask Dana about that move when you see her at an event in the building.

To get a real feel for Dana's ability to work for, alongside and with attorneys, take a look at the SBA presidents she has been in charge of over the years. We asked Dana how in the world she has survived. Her answer: "Only one has made me cry!"\*

2015...Bennett L. Politz

2014...Lawrence W. Pettiette, Jr.

2013...William F. Kendig, Jr.

2012...Bernard S. Johnson

2011...Julie M. Lafargue

2010...Roy S. Payne

2009...Zelda N. Tucker

2008...John T. Cox, Jr.

2007...A.M. "Marty" Stroud, III

2006...John M. Frazier

2005...Tommy J. Johnson

2004...Allison A. Jones

2003...Arthur R. Carmody, Jr.

2002...T. Haller Jackson, III

2001...Ronald J. Miciotto

2000...Herschel E. Richard, Jr.

1999...Gordon E. Rountree

1998...Caldwell Roberts

1997...James E. Bolin, Jr.

1996...David B. Klotz

Dana is a native of Shreveport, graduate of C.E. Byrd High School, and is married to her childhood sweetheart, Danny Southern. They have two children, Megan (22) and Daniel (17). We owe a great debt to Dana's family for putting up with all of us, and allowing her to "raise" us as she raised her own family.

Please join us in officially welcoming Dana to her "new" position. The next time you see her at one of our events, give her a hug and thank her for all she has always done for us. We have always told Dana that if she leaves us, she is to turn out the lights on the way out of the building. Because without her, we're shutting down.

Ben Politz,  
SBA President

Julie Lafargue,  
SBF President

\*The first five readers who call Dana and correctly identify the one president who made her cry will each win one complimentary ticket to the SBF Halloween Costume Party Fundraiser. The name of the president will remain strictly confidential to protect the involved party and the winners.

# Welcome Courtney Turner to the SBA



We have a wonderful, new energetic employee at the SBA, Courtney Turner, who is our new Administrative Assistant. In simple terms, she's the "new Dana." After 19 years with us, Dana has moved up to Executive Director, and Courtney had been hired to assume the many clerical and administrative tasks of the Association.

Courtney is great at all the usual clerical work, but she really brings a much needed set of skills to us in the areas of social media, web design and graphics. Prior to coming to the SBA, Courtney built and updated websites, designed graphics and printed publications. She has already hit the ground running for us by handling several graphic design projects for our Facebook page, website, newsletter and emails.

Born and raised here in Shreveport, Courtney has a variety of talents and interests. She has played the violin for 18 years, is active in her church and sorority's alumnae group, loves cooking and wine tasting, and will soon be joining the Shreveport Comedy Guild onstage to tell a few jokes. We may have found an entertainer for functions at the Bar Center!

Please introduce yourself to Courtney when you see her at one of our events, or drop by the building to meet her. She's the one with the big smile and always a "yes I can" for an answer. You know – "the new Dana."

Ben Politz  
SBA President



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**Vallon Hicks**

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**John Milkovich**

*John Milkovich, Attorney at Law  
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## **NOTICE TO ALL SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

**The Louisiana State Bar  
Association provides the  
appointment list for  
criminal and juvenile court  
appointments in Caddo  
Parish.**

**Appointments are not drawn  
from the Shreveport  
Bar Association  
membership list.**

# SAVE THE DATE

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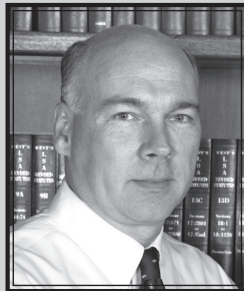
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# The Captain Speaks

by: Susie O. Stinson, Captain XXII, [susie.stinson@neilerwinlaw.com](mailto:susie.stinson@neilerwinlaw.com)

## Krewe Members are.....Friends, Helpers & Volunteers

The greatest things that I have gained from Krewe membership are the personal relationships with fellow attorneys and their spouses. I first began attending Justinian events when I was in my last year of law school and my then-future-father-in-law Judge Ford Stinson Jr. was King IX in 2002-2003. Since then I have made some of the best friendships that I could ever imagine could come from my career path.

These friends are more than friends. They are helpers. They are volunteers. They say “yes” to me when I have some crazy idea like raising more money than Captain XXI Layne or introducing a new fundraiser. **Exhibit A - Melanie Johnson and Brenda Haines.** I met and became instant friends with Melanie and Brenda when Brenda and I were Duchesses with Melanie’s husband, Captain XVII Marty Johnson in 2010-2011. They have chaired numerous events and fundraisers for the Krewe, and once again, they have agreed to co-chair a new Krewe fundraiser this year that will hopefully become an annual Krewe event - **a Midway to Mardi Gras 5K Run & Walk.** This 5K will be Saturday morning on **November 21, 2015.** Please stay tuned for more information about this fun and exciting new event! And if you see Mel or Brenda around, tell them THANK YOU!

Coronation season is right around the corner for the ArkLaTex Mardi Gras krewes, and ours is setting up to be a night you won’t want to miss thanks to attorneys Julianna Parks and Marie Vanderlick. Julianna and Marie are chairing **“Chicago,”** a 1920s-inspired coronation event packed with Art Deco decor, flappers, and maybe even a little something reminiscent of the “cell block tango” from the 2003 musical. They are working hard to make this event a fun and elegant night for all Krewe members. Our new royalty will be formally announced at this event, so join us on **Friday, August 7, 2015,** at Diamond Jacks Hotel & Casino as we celebrate Chicago-style with the tunes of Nashville party band, Lipstick Blonde. A big thank-you to these new friends and volunteers, **Julianna and Marie!**

It is time to begin our big membership push! All SBA members should have recently received a letter and membership application from me in the mail. We make it easy for you to join - complete and send in your application with your check (payable to the Krewe of Justinian) to Dana Southern at the SBA office, or join online

at [www.kreweofjustinian.com/join-now](http://www.kreweofjustinian.com/join-now). A membership application is also included in this issue of *The Bar Review*.

Remember, Krewe membership gives you and a guest access to 4 great events throughout the year - the Coronation Bal, Midway to Mardi Gras Party, Grand Bal, and Royalty Brunch. This is an exciting time for Justinian, and we want you to be a part of it. The time to join the Krewe is now! I look forward to seeing you at all Krewe events this year. **Laissez les bon temps rouler!**

*Susie O. Stinson*




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# KREWE OF JUSTINIAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## 2015-2016

Your membership dues entitle you and your spouse/guest to attend four (4) parties at no additional charge.

Coronation Bal -----August 7, 2015  
Midway to Mardi Gras Party ---- October 2, 2015  
Justinian Grand Bal ----- January 22, 2016  
Royalty Brunch ----- TBD

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Attorney and Spouse Membership (\$350.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Judge and Spouse Membership (\$350.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Associate and Spouse Membership (\$250.00)  
(Friends of the Krewe) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to: Krewe of Justinian, 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101**

**\*Admitted to Bar for less than five (5) years**

**2015 Professionalism Award Nominations  
Nominate Someone Who Deserves to Be Honored**

The Shreveport Bar Association Professionalism Award will be presented at the October luncheon meeting and the recipient's name will be added to the permanent plaque which hangs in at the Shreveport Bar Center. Prior recipients of this prestigious award are Frank M. Walker Jr., Kenneth Rigby, Justice Pike Hall Jr., Judge Henry Politz, Harry Nelson, Roland Achee, Edwin Blewer Jr., Judge Tom Stagg, Jackson B. Davis, Glenn Walker, John Frazier, Michael S. Hubley, Vicki C. Warner, Reginald W. Abrams and A. M. "Marty" Stroud III, Samuel W. Caverlee and Charles C. Grubb.

The SBA Professionalism award may be presented to any member of the Shreveport Bar Association who has remained in good standing during their practice of law, and he or she must have practiced law for a period not less than 15 years. The award may be given posthumously, but should not be limited to attorneys who have died. This award should be reserved for individuals who, during their practice of law, exemplify the high ideals and standards set forth by the Louisiana Bar Association's Rules of Professional Conduct, as well as the aspired goals for attorney conduct adopted by the Shreveport Bar Association.

Any attorney meeting the above criteria may be nominated by any other member of the Shreveport Bar Association. All nominations should be submitted in writing by **Friday, August 28, 2015**, and mailed to:

**Chairman, Professionalism Committee  
625 Texas Street  
Shreveport, LA 71101**

When submitting your nominations, please include why you think the attorney you are nominating should receive this award, and any additional information which would help the committee in its selection process.

**SBA Professionalism Award Nomination Form  
DEADLINE: Friday, August 28, 2015**

The award is reserved for individuals who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism while practicing law. Any eligible attorney may be nominated by another SBA member. Written nominations may be hand-delivered to SBA staff or mailed to Chairman, Professionalism Committee, 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101. Electronic submissions are acceptable and use of this form is optional.

**I would like to nominate the following SBA member to receive the 2015 Professionalism Award (please complete as much as possible)**

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail	

**Reason the attorney should receive the award (you may attach additional information)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	



# SBA Officer Election Procedures

The Officer Nominating Committee, consisting of the five most recent past presidents of the Shreveport Bar Association, will meet this summer to nominate the 2016 SBA Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer Elect. The Officer Nominating Committee will report its nominations to the Elections Committee on or before August 15, 2015, and those nominations will be announced in the September issue of *The Bar Review*. **Nominations for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer Elect\* may be made by any member in good standing of the Shreveport Bar Association who is not on senior status.**

Nominations are sought **from the membership** for the two Member-At-Large positions on the Executive Council. These positions are for a two-year term.

**All nominations**, including any nominations from the general membership for the offices of Vice-President and

Secretary-Treasurer Elect, **must be in writing and received by the Elections Committee, Shreveport Bar Association, 625 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2015.** The nominations should include a brief biographical sketch, and, if not a self-nomination, must be accompanied by a signed statement of the nominee that the nominee will stand for election and serve if elected.

The Elections Committee will certify the nominations timely received to the Executive Council for all of the offices open. Names of candidates and biographical information will be published in the September issue of *The Bar Review*. **Ballots will be sent to the entire SBA membership only if more than one nomination is received for any or all of the four offices.**



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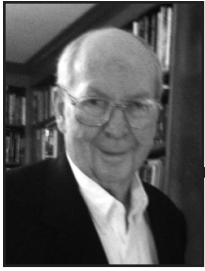
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# Legal Hist

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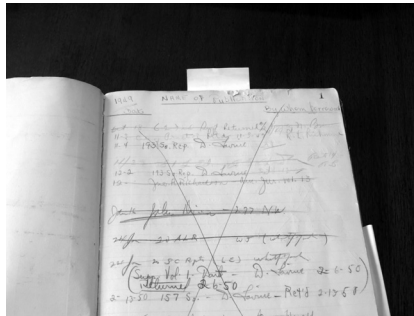
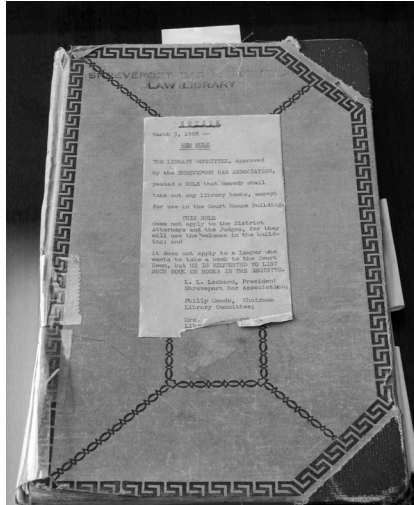
## The Short Life of the Law Library of the Shreveport Bar Association In the Caddo Parish Courthouse

The first true law library in Shreveport was not in the chambers of a judge, state or federal, but was located in the Caddo Parish Courthouse and maintained under the watchful eye of the Shreveport Bar Association. It was first located on the second floor of the southeast corner of the building, adjacent to the offices of the four judges who then staffed the court and was also readily accessible to the nearby offices of the district attorney. The books maintained in the library were extensive and complete, beyond the means of any lawyer<sup>1</sup> or law firm, and all that the staff of the *Harvard Law Review* could possibly require. The success of the library related to the extensive use by the bench and bar, and most importantly, for many years this expense was paid for out of the judicial budget of the Caddo Parish Police Jury<sup>2</sup> at a time when such funding was easier than it is today.

It appears that the Shreveport Bar Association was never formally organized until after World War II, during the late '50s and early '60s, under the leadership of Marlin Risinger, Robert Roberts Jr., Vernon Woods and T. Haller Jackson Jr., at which time the charter was drawn up and executive officers authorized. Proof that some semblance of an organization existed prior to that time is a rare book in the form of a register, with a stamp stating "Shreveport Bar Association, Law Library," and under that, a taped-on typewritten notice dated March 3, 1958, signed by Leonard Lockard, as president of the Shreveport Bar Association, and Philip Goode, chairman of the Library Committee. This interesting book contains 128 pages with approximately 10 to 15 signatures per page, each signed by a lawyer or his representative who was taking a book out of the library. Mr. Lockard, who was a direct, forceful and effective lawyer, made his points fair by stating the following:

### NEW RULE

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, approved by the SHREVEPORT BAR ASSOCIATION, passed a RULE that nobody shall take out any library books, except for



The first page of the Law Library register. Although the cover bears the date March 3, 1958, the first entry is dated October 18, 1949. (Photos by Hal Odom Jr.)

use in the Court House Building. THIS RULE does not apply to the District Attorneys and the Judges, for they will use the volumes in the building; and it does not apply to a lawyer who wants to take a book to the Court Room, but HE IS REQUESTED TO LIST SUCH BOOK OR BOOKS IN THE REGISTER.

As we shall see, it soon became the practice for lawyers and judges to remove books from the library to their offices or chambers. There was apparently no complaint, and this practice continued until the library shut down in the early 1970s.

The register of the judges and lawyers who signed books out is a litany of the names of the active bench and bar of those days, and bring back many memories which are personal to me and now rendered in the belief that they may be of interest to the attorneys in this day. In some instances, I have included precise comments which the lawyer, for one reason or another, wrote in the register.

As noted, the books maintained in the library were all that any practitioner might ever require and included all the Louisiana codes and statutes, as well as the law reviews of LSU, Tulane and Loyola, the acts of the legislature and the opinions of the attorney general.

Most importantly, in the 1920s, West Publishing Company had replaced a somewhat archaic series entitled American State Reports with a key-numbered set of books bearing the titles of the group of states whose judicial opinions were included in that series, such as the Southern Reporter, comprising Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana,<sup>3</sup> the Northeast Reporter for the states adjoining the Atlantic seaboard, the Pacific Reporter and so on.

The old, frayed register now under consideration begins in November 1949 and runs for 128 pages until it ends in March

<sup>3</sup> It soon became evidence that Southern Reporter was heavily weighted in favor of Florida, largely because of that state's increasing population and judicial caseload. Louisiana lawyers led the movement with West to make the price structure of the set more clearly reflect this fact, and in the end West obliged by publishing an edition restricted to Louisiana cases only. This transition occurred in 1966, when the handsome green buckram volumes entitled Louisiana Cases began to be published and continues to this day.

<sup>1</sup> It should be recognized that the late Col. John Tucker accumulated and possessed one of the most extensive civil law libraries in the United States, and that on his death they were bequeathed to Washington and Lee University.

<sup>2</sup> Now the Caddo Parish Commission.

1970, the approximate date on which substantial renovations were made on the second floor of the courthouse and the SBA library moved up to the eighth floor. It is believed that because of computers, reductions in police jury funding, and other factors there was no longer a real demand for the hardback books and the sign-in/sign-off practice was discontinued, as were some of the services.

In leafing through the register, this writer reads literally hundreds of names of lawyers, most whom are now deceased and bring to mind many memories. The following are worthy of comment.

In February 1952, J.N. Marcantel checked out four Federal Reporters, as well as the Southwest Reporter. Marcantel was a popular figure along Milam Street and the courthouse and had the time to check out the city court on an almost daily basis. His strong suit was that he had the trust and confidence of popular Mayor Clyde Fant and served as city attorney for the mayor's two terms. I give him particular credit for his decision to bring John Gallagher into the city attorney's office. In later years, John would prove a strong leader, possessed of common and legal sense, who guided several others' administrations through turbulent times.

About the same time there appears a signature of A. Harry Johnson, father of SBA leader Bernard Johnson and LSU Law Center icon Alston Johnson. Harry was a member of the Lunn Irion firm then housed in the Slattery Building and a highly competent, effective lawyer. He entered the service after Pearl Harbor as a second lieutenant from the LSU ROTC program and his ability brought him up to the rank of lieutenant colonel by war's end.

In August 1952, there appears for the first time the signature of Charles Egan, a senior partner in the Cook firm who checked out one of the National Reporters. Mr. Egan was considered by many, including myself, as one of the brightest figures within the Shreveport Bar and had a pleasant personality and sense of humor to go along with his high intellect. In later years, his mind was often way ahead of his speaking ability and it sometimes appeared that he was talking to himself. One day as I was walking behind him on Texas Avenue, I saw that he was talking fast about something to no one in particular, so I came up beside him and spoke. He smiled and said, "Arthur, you heard me talking to myself, didn't you?" This stumped me for a minute, as I was searching for the right answer, but finally acknowledged the fact, to which he replied, "Some days, those are the most interesting conversations that I have." And so it was.

But now a few words regarding the extensive collection of books maintained in the library, and all courtesy of the Caddo Parish Police Jury. They included, as noted, the Louisiana statutes and digest, the acts of the legislature going back to the 1870s, the three law reviews, with two competing encyclopedic works, *American Jurisprudence* and *Corpus Juris Secundum*, as well as up-to-date CCH reports of the tax code and tax cases and the National Reporter series containing all appellate and high court decisions. It was a treasure trove of judicial authorities and one in heavy use by the bench and bar.

In August of that year appears the name of Frank S. Kennedy, who later became a named partner in the oil and gas firm of

Naff, Kennedy, Goodman & John. Frank was a highly popular and successful lawyer. He checked out a volume of the Federal Rules Decisions, a new set published by West in 1938 which interpreted the new Federal Rules enacted the same year.

At the same time, the name of Roland Achee first appears and would appear countless times thereafter. Roland was a well-mannered, cooperative, highly talented and effective lawyer who, together with Ben King of the Cook firm, was a master in concocting motions and exceptions based on novel premises. His father was a veteran insurance adjuster in Shreveport who, for various reasons, had acquired the nickname of "No Pay Achee," which Roland seemed to enjoy, along with the rest of us.

In February 1953, the name of George J. Despot appears for the first time. George was well informed, soft spoken, highly intelligent and officed in the Beck Building. He was politically involved in the highest levels of the Republican Party and his approval was mandatory for anyone seeking a judicial or high level appointment from Louisiana.

In May of that year, Percy Browne signed in along with Charlie Mayer, considered the top insurance defense lawyers in the area (Percy was a founder of the firm of Browne, Browne & Bodenheimer, and Charlie a principal in Mayer, Smith & Roberts). Charlie loved baseball and had constructed two baseball fields on the Mayer Plantation property in Broadmoor where he was coaching two teams of teenage boys. He told me he needed somebody and also that I might take over one of the teams, which I agreed to do. Thus began a long friendship with Charlie Mayer.

In June 1953, John Madison Sr. at the Wilkinson firm appeared to check out a volume of the Orleans Court of Appeal Reports. These were small books of 11 volumes bound in green. This court was short-lived and the reports are seldom used these days. John was my mentor and a role model of an ideal lawyer and friend.

In 1953, the name of W.M. Cady first appears. Bill was a recent honor grad of Tulane Law School and soon partnered with Tom Stagg and Roy Beard and officed in the Beck Building. Bill was a popular and effective lawyer.

Later that year the name of Irving Greenberg appeared, checking out several Federal Reporters. Irving was born and raised in downtown Shreveport and a popular lawyer who opened one of the first storefront offices on Texas Street. Irving was not afraid to try his cases, and did so aggressively and successfully. His younger brother, Paul, is a Pulitzer Prize winner and executive editor of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* in Little Rock.

In October 1953, the signature of Mike Maroun appears. Mike was a partner in the established criminal defense firm of Wilson, Abramson & Maroun. Mike was a popular and effective lawyer. He was perhaps the only SBA member to rate a column and photo in *Life* magazine. It related to the efforts of Bobby Kennedy, U.S. Attorney General, to bring Carlos Marcello, the Kingpin of the New Orleans underworld, to trial. There was a statute of limitations issue which required personal service on Marcello within 30 days and Mike took Carlos out of the country, apparently to Mexico, and the statute ran. The word here was

that Mike charged Carlos \$1,000 a day, or \$30,000, which was a princely sum in those days. Our friend, Angelo Roppollo, was a boyhood chum of Marcello's, and it is believed that he helped Mike avoid the long arm of the law.

Later in the year appeared the distinctive signature of Pike Hall Jr. Pike was then an assistant city attorney, checking out a Southern Reporter, and practicing with T.K. Giddens in route to a splendid judicial career.

On the same day, the signature of Roland Achee appears again, checking out a half a dozen books of the National Reporter.

1955 gives us the signature of Judge Galloway, checking out a volume of *Corpus Juris Secundum*; Don Baker pulling a volume of the Atlantic Reporter; Holly Barret signing off with his distinctive blue-black pen; regular patrons Achee and Rigby each signing out a handful of the National Reporter series; also Hugh Hanson, a young, promising lawyer with Pioneer Bank, who rose to its presidency; and Louis Lyons, a longtime city judge in Bossier City whose radio commercials always began with a loud animal roar and the words, "Roar, lion, roar," all in support of the judge's candidacy; Gayle Hamilton, soon to be a district judge, signing off as a "Centenary student"; Malcolm Feist checking out one volume of the encyclopedic ALR. The year ended with a flourish with John Dixon and Bob Pugh each checking out a large number of the state reporters.

1956 gave the register the strong signature of Thomas S. Currier, someone I have known and liked since boyhood days on Sherwood Road. Tom's father, Ford, was a senior lawyer with Arkla Gas, who, after retirement, took an of-counsel position with the Blanchard firm. Tom was always unusually bright and received a Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate at Tulane University and graduated with honors from Tulane Law, after which he pursued additional studies at Princeton and Yale. While at the New Haven school, Tom was hired as an assistant of Professor Arthur L. Corbin, author of the seminal work, *Corbin on Contracts*, which he was having difficulty completing. The Yale experience brought Tom to the attention of John Mitchell, then the head of the Republican National Committee and the managing partner of the Mudge Rose law firm in Manhattan. Mitchell was known to have the largest bond approval practice in the country and the income it produced was so substantial, every partner in the firm had a seven-figure income. Mitchell was impressed with Tom and immediately offered him a partnership in the firm, which Tom accepted. In later years, Mitchell would bring Richard Nixon into the firm following his presidential denouement. At this time, Tom's parents moved to New York to be close to their only son, and Tom commenced the practice of a promising white-shoe lawyer in the big city. Sadly, after several years of practice, Tom was diagnosed with a rare blood disease which claimed his life several years later.

The remainder of 1956 showed new signatures by John Dixon, Armand Roos and Ken Rigby. Later in the year appeared Lewis Weinstein, Judge O'Neal, Noel Adams and Steve Cowell, Art Carmody, Frank Cascio and Bob Pugh. Near the end of the year, the signature of "Mrs. Gail Ponz, U.S.A." appeared. Gail was a member of the bar, and I believe a permanent law clerk for one of the appellate judges. Thus it is believed that she was the second woman (after Kay Jeter) to become a member of the SBA.

On December 26, 1956, appears the signature "James W. Ward, Tulane law student." 1956 signs off with the signature of Judge George Hardy, checking out the reporter which contained a North Carolina Supreme Court decision.

The beginning of 1957 found Richard McGuire, a lawyer from east Texas, using the library; Judge Ayres checking out several federal reporters; Judge O'Neal perusing the Lawyer's Edition of U.S. Supreme Court reports; John Abney, a lawyer from Houston, just paying a visit to the library; and Scott Wilkinson checking out the Southwest Reporter.

New names appearing in 1957 include Elmon Holmes, C.P. Brocato, Milton Schober, cousin of John "Bucky" Schober, who had joined Bob Pugh in his practice, Fred Sexton, John Gatti, Dan Sawyer, Leroy Smallenberger, Jack Kaplan, joining the Wilson Abramson firm, and John R. Pleasant, soon to join Booth Lockard.

1958 would bring Pike Hall, Lawrence May Jr. and Ben King into the fold. The years 1959, 1960 and thereafter would bring an influx of new lawyers which will be covered in the September issue.

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Speaker: H. Alston Johnson, III

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# Second Circuit Highlights

by David Tullis, [dtullis@la2nd.org](mailto:dtullis@la2nd.org)

## **Personal jurisdiction**

A Tennessee resident and domiciliary purchased insurance for his vehicles from Farmers Insurance Exchange through his insurance agent, who was also a Tennessee resident and domiciliary. The insured later bought a home in West Monroe while also keeping his home in Nashville. It was from this home in West Monroe that the insured's 1969 Chevy Chevelle SS 396, valued at approximately \$88,000, was stolen in October 2012. When the insured allegedly learned for the first time that his policy contained comprehensive coverage limits of only \$50,000, he filed suit in Ouachita Parish against the agent and Farmers. Among the insured's claims were that the agent and Farmers were liable for damages caused by their negligent misrepresentations and professional negligence.

The agent filed the exception of lack of personal jurisdiction, which the trial court granted. The Second Circuit affirmed, finding that the agent did not have the minimum contacts with Louisiana necessary to support the application of either general or specific jurisdiction. *Devillier v. Farmers Ins. Exch.*, 49,562 (La. App. 2 Cir. 1/14/15), \_\_\_ So. 3d \_\_\_.

The insured had returned to his Nashville home before filing suit, and he stated in his petition that he was a resident and domiciliary of Tennessee. He was living in Nashville when the agent first issued the policy in question that covered vehicles licensed in Tennessee. At the time of the May 2012 renewal of the policy, the agent received an email from the insured giving a change of address for the home in West Monroe. An employee of the agent then emailed the insured to ask whether he remained a resident of Tennessee. His email reply was that while he was planning to be in Louisiana for the next six months, he was also keeping his Tennessee home. The agent then issued a renewal policy for the Chevelle and for another vehicle located in West Monroe.

The Second Circuit noted that this matter did not involve the issue of an insured moving from another state to Louisiana. In contrast, the insured was a domiciliary and resident of Tennessee when he first obtained insurance from the agent, and although he later purchased a second home in Louisiana, he did not move from his principal home in Tennessee.

The agent made certain that the insured was a Tennessee resident when she first sold him the policy. The insured never told the agent that he was leaving Tennessee to establish residence and domicile in Louisiana. The emails between the insured and the agent's office show that the agent was trying to determine if the change of address to Louisiana was temporary, which the insured assured her it was. The Second Circuit concluded that the series of emails on their own was not enough to establish personal

jurisdiction over the agent in Louisiana.

The alleged acts and omissions by the agent all occurred in Tennessee, where she sold and renewed the policy. While the agent was originally from Louisiana, she had been a resident and domiciliary of Tennessee since 2008. She was licensed to sell insurance in Tennessee, and her agency was also located there.

## **Abandonment**

In *Hudson v. Town & Country Nursing Center L.L.C.*, 49,581 (La. App. 2 Cir. 3/4/15), \_\_\_ So.3d \_\_\_, the Second Circuit discussed whether the plaintiff's mailing of a formal discovery request to the defendant's former attorney of record was sufficient as a step in the prosecution of the case to preclude a dismissal for abandonment under La. C.C.P. art. 561.

Hudson filed a medical malpractice suit in 2009 against Town & Country, a nursing facility where he had been a resident. Town & Country raised the exception of prematurity on the basis that Hudson had not posted a cash or surety bond in the amount of the medical review panel costs. This defect was cured by Hudson on February 8, 2010.

Later in 2010, Town & Country filed a motion to withdraw and substitute counsel of record, which was granted by the trial court on the same day it was filed. The motion stated that future notices were to be sent to the new attorney of record. The certificate of service included with the motion stated that all counsel of record had been served by mail with a copy of the motion.

On January 21, 2013, Hudson mailed interrogatories and requests for production of documents to Town & Country's former counsel of record.

On June 13, 2013, Town & Country filed an ex parte motion to dismiss on the grounds of abandonment in that no step in the prosecution or defense of the lawsuit had been taken for more than three years. The motion was granted.

Hudson objected to the dismissal, arguing that his formal discovery request mailed on January 21, 2013, was a step in the prosecution of the matter. He contended that he never received notice of the 2010 motion to withdraw and substitute counsel of record, and he first became aware of it only when served with the 2013 motion to dismiss. Although recognizing the substitution of counsel of record, the trial court rescinded the order of dismissal, concluding that the affidavit attached to the motion to dismiss was not notarized. Town & Country then filed a second motion to dismiss, this time attaching a notarized affidavit from its attorney that no step in the prosecution of the claim had been taken for more than three years. The trial court granted the motion.

The Second Circuit initially noted that while Town & Country's motion to withdraw and substitute counsel was the only filing by either party in the record between February 8, 2010, and June 13, 2013, it was well settled that such a motion was not considered a step in the prosecution of an action for the purposes of abandonment.

Hudson argued on appeal that his mailing of discovery requests on January 21, 2013, to Town & Country's last known counsel of record should be considered a timely step in the prosecution of his case because Town & Country had failed to notify his counsel of the change in counsel. The Second Circuit concluded that while Art. 561 recognizes that mailing interrogatories and requests for production of documents to counsel of record is a step in the prosecution of a lawsuit, the mailing of these documents to former counsel of record is not.

One of the jurisprudential exceptions to abandonment is when the plaintiff demonstrates that his failure to prosecute was the result of circumstances beyond his control. The Second Circuit rejected the argument that this exception applied under these facts: a simple review of the record by Hudson's counsel would have shown the substitution of counsel for Town & Country and where Hudson should have mailed his discovery requests.

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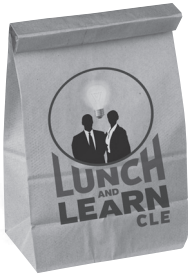
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# How Write You Are

by Hal Odom Jr., rhodom@la2nd.org

**Is this a penalty?** The concurring judge in a recent opinion wrote, “Nonetheless, she argues that she could do so *without impunity* because she had fully complied with the appropriate provisions of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure.” An earlier opinion from a different court criticized a harassment policy which would, “in effect, give employees free rein to commit one infraction *without impunity* regardless of the severity of the infraction.” Sorry, *impunity* is not the same thing as *penalty*.

The word used, *impunity*, means *exemption from punishment*, something like a “Get out of jail free” card in Monopoly. In both cases, the writers were trying to say *without legal consequences*; for this, the correct phrase is *with impunity*. The expression used is convoluted and makes no sense.

If you feel you must use the negative word *without*, then say *without consequences, ramifications* or, perhaps, *a bad result*. *Impunity* is a good thing. Don't impugn it.

**Don't take this lying down.** It is a serious problem, and we need to spell it right. Congress has given us 42 U.S.C. § 247b-5, which assigns duties to the Centers for Disease Control. One of these is to “identify, in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, issues related to the quality of life for men after *prostrate cancer* screening and followup.” And exactly one (older) Louisiana appellate opinion declared of the plaintiff, “In the fall of 1988, he was diagnosed with *prostrate cancer*.”

Of course, the important organ that surrounds the male urethra is the *prostate gland*, a part of the body particularly prone to cancer. The near-homophone, *prostrate*, means *lying flat on the ground*, usually as a result of overpowering heat or exhaustion. Always pay close proofreading attention to this word pair, and pay due medical attention to the prostate.

**Speaking of ...** lying down, there are two sophisticated words to describe this action. *Prone* means *face-down*, and is correctly used in a sentence like this: “The police then ordered them to halt and lie prone.” *State v. Stewart*, 619 So. 2d 38 (La. 1993) (Calogero, CJ, concurring). *Supine* means *face-up*. It is correct to refer to “sitting and supine straight leg raise tests.” *McGee v. Brand Services Inc.*, 2010-0307 (La. App. 4 Cir. 4/18/11), 63 So. 3d 1100.

For ease of comprehension, it is probably advisable to use the more descriptive terms *face-up* and *face-down*, and leave no room for confusion. The seminal case of *Breland v. Schilling*, 550 So. 2d 609 (La. 1989), held that the intentional injury exclusion of a homeowner's policy did not exclude coverage for injuries greater than what the insured meant to inflict by his intentional tort. The fight started in a softball game, when the defendant was caught in a hotbox between second and third base; he slid, and the third baseman tagged him



out. The opinion states, “After the play, as the defendant Schilling *lay prone* near third base, Breland either dropped, tossed, or threw the softball in the direction of the defendant. The ball struck Schilling on the chin.” Schilling jumped up and punched Breland in his own chin, giving rise to the claim against Schilling's unnamed homeowner's insurer.

My query is that if a person is *lying prone, face-down*, can you hurl the ball down and strike him on the chin? This would seem awkward; beaming him in the back of the head, or on the shoulder, would be easier and more likely. The ambiguity could have been relieved by saying, concretely, the defendant was lying face down, or had slid into third head-first.

The other word, *supine*, is uncommon enough to make most readers scratch their heads. In addition to *face-up*, it is also the name of an obscure grammatical form of a Latin verb, when it acts like a noun. If you are curious, you will just have to look it up; I find it hard to *explain*.

**A peek at one more homophone.** A federal district court recently wrote that “the particularly insightful comments anonymously posted by Perricone (and perhaps others) *peaked* the interest of other DOJ personnel[.]” Another district court editorialized, “Once in a while a case comes along that, to an unusual degree, *peaks* the interest of all involved.” What mountain were they climbing?

A *peak* is the highest point of a mountain; as a verb, it is intransitive and means to *rise to a point* or *reach maximum activity*. The transitive verb meaning to *arouse* or *provoke* somebody's interest is *pique*. Perricone's online comments *piqued* the interest of other DOJ personnel; the unusual case *piques* everyone's interest.

That other word, meaning a *quick* or *secret glance*, is *peek*. Try to remember that the common expression consists of two rhyming words that are spelled differently. *The Times* recently reported (February 3, 2015) that Willis-Knighton Health System bought the old Doctors Hospital building, vacant since 2010, on Louisiana Ave. at I-20. “City Councilman Jeff Everson has gotten a *sneak peek* at what's proposed and calls Willis-Knighton's acquisition of the property a ‘smart move[.]’” the story informed readers. That should be a *sneak peek*.

A silly error like this will definitely pique my interest!

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