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11/9	SBA Veterans Program Luncheon – 12:00 p.m. - Petroleum Club
12/13 & 14	December CLE By the Hour Seminar at Petroleum Club of Shreveport
12/18	Area Law Student Holiday Reception - 3:00–5:00 p.m. - Wine Country



From The President

by Donald E. Hathaway Jr., President, dhathaway@socklaw.com

Fall is upon us, and your Bar Association is running on all cylinders. We have wrapped up our October CLE seminar, Recent Developments by the Judiciary, and the participation by members and nonmembers alike increased from last year, which means we will meet our budget projections as expected. Great news! Judges Mike and Frances Pitman put on an excellent program, and if you were unable to attend or just typically procrastinate we will offer CLE by the Hour in December with many of the same programs offered in the October seminar. Look for a Bar Communiqué to come out soon with information on how to register.

This year's Memorial and Recognition Ceremony will be November 3 in Courtroom G of the Caddo Parish Courthouse. The ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. so come early and get a good seat. Latecomers likely will have standing room only as Committee Chair Marcus Edwards has done an awesome job of preparing those who will be eulogizing our departed friends and compiling the list of new members to be recognized. Don't forget to stop by the Bar Center for refreshments immediately following the program. Dana will have finger sandwiches, cookies and punch for all those who attend.

Our next luncheon will be November 9 at the Petroleum Club with buffet service beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Veterans Day Committee, headed by Judge Bill Kelly, has been meeting at hours unconventional to a civilian due to the discipline instilled during their service; either that, or they just didn't want me to come. In any event, they have put together an inspiring program sure to kindle greater patriotism in your heart. This is always one of our better programs during the year, so don't miss it.

This will be our last luncheon of the year, but you still have plenty of opportunities to get involved with your Bar Association and benefit from the sociable and rewarding experiences. In December we will have the Secret Santa program where you and/or your firm can make some child's Christmas a little brighter. The Secret Santa pairs children in need with benefactors from the Bar Association and the benefactors provide gifts to make sure they have something to open on Christmas morning. We also will have our annual Christmas Party at Wine Country on Sunday, December 18 from 3:00-5:00. Chef/owner Jason Brady always ensures we have excellent food and service – so don't miss it.

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The Shreveport Bar Association
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Area Law School Students
Will be held on
Sunday, December 18, 2016
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wine Country
Invitations will be mailed mid November

Welcome Britni Green to the SBA



Britni Green

The Shreveport Bar Association has a wonderful new administrative assistant, Britni Green.

Britni is from Haughton and now lives in Benton with her husband, Whitney, and their two children, Baylee (9) and William (11 months). She loves the outdoors, spending time with friends and family, going to church, cooking and wine tasting. Britni has a “make it happen” attitude and strives to always give 110%. Britni says that she is inspired by Jacqueline Kennedy, not only because she was a true trailblazer for fashion, but because Mrs. Kennedy proved that she could handle anything despite the initial worry that she might not have “political appeal.” Britni strives to be like Mrs. Kennedy in both her personal and professional life, from the way she mothered and protected her children to the strong, kind, professional woman she was.

Please introduce yourself to Britni when you see her at one of our events, or drop by the Shreveport Bar Center to meet her.



Women's Section

by Janet Silvie
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Hello, Ladies of the Bar Association. Fall has arrived, and with it come new opportunities to celebrate the connections and achievements we make as members of the legal community. Golda Meir stated, "Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement." One need only to

look around to see that we women of the Shreveport Bar have made great strides, and continue to be humbled by the constant outpouring of support for one another as we move forward in the practice of law. Let's continue that trend as we near 2017.

Cocktails and Conversation



On September 29, 2016, the ladies of the Shreveport Bar Association had a wonderful time enjoying great company and great food at Taziki's. The conversation was lively and energetic. We had the pleasure of sharing with ladies who are active in our Young Lawyers Section, lawyers newly admitted into the practice of law, and more seasoned lawyers.

In an effort to support the Shreveport Bar Association, we did not have "Cocktails and Conversation" in October. Instead, we encouraged all lawyers to participate in activities planned by the SBA and Young Lawyers Section.



Our annual Fall Party will be at Painting With a Twist in Shreveport, on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 6 pm. All are welcome to participate in this event, but must be 21 years of age or older.

Painting With a Twist provides a cash bar with wine, beer, spirits, sodas and water. Food will be provided by the Women's Section. Please check for further details, and how to save your spot on our Facebook page. We look forward to partying with you!

As always, we welcome all ideas and input on future Women's Section events. Remember to connect with us on Facebook for reminders.

Welcome TO THE SBA

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Young Lawyers' Section

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Thanks to Choice Copy Services and those who attended, our canned food drive and kickball tournament was a lot of fun. Not to mention the food prepared by Some Like It Hot was incredible. Everyone should definitely look forward to next year's tournament.

I would like to take a moment and congratulate all the newly admitted lawyers who passed the bar exam and were sworn in. The Young Lawyers' Section of the Shreveport Bar Association is hosting a free CLE on November 3, 2016, from 8:00 to 1:30 at the Petroleum Club in downtown Shreveport. Our speakers include Justice Scott Crichton, Judge Michael Pitman, Judge Parker Self, Melissa Fox and Jim McMichael. The topics all include information valuable to young lawyers, who are learning the local rules and customs to both the 1st and the 26th Judicial District Courts. After the CLE there will be a recognition ceremony at the First JDC, followed by a reception at the Shreveport Bar Center.

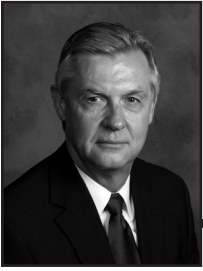
The Young Lawyers' Section is also preparing for elections in December. We have openings for the following positions: Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President. If anyone is interested in having a spot on the executive counsel of the Young Lawyers' Section, you can contact me via email at Luke@thethaxtonlawfirm.com.

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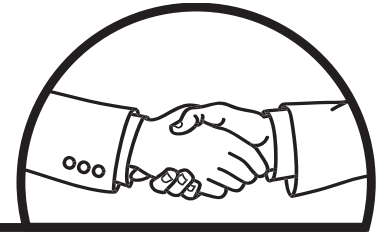
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The Neutral Ground



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Why Family Law Mediation?

This is a question often raised, not only by the parties, but also by attorneys. First, is this just an added expense being piled on to avoid the parties' day in court, a process and experience that is already high in cost (and emotions)? Second, for the attorney, is this just a process by which the fee that I would otherwise earn is being shared or passed on to another, i.e., the mediator? Third, mediation requires each party to reconsider his/her position and move toward some middle ground, so why should parties change their position, which they know is right and in everyone's best interest; and/or the other party wanted or started this, so why should I lose or give up anything?

These are legitimate questions or concerns, but they are easily answered and satisfied, as mediation is a proven process in other areas of law, and it therefore should also be a successful alternative dispute resolution process in the family law arena. So, in answer to the above questions:

First, mediation can be an added expense, but if handled effectively and constructively it should greatly reduce the expense (and conflict) that would otherwise be incurred through protracted litigation. Family law mediation can be with or without attorneys participating. Some people approach mediation prior to retaining counsel, which is okay, but they should always be advised to consult an attorney before, during and/or after the mediation process. Also, mediation can be conducted with parties who have counsel, i.e., the attorneys can participate in the mediation sessions or not, but the parties will have the ability to consult legal counsel. In any event, the overall process, if handled constructively and effectively, will reduce the legal expense that would otherwise be incurred if the matter had to endure the delays and expense of protracted litigation. This is true in all areas of practice, and the same is true with family law. In my own practice, comparing cases with and without mediation or settlement conferences, the overall legal expense is substantially more without mediation or settlement conferences.

Second, yes, people can proceed through the mediation process without legal counsel, so does this cut out the need for counsel? The answer is "NO." As indicated, the parties should be advised to consult counsel on all legal issues before, during and after the mediation sessions; and at the conclusion of the mediation process, the parties should retain an attorney or attorneys to implement the mediation agreement through the court. The parties who choose to proceed in proper

person, if they dare, were not ever going to expend substantial legal fees to process their case. The parties who do choose counsel at some point will still save money and also have a better chance for their mediation agreement to be effective, i.e., a comprehensive/final, enforceable and workable plan. Family law parties have more reasons to have ongoing contact and involvement with each other, so the workability of the mediation agreement in the real world is very important, or the parties will be back in court repeatedly down the road. So, the bottom line is that attorneys and their legal representation are needed to navigate their clients through the process, implement the agreement, and then enforce or seek to modify it down the road as substantial changes occur. I have been told that interpretation of judgments and mediation agreements can create further need for legal representation; therefore, an organized approach with legal representation through the mediation process will in the long run bring about finality and with people left standing!

Third, why should I change my position: The process of divorce is a very emotional process for most if not all people to have to go through. It is similar to the loss of a loved one, i.e., the parties will experience a roller coaster of emotions, in no particular order or timeline. It is truthfully "one day at a time" before things return to that person's (new) normal. So, no one is absolutely right and everyone's perspective is compromised by their "self-interest." Family law is not brain surgery, i.e., the results are going to be between the lines. If all were equal, everything would be on the center line of the highway, but not all things are equal, so some issues will be in his lane and others in her lane, but never should it be in the ditch. Mediators and attorneys help the parties navigate this so-called highway. People who reach an agreement will have a much better chance of co-parenting without hate and resentment; and they will have something left to spend on the children! Therefore, the mediation process is a means by which reasonable people (and attorneys) can assist parties through this process without unnecessarily subjecting them to the delays and expense of protracted litigation; win or lose scenarios; and the final question, why did I spend all that money and now I hate the person with whom I still have to raise children!



December CLE By The Hour December 13 & 14, 2016

**Petroleum Club, 15th Floor
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Presented by SBA CLE Co-Chairs Judge Frances J. Pitman and Judge Michael A. Pitman
(Please Circle All Classes Attending)**

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. Registration
- 8:30 A.M. Criminal Law: A View From the Inside
*Laura Fulco - First Assistant Caddo District Attorney and
Pam Smart - District Defender, First Judicial District*
- 9:30 A.M. Sponsor Break
- 9:35 A.M. Helpful Hints from A to Z from Fannin Street
Judge Jeanette Garrett - Second Circuit Court of Appeal
- 10:35 A.M. Sponsor Break
- 10:45 A.M. Professionalism: Programs/Services provided by the
Shreveport Bar Foundation and Shreveport Bar
Association and Knowing the Difference
*Donald Hathaway - President Shreveport Bar Association
Heidi Kemple Martin - Shreveport Bar Foundation*
- 11:45 A.M. Lunch (included with all-day registration, or \$25)
- 12:45 P.M. False Claims Act, Fundamentals and Recent
Developments: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know
About Bringing and Defending Whistleblower Suits
A.G. (Alec) Alexander III - Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson
- 1:45 P.M. Sponsor Break
- 1:50 P.M. Successions *Ben Politz - Booth, Lockard, Politz & LeSage*
- 2:50 P.M. Sponsor Break
- 3:00 P.M. Staying on Mission-The Intersection Between Non-
Profits and the Law *Destiny Deas - Attorney at Law*
- 4:00 P.M. Negotiating Your Way Through Law and Life
*Judge (Ret) Gay C. Gaskins and Lawrence W. Pettiette Jr.-
Pettiette, Armand, Dunkleman, Woodley, Byrd & Cromwell*

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. Registration
- 8:30 A.M. Professionalism: What Would Momma Say? - The
Sequel
Cyd Sheree Page - Voorhies & Labbé, P.L.C.
- 9:30 A.M. Sponsor Break
- 9:35 A.M. Ethics: ABA Model Rule 8.3 – Reporting Impairment-
Related Conduct vs Early Intervention
Buddy Stockwell - Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program
- 10:35 A.M. Sponsor Break
- 10:45 A.M. Technology in the Courts
Melissa Allen - United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- 11:45 A.M. Lunch (included with all-day registration, or \$25)
- 12:45 P.M. United States Supreme Court Update 2015-2016 Term
*Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart - United States Fifth Circuit
Court of Appeals*
- 1:45 P.M. Sponsor Break
- 1:50 P.M. Federal Procedure
*Magistrate Judge Mark Hornsby - United States District
Court, Western District*
- 2:50 P.M. Sponsor Break
- 3:00 P.M. Trends in Civil Damages
*Theodore J. Casten - Casten & Pearce and Ronald J.
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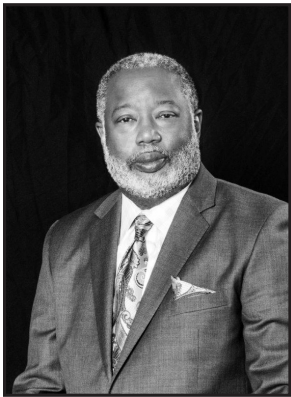
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2016 Professionalism Award

by: J. Marshall Rice, jmrice@ricekendig.com

District Attorney James Stewart is the recipient of the Shreveport Bar Association's 2016 Professionalism Award. The Shreveport Bar comprises many members worthy of this award, but James Stewart was the obvious choice this year.



District Attorney
James E. Stewart

years as an appellate court judge.

Last year he made the decision to retire from the appellate court and run for Caddo Parish District Attorney. At the time he entered the race there was considerable public debate about injustice in the DA's office. He ran a campaign that promised integrity, respect and justice for all in the Caddo DA's office. Fifty-five percent of Caddo Parish voters agreed with his message, and he assumed the role as Caddo Parish's chief prosecutor. He is the first African American to serve as Caddo Parish District Attorney. Many observers and colleagues have complimented DA Stewart and his decisions for law and order in Caddo Parish.

James Stewart comes from a family tradition of public service and leadership that spans generations. The Stewart family demonstrates faith, a strong work ethic and a commitment to serving the community. James Stewart's father, Richard G. Stewart Sr., was a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service for over 30 years. During that career he also operated a small business called Modern Cleaners. Stewart's two older brothers are both attorneys. Richard Jr. was a U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps attorney and spent 24 years in the service. He retired as Assistant General Counsel for Verizon Communications. Carl E. Stewart is the current Chief Judge for the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Stewart's niece, Karelia Stewart, serves a First Judicial District Court Judge.

I had an opportunity to sit and talk with DA Stewart about professionalism. As he talked, I was very impressed with the wisdom and knowledge he has on the subject. He was involved at the beginning when the LSBA and the profession realized lawyers needed to do something to improve their image. He taught classes

and served on the committees to bring attention to the issue. He also presided over courtrooms and encouraged attorneys when it was necessary to be mindful of the professionalism lines they were approaching.

DA Stewart said he learned an important lesson from Robert Piper and Art Carmody early in his career. "You don't cut corners when you handle a matter. If you tell somebody you're going to do something, you follow through and do what you promised to do. Your handshake agreement should be enough." He added, "Professionalism requires us to set a standard and then meet that standard. The public places their confidence in us and it is of the utmost importance that we act professionally to make a better image of attorneys. We are advocates, not adversaries."

In the first professionalism article for 2016, I talked about the importance of community service. Community service gives our profession an opportunity to change the negative perception toward attorneys. DA Stewart promotes community service in the DA's office. It is known that assistant district attorneys need to give back to their community in some form. DA Stewart leads by example. Although his job requires him to prosecute the accused, he promotes positive engagement with the community through several programs. Preemptive truancy, diversion programs and a football camp are just a few of the outreach programs the DA's office is using to interact with and engage the community. Most visible are the large billboards where DA Stewart offers help to the public. He has brought needed attention to domestic violence. The DA gives victims of domestic violence a contact and resource to call if they are abused. The purpose of these programs is to give the community an opportunity for a second chance or to stop them from ever making it to the criminal docket. The DA also believes that in order to make your community better, you have to learn about it and engage it so you can build trust and confidence with those you are elected to serve.

Hands down, James Stewart is most worthy of this award. He has lived a career of professional accomplishments and successes. When we discussed his career and reflected on the past, he said, "Character is who you are and reputation is what people think you are." He concluded by saying, "It is important to be humble and treat others with respect and like you would want to be treated. Give back and help people. Figure out what is right, believe in it and then do it." It is an excellent message and we are lucky and blessed to have him serve our community.

James Stewart is the recipient of the 2016 Professionalism Award because he lives a career of professionalism and continues to take steps to make his community a better place to work and live.

BAR BRIEFS



Caddo District Judges Ramona Emanuel, Brady O’Callaghan and Katherine Dorroh at the Louisiana Supreme Court after participating in the Red Mass at St. Louis Cathedral. Picture taken October 3, 2016.



On September 28, The Shreveport Bar Foundation Pro Bono Project was presented with a \$47,000 check from The Community Foundation and The United Way of Northwest Louisiana to provide legal representation for victims of domestic violence. Pictured (L-R) Nellie Walton, Heidi Kemple Martin, Laura-Ashley Overdyke with The Community Foundation, Julie Lafargue, Ben Politz and Serena Gray with United Way of Northwest Louisiana

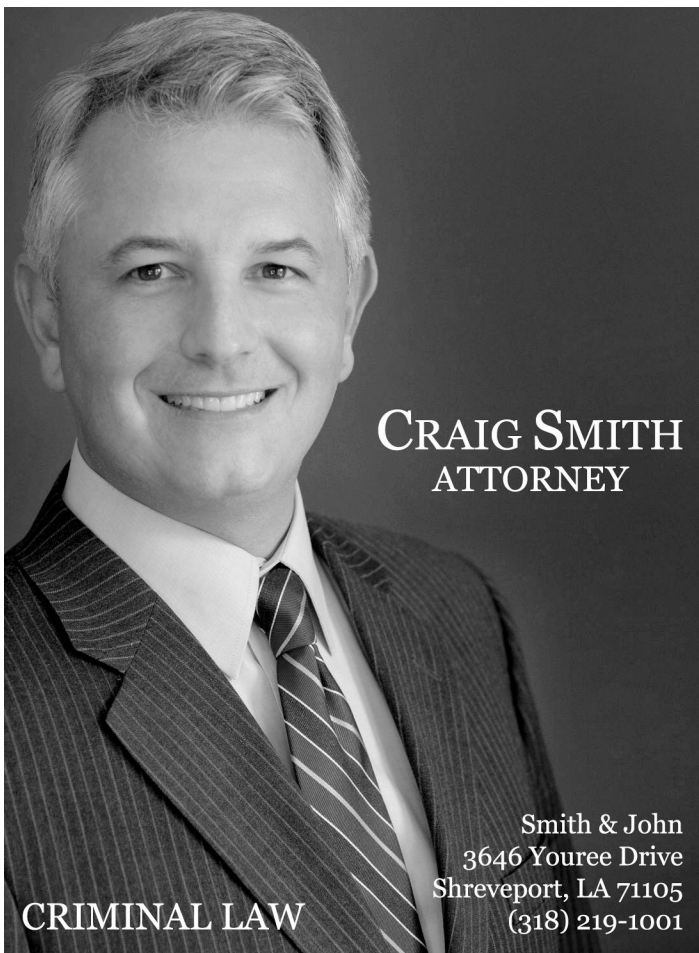
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Correction: The photos in last month’s *Bar Review* were from the September Luncheon, not from the June Luncheon

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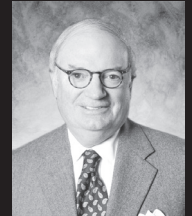
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The Captain Speaks

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“Run for the Beads” to our “Three Way Midway!”

This is a very exciting time for the Krewe of Justinian! I am pleased to announce that November 12, 2016, marks the day of our 2nd Annual “Run for the Beads” 5K fundraiser as well as our Midway to Mardi Gras party.

Our 2nd Annual “Run for the Beads” Fun Run is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. and our 5K at 9:30 a.m. beginning at Marilynn’s Place, located at 4041 Fern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana, and we will embark upon the streets of historic South Highlands. Early registration is underway until Friday, November 11, 2016. You may register online at www.sportsspectrumusa.com or in person at Sportspectrum located at 6970 Fern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana. The early registration fee is \$25.00 which includes a race T-shirt. You may still register on the day of the race for \$35.00, but a T-shirt is not guaranteed at that time. The first 300 participants to cross the finish line will receive a Krewe of Justinian specialty bead! There will also be cash awards for the overall male and female, as well as overall male/female within each age group. Following the race, the party will continue at Marilynn’s Place with a jazz brunch with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Krewe! Come out and help us raise funds for the Shreveport Bar Foundation! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Perhaps even more exciting than the 5K is what the Krewe hopes to be the most epic midway party in our history! I am pleased to

announce that this year’s midway party will be in conjunction with both the Krewe of Highland and the Krewe of Harambee for a “Three Way Midway.” This blow out party will be held at The Shop, located at 2002 Southern Avenue at Olive Street from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. The band Alter Ego, who tore the roof off Harambee’s coronation bal, will be playing the event. This band is absolutely incredible and with our close relationship with both the Krewes of Harambee and Highland, this is sure to be a hellacious, rip roaring party! Beaux Jax food truck will be there, and included in your membership or ticket to the party, you will receive a free meal.

If you have not joined the Krewe of Justinian it is still a good time to do so. We still have our 2nd annual 5K, a major midway party for the ages, our grand bal on Friday, January 27, 2017, the Krewe of Centaur and Highland parades, and to wrap it up, our famous brunch. Spots are still available to ride in the Krewe of Centaur and Highland parades as well.

Sponsorships are also available for the grand bal and the parades. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact me or the Shreveport Bar Association.

It is not too late and, in fact, it is still the perfect time to join and participate in these incredible experiences!

John N. Bokenfohr





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PROFESSOR BAIER'S HEROES

PART II

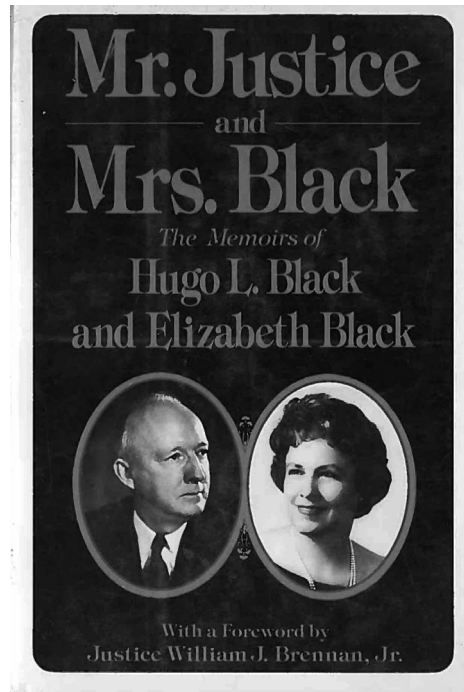
Professor Paul Baier, popular and distinguished professor of the Henry W. Politz Chair at the LSU Law Center, possessed of a fertile mind and facile pen, has memorialized a group of 12 jurists as legal heroes in his 2014 book, *Speeches*, published by the La. Bar Foundation and sold through Claitor's Bookstore in Baton Rouge.

In an earlier paper, we considered four of these heroes, White, Scalia, Dixon and Tate, and now will reflect upon the others.

First and arguably foremost is François Xavier Martin (1762-1846). Born in France, he was homeschooled by the parish priest, and at the age of 24 emigrated to North Carolina; became established in the printing business, studied law under the governor of that state and passed the bar in 1789; was elected to the legislature and became known in political circles. In 1806, he was appointed federal judge for the vast Territory of Mississippi and established residence in New Orleans, as there were no cities or town of consequence in that Territory. He was appointed by the governor of Louisiana in 1810 to the Superior Court of the Territory of Orleans and in 1815 to the Supreme Court of Louisiana, where he served with distinction until 1846. Martin reported and published the first 20 volumes of the La. Supreme Court decisions, compiled a digest of the Reports, was well versed with the common and civil law and was considered the "Father of Louisiana Jurisprudence"; was a prodigious worker and known for his impartiality, integrity and scholarship. Yet he had a strong character and personality quirks. His biographer wrote, "The man was as odd a character as ever sat upon the Bench. He cared nothing for social life per se, nor for anything else that one can name, but his work – legal and historical – and the accumulation of money. He was never married and lived the squalid life of a miser." Nevertheless, he is the respected Father of Louisiana Jurisprudence.

Next on the professor's heroes list are three U.S. Supreme Court justices born around the turn of the century: Hugo

Black (1886-1971), Harry Blackmun (1908-1999) and William Rehnquist (1924-2005), all of whom were personally known to Professor Baier during his tenure as a First Judicial Fellow of the United States Supreme Court during the mid-1970s.



Cover 1986 book conceived, copiously annotated and shepherded through publication by Prof. Baier.

Hugo Black, one of 10 children raised by demanding parents on a hardscrabble Alabama farm, was by strong will and commitment a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Alabama law school, a successful young lawyer in Birmingham, and a captain in the artillery in WWI; he reentered private practice in Democratic party politics in Alabama in the 1920s, joined the KKK and later said he would have joined "anything" if it would provide him votes in a political career. Elected to the U.S. Senate in 1927, he served until 1937 when he was appointed by FDR to the Supreme Court and confirmed by the Senate in a vote of 63 to 16. As a judge, Black relied greatly on historical intent, textual meaning of words and judicial discretion and believed the court should not interject itself into social and economic issues. As he aged, he became more conservative, often dissenting from the liberal court of Chief

Justice Earl Warren, but joined the majority opinion in *Roe v. Wade*.

Professor Baier closes his tribute to Justice Black with the following words from the latter's opinion in *Chambers v. Florida*, 309 U.S. 227, 241 (1940):

Under our constitutional system, courts stand against any winds that blow as havens of refuge for those who might otherwise suffer because they are helpless, weak, outnumbered, or because they are non-conforming victims of prejudice and public excitement. Due process of law, preserved for all by our Constitution, commands that no such practice as that disclosed by this record shall send any accused to his death. No higher duty, no more solemn responsibility rests upon this Court, than that of translating into living law and maintaining this constitutional shield deliberately planned and inscribed for the benefit of every human being subject to our Constitution – of whatever race, creed or persuasion.

In a noted TV interview, Justice Black added, “And I think if it’s enforced that way, this can be and is bound to be the best Constitution in the world.”

Harry Blackmun, the second Supreme Court Justice to merit the professor’s list, was born to a working-class family in Illinois in 1908, attended Harvard University on a scholarship, graduated from its law school and thereafter taught, principally at the University of Minnesota’s law school, making the acquaintance of Warren Burger, who preceded him to the Supreme Court via the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, where Burger sponsored him to fill a vacancy on that court. He was nominated to the Supreme Court by Richard Nixon in 1970 and confirmed by unanimous vote of the senate. Blackmun, a lifelong Republican, was expected to follow a conservative interpretation of the Constitution under the influence of the Chief Justice, his friend and sponsor, Warren Burger.¹ By the late 1970s, Blackmun began to shift to the position of William Brennan Jr., the Court’s leading liberal, where he remained for the rest of his career.

In 1973, he made history by authoring the opinion in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), which legally affirmed that a woman had a constitutional right to have an abortion. The vote was 7-2 in favor of Blackmun’s opinion. Thereafter, Blackmun became an increasingly liberal voice on the Court, advocating affirmative action, relief for the poor and broad rights for immigrants.

Blackmun retired at the age of 85, in 1994, and died in 1999. He earned Baier’s friendship when they taught legal summer schools together in France during the 1970s.

The other member of what might be called the turn-of-the-century trilogy was William Rehnquist. Born in Wisconsin in 1924, he left Kenyon College in 1942 to join the USAAF, where he served overseas as a weather expert for the duration of the war. On discharge he attended Stanford University and its law school on the GI Bill, graduated first in his class from the latter, closely followed by his classmate and later fellow justice, Sandra Day O’Connor.

He served a clerkship under Justice Robert Jackson on the U.S. Supreme Court, then entered private practice in Phoenix, Arizona, and became active in Republican politics. In 1969 he accepted an appointment as assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel and there impressed president Nixon, who appointed him to the Supreme Court; he became its most conservative member. When Chief Justice Burger retired in 1986, President Reagan appointed Rehnquist to the Chief Justice position, where he served for 19 years until his death in 2005. During his tenure, he presided over significant cases including the impeachment of President Clinton, the Bush-Gore election and *United States v. Lopez*, 514 U.S. 549 (1995).

¹ Burger was best man at Blackmun’s wedding and their friendship resulted in their being called, in D.C. circles, “the Minnesota Twins,” a parody on the MLB team of that name.

He proved a worthy friend of the LSU law school, twice coming to its colonnade on Highland Road and giving memorable talks on the art of judging, in one of which he said,

I think that a judge’s disposition should be about evenly balanced between sail and anchor. He cannot be anchored to the past mechanically by a line of precedents, but by the same token he ought not be moved by each puff of novel doctrine which may be generated by one group of litigants or another.

Perhaps Polonius put it as well as anyone when he told Laertes, “To thine own self be true ..., [and] thou canst not then be to any man false.”

Finally, we conclude with three Louisianans born during the 20th century and all well known to Professor Baier.

First is Luther F. Cole (1925-2013), a strong-willed, popular character who established his career as an able lawyer, effective politician and superb jurist. Born in Rapides Parish, he attended Louisiana Tech after high school, joined the Navy in 1943 as an apprentice seaman, was promoted to yeoman and then commissioned as an ensign; following his discharge, in 1947, enrolled in LSU, attended law school and graduated in 1950. His academic record was one of solid achievement and on graduation, he and his classmate, Warren Mengis, formed a law partnership which was highly successful. It was said of Cole, as it was of the eminent Edward Douglass White, that his keen mind often raced ahead of him and it often was ahead with the words which followed.

Cole took an early interest in politics and served for three years in the La. House of Representatives, easily winning the race. In 1967, he resigned from the legislature to fill a judgeship on the 19th JDC in Baton Rouge, and his political acumen, overall popularity and competence soon led him to presidency of the La. District Judges’ Association. In 1979 he was elected to an unexpired term on the First Circuit Court of Appeal and reelected to a full term in 1980; he served until 1986, when he was elected to fill a term on the Supreme Court. He served there until his retirement in 1992.

As a judge, Cole was noted for his impatience with nonsense and unpreparedness; he held strong convictions on many subjects, bolstered by an ample supply of common sense expressed in lean prose and unpretentious writing.

His straightforward writing is reflected by the following excerpt from his dissent in *State v. Perry*, 610 So. 2d 746, 781 (La. 1992):

Blasting five human beings, including a child, to death with handguns and a shotgun is not an offense that should be minimized by the subsequent onset of Perry’s present psychiatric difficulties. I deem this “episode” loathsome and abominable, far more so than a simple administration of Haldol. * * *

Contemporary society is awash with callous cold-blooded



John William ("Bill") Redmann

killers who themselves are provided room, board, clothing, and medical care at taxpayer's expense. Restoring a convicted murderer to sanity and subsequently carrying out the sentence is in no way unacceptable to contemporary society.

John William ("Bill") Redmann (1927-2005), Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit

Court of Appeal, was described by Baier as a man of "tall figure, lean style and boyish wit." Born into a family of judges going back four generations, Redmann graduated first in his class from Loyola Law School in 1952 and thereafter received an M.A. in philosophy from Notre Dame. He served three years as executive counsel for Gov. John McKeithen in the 1960s and in 1968 was appointed to the Fourth Circuit, where he served until 1987, retiring as chief judge. During his judicial tenure, he was also a professor of law at Loyola Law School, a recipient of its highest award for judicial excellence.

Judge Redmann was a multitalented individual, a skilled pianist and a leader for decades in the St. Louis Cathedral adult choir.

A product of the public schools in Baton Rouge, young Melvin Shortess (born 1933) worked in the family bookstore on Third Street during his formative years and enrolled in the LSU law school in 1955. The first semester was not a happy one for him and he determined to resign, writing a letter of resignation to Dean Hebert but was unable to deliver it personally (as required for a letter of resignation) because the dean was out of town. During the interval of awaiting Hebert's return, his fiancée, along with a close friend and classmate, told him that he was no quitter and should stay the course. On reflection, Shortess determined this was the right thing to do, and the letter was destroyed. Thereafter he committed and achieved academic excellence. On graduation, in 1958, he commenced a judicial career starting in the city court and reaching the First Circuit Court of Appeal, where he retired in 2000.

His opinion writing has been compared to that of Holmes, who once was accused of judicial obfuscation by a complaining law clerk who said, "There is not a man in a thousand who will understand your opinion." Holmes (and/or Redmann!) shot back, "Sonny, I write for that man."

A polio case taxed Judge Shortess's heart. *Boyd v. Louisiana Med. Mut. Ins. Co.*, 593 So. 2d 427 (La. App. 1 Cir. 1991), writ denied, 594 So. 2d 877 (1992). The law required that he reverse a jury verdict in a malpractice claim, finding that the law's "reasonable person" would have consented to the

immunization even knowing of the risks. Here the risks unfortunately materialized. Shortess wrote: "Although we sincerely and most deeply sympathize with plaintiff's plight, a contrary holding places too great a burden on physicians and the public at large." Those who know Shortess stressed his sincerity, his deep sympathy for humanity.

Following his retirement, Judge Shortess was the driving force behind the national award-winning Thirst for Justice, a collaboration of the Baton Rouge Bar Foundation, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul and the Pro Bono Project, which was formed in 2001 and has provided twice-weekly pro bono services to those in need.

Thus we conclude our review of Professor Baier's heroes and giants of the judiciary. It is difficult to do anything other than commend his keen judgment and congratulate the recipients. In common, they were all committed, construed the law as written, sought the truth and were each successful in leaving their city and state a stronger and better place.

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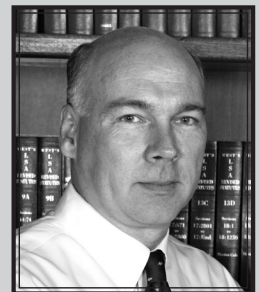
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How Write You Are

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Don't take this sitting down. The word *sedimentary* refers to a classification of rock that is formed by the gradual deposition of *sediment* on the bottom of a body of water. Sandstone, limestone and shale come to mind.

The similar word *sedentary* means *in a sitting position or not requiring much exercise*. In zoology, it also means *not migratory*. Both are derived from a Latin word meaning to *sit*, which also gives us beautiful words like *session* and *assiduous*.

Living in the middle of an enormous reserve of oil- and gas-bearing shale, we really should not confuse these words, but it happens occasionally. The Second Circuit quoted a geologist, "As the column of salt mushroomed upward to approximately 2,500-3,000 feet below the surface, the sequence of *sedentary formations* displaced are "severely distorted[.]" One can only hope that it was the court reporter, and not the witness himself, who uttered this *insidious* (another *sedere* derivative) gaffe. *Indigo Minerals LLC v. Pardee Minerals LLC*, 45,160 (La. App. 2 Cir. 5/28/10), 37 So. 3d 1122, 173 Oil & Gas Rep. 178.

The other mistake is somewhat more common. The Board of Veterans Appeals in Arkansas reported, "The examiner found the Veteran capable of active and *sedimentary employment* notwithstanding his service-connected disabilities." Another BVA member framed the issue as whether the veteran "is restricted to light manual labor or *sedimentary employment*." These appellate officers did not mean *work in the shale fields*. They meant *work you can do sitting down*.

Aiming for strength. A reader asks whether, in writing a brief, it is better to "work up" from smaller to more important arguments, or to start with the strongest.

The answer, hands-down, is to start with the strongest. The justice, judge or magistrate (or their law clerks) will usually presume that all legal writers lead off with their best argument; a weak or trivial first argument might be subconsciously dissuasive. Do not risk a case of premature adjudication, or indifference, by building up to a grand finale. A strong opening is much more impressive.

Of course, exceptions will apply. A digression may be needed for clarity, especially if the issue is technical, like products liability or intellectual property. And, like evidence at trial, a claim that requires a foundation must follow, not precede, the foundation. However, these instances are limited. Legal arguments very seldom follow the model of the classical syllogism, in which major and minor premises must precede the conclusion. Most legal arguments are simple appeals to authority, and the only issue is which authority to apply, how to interpret the authority, and how to massage the facts to fit the desired authority. The structure of a strong argument is usually



very simple.

Mike Fontham, now an adjunct professor at Tulane Law School and a keen observer of the legal process, adds a useful caveat for younger attorneys whose skills were honed on the law review. "Moreover, the lawyer should not attempt to provide the court with the legal history of the issue, saving the ultimate case for the end." Michael R. Fontham, *Written and Oral Advocacy* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, ©1985), 108. How true! Reference is seldom needed to the Code Napoléon of 1804, the Institutes of Justinian, or the Garden of Eden. Legal history also blows the page limitation; use it only when absolutely necessary.

If it ain't broke. It is an unfortunate situation, a lack of funds for the basic necessities of life, but what is the noun for being broke? Specifically, for a criminal defendant who is entitled to exemption from jail time in default of paying a fine? Is it *indigence* or *indigency*?

One of these options sets off Spell Check, but in this instance, legal usage seems to walk in the opposite direction from the standard vocabulary. The leading case on the issue, *Bearden v. Georgia*, 461 U.S. 660, 103 S. Ct. 2064 (1983), uses *indigency*, as do U.S. Code Title 18 (Crimes and criminal procedure) and Title 28 (Judiciary and judicial procedure), and La. Revised Statutes Title 15 (Criminal procedure), throughout their respective titles. By contrast, only one lonely federal statute, 8 U.S.C. § 1631(e), refers to the "indigence exception," and two La. Children's Code articles, 412 and 905, use the "presumption of indigence" – likely a klang on the *presumption of innocence*. Bryan Garner tabulates that *indigency* is four times as common as *indigence* in American English. Bryan A. Garner, *A Dictionary of Modern Legal Usage*, 2 ed. (New York: Oxford U. Press, ©1995). So, the choice is simple, right?

The leading American dictionaries, however, go the other way. *Random House Webster's Unabridged Dict.*, 2 ed., and *American Heritage Dict. of the English Language*, 5 ed., list only *indigence*. The *O.E.D.*, 2 ed., which lists everything, seems to treat *indigence* as the preferred form, giving it a much more expansive definition than *indigency*. I understand the preference for *indigence*. We don't have a presumption of *innocency*, we don't have the Declaration of *Independency*, we never say a new technology makes a world of *differency*. However, when Emerson talked about the hobgoblins of a small mind, he did not ascribe them to a foolish *consistence*.

My provisional answer, with no *indignance*, is that poverty as a qualification for free legal services or as an exemption from default time is *indigence*, as used in *Bearden* and the statutes. Anywhere else, it's *indigence*.

North Louisiana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Raises \$10,000 for Operation Bright Holiday at Barksdale Air Force Base

U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Hornsby, fundraising chair Scott J. Chafin Jr., and the North Louisiana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association organized the 4th Annual Federal Bar Clay Shoot to Benefit Operation Bright Holiday at Barksdale Air Force Base. Operation Bright Holiday sends first term airmen stationed at Barksdale home for the holidays.

Barksdale's new 2nd Bomb Wing Commander, Colonel Ty Neuman, participated in the shoot along with 30 volunteer airmen and 17 teams. Colonel Neuman and Airman Kelsey Backmeire spoke about how important Operation Bright Holiday is to the morale of our airmen.

Airmen who are selected must demonstrate exceptional job performance and be nominated by their supervisor. In 2015, Operation Bright Holiday was able to send over 100 airmen home to be with their families for the holidays.

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During Operation Iraqi Freedom, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment as the battalion’s Operations Officer. After serving in the Stryker Brigade he was assigned to Special Operations Command Europe in Stuttgart, Germany, as a Joint Special Operations Planner. There he helped design and stand up the NATO Special Operations Headquarters at SHAPE, Belgium. Following his overseas tour to Europe he moved his family back to Texas in 2008 and served with III CORPS as a G3 Operations Officer. In 2009 he took command of 1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas. While in command he deployed his unit in support of Operation New Dawn, Iraq. Colonel Athey’s former assignment was with U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) at Tampa, Florida, where he helped design, stand up and direct USSOCOM’s International Division. Colonel Athey assumed command of the Headquarters, US Army Garrison, Fort Polk on June 19, 2015.

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