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MIYAGI JOINS TAYLOR PORTER

Taylor Porter is pleased to announce that Barrye Panepinto Miyagi, who has more than 25 years of experience representing some of the region's most prominent petrochemical, energy and manufacturing companies, has joined the Firm as Partner. Barrye practices in general litigation, toxic tort defense, Medicare Secondary Payer and MMSEA (Section 111) compliance, and alternative dispute resolution.

Barrye represents premises owners in chemical exposure cases and other personal injury claims. She also represents premises and product manufacturers in asbestos-related litigation, managing large dockets of asbestos-related and hearing loss cases.

With Taylor Porter's addition of Barrye, our Firm is proud to announce the launch of a practice in Medicare Secondary Payer



and MMSEA (Section 111) compliance, counseling businesses on the Medicare rules and regulations, and developing Medicare corporate compliance programs. Barrye also has experience as a mediator, formerly serving as the Attorney-Chair on Medical Review Panels and Accounting Review Panels.

Barrye earned her J.D., in 1992, from the LSU Law Center, and earned her B.S. from LSU in 1989.

MCKENZIE INDUCTED INTO LSU HALL OF DISTINCTION



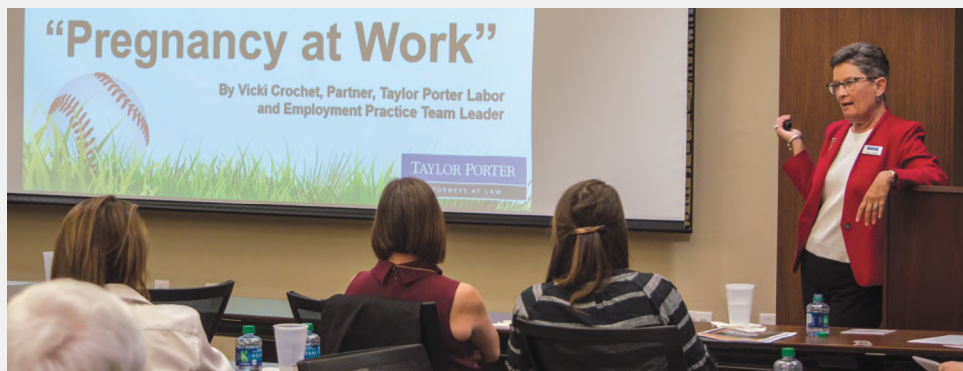
Former Taylor Porter Co-Managing Partner and Of Counsel Shelby McKenzie (left) was inducted into the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in a special ceremony held at the Lod Cook Alumni Center on April 7. Joining McKenzie in this year's class included from left: former U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu, policy adviser with Van Ness Feldman, Washington, D.C.; Brandon P. Landry, founder, co-owner and CEO of Walk-On's Bistreaux & Bar; Maj. Gen. Glenn H. Curtis, Louisiana adjutant general; and Jake L. Netterville, chairman of the board emeritus of Postlethwaite & Netterville, Baton Rouge. Not pictured is Dr. Charles M. Smith, retired family medicine practitioner, Sulphur, La. (Photo courtesy of LSU)

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TEAM HOSTS “SPRING TRAINING” SEMINAR

The Taylor Porter labor and employment practice team held a "Spring Training" Seminar for human resources department professionals on April 27 in the Firm's Founders Room. The Labor and Employment Law Seminar was approved by the HR Certification Institute for 3 hours of Continuing Education credit.

Attorneys presented on topics ranging from social media in the workplace to data security, pregnancy/leave issues, overtime and wage-hour rules, transgender/gender identity, and religious/national origin discrimination.

Speakers included members of the Taylor Porter Labor and Employment Team: **Vicki Crochet**, Practice Team Leader; **Lenore Feeney**, **Tom Peak**, **Andrée Cullens**, and **Lauren Rivera**.



(Top): Taylor Porter Labor and Employment Practice Team Leader Vicki Crochet presents, "Pregnancy at Work;" (Left): Partner Tom Peak discusses "Overtime/Wage-Hour Rules;" and (Right): Associate Lauren Rivera presents, "Religious/National Origin Discrimination."



From left to right: TP Associate Kelley Dick, TP Partner John Murrill, and law clerk Scott Courge.

AREA LAW STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Taylor Porter was proud to host 16 Baton Rouge area law students from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center and Southern University Law Center to participate in the Firm's annual Summer Associate Program, two rounds of six weeks each. Under the guidance of practicing Taylor Porter

attorneys and mentors, our summer associates gained hands-on experience and interaction that reflected real life as a lawyer. The work ranges from case research to legal writing to shadowing attorneys at depositions, hearings, and oral arguments, and speaking with both Taylor Porter partners and associates one-on-one and learning about their personal experiences.

Our summer law clerks included: LSU law students - Greg Barro, Hayden Bigby, Christine Colwell, Andree Comeaux, Sara Daniel, Dakota Hawkins, Sarah Nickel, Colin Peak, Annie Reed, Markeya Scott, and Savannah Walker; and Southern law students - Claire Caillier, Scott Courge, Joseph Odom, Raymond Wilkes, and Jourdan Williams. Taylor

Porter Partner **Adam Thames**, recruiting committee chair, leads the program, along with **Martha Singletary**, Administrative & Recruiting Coordinator. Taylor Porter mentors for the summer included: Partners - **Cindy Amedee**, **Bob Barton**, **Katia Bowman**, **Mike Crawford**, **Andrée Cullens**, **Tom Easterly**, **Eddie Hughes**, **Erin Sayes Kenny**, **Amy Lambert**, **Ted Laperouse**, **Blue Loupe**, **John Murrill**, **John Parker**, **Tim Poché**, **Robin Touns**, **Mike Walsh**, and **Mac Womack**; and Associates - **Kelley Dick**, **Ryan French**, **John Milazzo**, **Ne'Shira Millender**, **Juan Miranda**, **Scott Mansfield**, **Ashley Meredith**, **Jonathan Moore**, **Lauren Rivera**, **Clare Sanchez**, and **Trey Tumminello**.

DIVERSITY NEWS

ATTORNEY PROFILE: Q&A WITH NE'SHIRA MILLENDER



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Associate **Ne'Shira Millender** has been practicing with our firm since 2014, when she graduated *magna cum laude* from Southern University Law Center. Ne'Shira practices in the area of commercial litigation.

In addition to her legal practice, Ne'Shira is an active member of the community, volunteering for several Baton Rouge Bar Association community service projects. Ne'Shira is a board member of Volunteers in Public Schools, and the Charles W. Lamar Jr. YMCA. Within Taylor Porter, Ne'Shira is a member of the Firm's Diversity Committee.

What was your Motivation for Becoming a Lawyer?

"I was first inspired by the work of attorneys during the Civil Rights Movement and have always been impressed with the impact that attorneys can make by influencing change in the laws. I like having the ability to use the tools of reason and logic to affect change or achieve outcomes."

What Do You Enjoy Most About Commercial Litigation?

"I enjoy the challenge of litigation. There are so many different factors involved, i.e., interacting with clients, lawyers, judges; researching and writing; and

developing strategy. It is never boring, and I think this practice area helps me develop so many skills that are useful, even beyond the legal profession."

You are a Member of the Taylor Porter Diversity Committee. Why is the Promotion of Diversity Important to a Law Firm and its Clients?

"Promoting diversity fosters unity, acceptance, collaboration, and understanding within the workplace and the community. This not only ensures better performance and outcomes for clients, but also increased impact within the community."

Why Did You Choose to Become a Board Member of Volunteers in Public Schools, and the YMCA?

"I have a personal connection to both of these organizations. As a product of the public school system, I understand how vital the work Volunteers in Public Schools does toward enhancing to the education of public school students. Also, as a longtime member of the YMCA, I know that it is not just a gym membership, but an organization that supports health, wellness, families and communities. I am proud to serve these organizations and to support their efforts in the community."

TAYLOR PORTER HOSTS SECOND "DIALOGUE ON RACE" SERIES

Taylor Porter, through its Diversity Committee, hosted a six-session program throughout May and June, "Dialogue on Race," organized by Dialogue on Race Louisiana (DORLA) and led by moderator Maxine Crump. The series involves a dialogue serving 15 participants about race relations. This was the second consecutive year Taylor Porter has hosted and participated in this event.



NEWS AROUND THE FIRM



TP EMPLOYMENT ATTORNEYS INTERVIEWED BY BR BIZ REPORT ON TRUMP'S LABOR LAW CHANGES

Taylor Porter labor and employment law partners **Vicki Crochet** and **Tom Peak** gave insights on anticipated changes in law under the Trump administration in a *Baton Rouge Business Report* article, "Specifics Remain to be Seen, But Most Expect Significant Labor Law Changes Under President Trump," published on April 26.



GROVES LOWE'S ARTICLE ON POST TRIAL PROBING OF JURY DELIBERATIONS PUBLISHED IN BRBA MAGAZINE

Taylor Porter Partner **Amy Groves Lowe's** article, "U.S. Supreme Court Allows Post Trial Probing of Jury Deliberations in Cases Involving Overt Racial Bias," was published in the April 2017 Baton Rouge Bar Association's *Around The Bar* magazine. Amy has frequently served as a jury consultant, and has conducted numerous CLEs and seminars on the issue of jury selection and effective and ethical presentation to juries.



MCDERMOTT OFFERS TIPS FOR ESTATE PLANNING IN HEALTH CARE JOURNAL OF BATON ROUGE ARTICLE

Taylor Porter Partner **John McDermott's** article, "Taking Care of Your Own (E)State of Affairs," was published in the July/August 2017 issue of the *Health Care Journal of Baton Rouge*. John discusses tips for health care professionals to plan ahead for their estate planning, and defines estate plans, living wills, trusts, and beneficiary designations, for individuals to better understand the process.



GONE TRESPASSIN': FRENCH DISCUSSES FINE LINES BETWEEN PRIVATE, PUBLIC FISHING WATERS

Taylor Porter associate **Ryan French's** article, "Gone Trespassin': Why Your Next Fishing Trip Might Be Criminal Activity," was published in the June 2017 *Around The Bar* magazine of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. Ryan discusses the Louisiana trespassing laws of fishing, and the fine line between anglers knowing if they're fishing in public or private waters.



RIVERA FEATURED IN BATON ROUGE BAR ASSOCIATION'S "MEMBER SPOTLIGHT"

Taylor Porter associate **Lauren Rivera** was featured in the Baton Rouge Bar Association "Member Spotlight" section in the May 29-June 2 BRBA E-Newsletter. Lauren practices in Employment, Labor and Benefits, as well as Environmental Law and Products Liability.



EIGHT TP ATTORNEYS RANKED BY CLIENTS IN 2017 CHAMBERS USA AS “LEADERS IN THEIR FIELD”

Taylor Porter had eight attorneys ranked as “Leaders in Their Field” in the Chambers USA 2017 Directory, which surveys clients and law firms to rank attorneys globally.

Taylor Porter’s Chambers USA honorees include: **Mike Crawford** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring); **Anne Crochet** (Environmental Law); **Vicki Crochet** (Labor and Employment); **Paul Dicharry** (Environmental Law); **Brett Furr** (Bankruptcy/Restructuring); **Skip Philips** (Commercial Litigation); **Pat Seiter** (Health Care Law); and **Fred Tulley** (Commercial Litigation). Taylor Porter’s commercial litigation and environmental law practices were also ranked in the overall Firm practice area categories.



COMMUNITY CORNER



WOMACK RECOGNIZED FOR PRO BONO SERVICE

Taylor Porter Partner **Mac Womack** was a recipient of the Louisiana State Bar Association 2017 "Pro Bono Publico" award, presented at the annual Pro Bono Publico and Children's Law Awards Ceremony, held Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at the Louisiana Supreme Court Building in New Orleans. Pictured above, are: Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Marcus R. Clark, Sheryl Womack, Mac Womack, Taylor Porter Partner **Bob Barton**, Louisiana Supreme Court Justice James T. Genovese, and Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Scott J. Crichton.

TUMMINELLO JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LSU THEATRE'S SWINE PALACE

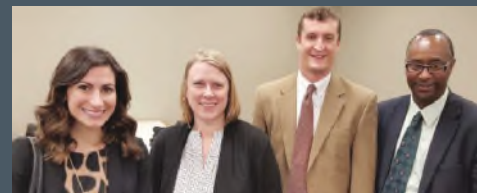


Taylor Porter associate **Trey Tumminello** has joined the board of directors of Swine Palace, a non-profit, professional theatre company supporting LSU School of Theatre by producing professional productions for the Baton Rouge community and serving as a training ground for students in LSU's M.F.A. Professional Actor and Technical/ Design Training Programs.

TAYLOR PORTER PARTICIPATES IN 2017 BATON ROUGE BAR ASSOCIATION EASTER EGG DRIVE FOR CHILDREN

Taylor Porter participated in Baton Rouge Bar Association's annual "Easter Eggstravaganza," in which Easter eggs and candy were collected and then distributed to children at three Baton

Rouge schools, and also to children at Children's Hospital in Baton Rouge. A total of 11,150 eggs were collected.



SANCHEZ VOLUNTEERS AT HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Taylor Porter attorney **Clare Sanchez** volunteered at the Region III High School Mock Trial Competition, which took place Feb. 17 and Feb. 18, 2017, and included 14 participating teams from eight schools. The competition was held at the 19th Judicial District Courthouse. The top two winning teams from this regional competition — West Feliciana High and Zachary High schools — competed on March 11, 2017, at the state level of the 2017 Judge Richard N. Ware IV Memorial High School Mock Trial Competition.

TAYLOR PORTER HOLDS SUCCESSFUL COLLECTION DRIVE AND VOLUNTEER DAY FOR FOOD BANK

Taylor Porter held its annual food drive collection and volunteer day for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank as food drive collections totaled 460 pounds of donated food, and then on July 21, Taylor Porter had 22 volunteers travel to the Food Bank warehouse and work a two-hour shift in which employees packaged 11,000 pounds of water and sorted 1,300 pounds of food.

Taylor Porter volunteers included **Eddie Hughes** and his children Caroline and Bracey; **Ted Laperouse** and his



children **Lauren and Alex; Martha Singletary, Tommy Santora, Connie Norton, Dale Gray, Sheri Smith, Julie Dean, Donna Montagino, Lynette Pourciau, and Donna Maddie Jones;** and summer law clerks – Hayden Bigby,

Claire Caillier, Scott Courrege, Dakota Hawkins, Christine Colwell, Joseph Odom and Markeya Scott.

Taylor Porter Partner **Eddie Hughes** serves as the current Chair of the Food Bank's Board.



TAYLOR PORTER PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PB&J LUNCHEON

Taylor Porter attorneys participated in the annual Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge PB&J Luncheon, held Thursday, June 15, at Park Elementary. The annual event enables the organization's board of trustees and supporting members to spend time with members of the Boys & Girls Club.

Taylor Porter Partner **John McDermott** serves as the chairman of the board of governors and a trustee for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Baton Rouge, while Taylor Porter Partner **Erin Sayes Kenny** is also a board member, and committee member of the organization's Steak and Stake fundraising event. Also attending the event from Taylor Porter was Of Counsel **Bill Wilson**, and summer law clerks Andree Comeaux and Raymond Wilkes.

TP MANAGING PARTNER SKIP PHILIPS ASSISTS LSU LAW FOR U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE VISIT

The LSU Law Center hosted the U.S. Army War College Eisenhower Series College Program on Wednesday, March 22, in the McKernan Auditorium at the

Law Center. This was the seventh year the Law Center hosted the U.S. Army War College on its campus.

Taylor Porter Managing Partner **Skip Philips** worked with LSU Law Center and the Eisenhower Series College Program to organize the event. Philips is an adjunct professor of law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he teaches courses on Professional Responsibility and Insurance Law. He is a retired major general in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was last assigned as Commanding General, 377th Theater Sustainment Command, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he commanded more than 30,000 Army Reserve soldiers in the United States. He is the Army Reserve Ambassador for Louisiana.



TAYLOR PORTER HOSTS PRACTICE FOR LSU LAW'S NATIONAL GAMING LAW MOOT COURT TEAM

Taylor Porter attorneys **Mike Walsh**, **Tom Easterly** and **Kelley Dick** served as practice round judges at the law firm's office, on March 13, for the LSU Law Center's Schreck National Gaming Law Moot Court Competition team, which recently traveled to the national competition in Las Vegas and placed as national quarterfinalists. Current Taylor Porter law clerk Coulter McMahan (3L) was a member of the LSU Law Moot Court team.



"REIMAGINING SOUTHERN" - CASTILLE ASSISTS IN MASTER PLAN TO GIVE UNIVERSITY MAKEOVER



Taylor Porter Partner and Executive Committee Member **Preston Castille**, who serves as president of the Southern University Alumni Federation

and also as a member of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber's diversity committee, has been instrumental in the university's work to gather funding and develop a master plan, *Imagine 20,000*. The master plan will help increase the school's enrollment and provide dozens of renovation and new construction projects to the Scotlandville campus, Southern Law Center and graduate programs downtown, and the eventual development of new programs in north Baton Rouge. The university's master plan was featured in an article in the *Baton Rouge Business Report*, "Reimagining Southern."

Castille says, "Southern is a major institution, and given that it has the ability to have such an impact on the educational system, we've been very focused with stakeholders on how we can make truly systemic changes that will impact the city for generations to come."



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