

# bar news

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Judge John W. deGravelles, pictured with Thomas D. "Beau" Bourgeois Jr. (left) and Vic Suane (right), presided over the Dec. 13, 2016, court ceremony.



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Skip Philips, Charles Anselmo and Judge Douglas Dodd visited during the reception following the admission ceremony.

## The BRBA and BR Chapter of FBA hosted Federal Court Admission Ceremony Dec. 13

The BRBA and the Baton Rouge Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted its annual Admission to the Federal Courts Ceremony Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016. Judge John W. deGravelles presided over the ceremony wherein 34 attorneys were admitted to one or more of the federal courts including the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana and the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Those admitted included Jacob Andrew Altmeyer, Charles Anzelmo, Sean P. Avocato, John Richard Blanchard, Taylor Boudreaux, Thomas D. Bourgeois Jr., Andretta Breaux-Atkins, James M. Carroll, Craig Patrick



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Vic Suane, Magistrate Judge Erin Wilder-Doomes, Jeanne Comeaux and Amanda Stout attended the Federal Court Admission Ceremony.

Cassagne Jr., Joseph Weston Clark, John C. Conine Jr., Daniel B. Conway, Rachal D. Cox, Rachel S. Day, Rachel Phaedra Dunaway, Heather Hearne, Philip James Hunter, Aukse S. Joiner, Megan Wiggins Kelley, Janna Messina Kiefer, Jessica C. Ledet, Kaitlin Marie Mayeux, Ashleigh Mazerac, Mitchell Locke Meredith, Gregory J. Reda, Adrian Carter Ross, Lauren Jean Rucinski, Allison Jacques "AJ" Sabine, Clare E. Sanchez, Jarred W. Schick, Jay M. Schwartzberg, Keyojuan Gant Turner, Alexandra Elise Vozzella and William J. Wilson.



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Nathaniel Hearn, BRBA 2016 President Jeanne C. Comeaux and BRBA past president Michael Walsh were photographed after the December Bar Luncheon at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel.

## December Bar luncheon held Dec. 7

On Dec. 7, 2016, bar members listened to Nathaniel Hearn, a young historian, discuss the importance of Pearl Harbor on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of this day of infamy.

# foundation footnotes

PRO BONO & TEEN COURT REPORTS — NOVEMBER 2016

*The Baton Rouge Bar Foundation would like to thank all who volunteered in November.*

**ASK-A-LAWYER VOLUNTEERS:** Jim Austin, Butler Snow; Barbara Baier, Louisiana Public Defender Board; and Thomas Acosta.

**THIRST FOR JUSTICE VOLUNTEERS:** Trey Dominique, Dudley DeBosier; T. MacDougall Womack, Charles Anzelmo, Thomas Gildersleeve, Scott Mansfield, Adam Thames, Taylor Porter; Scott Gaspard; Allen Posey; and Jimmy Zito.

**ACCEPTING PRO BONO CASES:** John Andrishok, Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson; Durward Casteel, Casteel & Associates; Nicole Buggs Hazey, Rowe Law Firm; Booker Carmichael, The Carmichael Firm; Edward Atebara, The Law Office of Edward R. Atebara; Willie Joseph, The Law Offices of Willie R. Joseph, Jr.; ReAzalia Allen; J. Keith Friley; Wren'nel Gibson and Beth O'Quin.



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**ACCEPTING MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP PRO BONO CASES:** Victor Loras, Carleton, Loras & Hebert, LLC.

**SELF HELP RESOURCE CENTER ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS:** Steven Adams, Adams Law Office APLC; Joseph Ballard, Entergy Services, Inc.; Janeane Gorcyca and Jennifer Prescott, Joubert Law Firm; Brett Sandifer, Sandifer Law Firm, LLC; Evelyn Wilson, Southern University Law Center; Sandra Ribes; and Jennifer Williams.

**TEEN COURT:** In November, Brittany Tassin and Jennifer Williams volunteered for the Teen Court hearing.

**LAWYER IN THE CLASSROOM:** Southern University Law Center Professor Wendy Shea and law student, Franchester Gibson, taught No Vehicles in the Park to third grade students at Southern University Lab School and Fish Tales to the second grade. 🐟

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Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, L.L.C., in New Orleans announces that **Matthew J. Paul** has joined the firm as an associate.

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., announces that Leon H. Whitten and Parker N. Smith have joined the firm as associates in the New Orleans office.

Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, L.L.P., in Baton Rouge announces that Charles A. Anzelmo and Clare E. Sanchez have joined the firm as associates.

Wolfe, Begoun & Pick, L.L.C., and attorneys Mark R. Wolfe, Michael J. Begoun, T. Daniel Pick and Nancy S. Silbert have relocated their law offices to the second floor of the Campus Federal Credit Union Building, Ste. 200, 2200 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, LA 70119; phone (504)569-9500; website, [www.wbplaw.com](http://www.wbplaw.com).

## NEWSMAKERS

**Richard J. Arsenault**, a partner in the Alexandria firm of Neblett, Beard & Arsenault, was a speaker at the Duke Law School's Complex Litigation Conference in Washington, D.C., and the Masters of Mass Tort Inaugural Seminar in Cancun, Mexico. He also chaired the Louisiana State Bar Association's Annual Admiralty Symposium and Annual Complex Litigation Symposium.

J. Dalton Courson, a member in the New Orleans office of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C., was chosen for the Young Leadership Council's Role Model Class of 2016.

**Blake R. David**, a partner in the Lafayette firm of Broussard & David, L.L.C., has achieved board certification as a civil trial advocate from the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

**Robert E. (Bob) Kleinpeter**, managing partner at Kleinpeter & Schwartzberg, L.L.C., in Baton Rouge, received the 2016 Public Service Award from the Louisiana Association for Justice.

Van R. Mayhall, Jr., senior partner in the Baton Rouge office of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., released his third book in the Cloe LeJeune thriller series. The book's title is 7. His debut novel in the series, "Judas the Apostle," is slated for film production in 2017.

**Patrick C. Morrow**, senior partner in the Opelousas firm of Morrow, Morrow, Ryan, Bassett & Haik, received the 2016 Stalwart Award from the Louisiana Association for Justice.

William D. (Bill) Shea, partner in charge of the Baton Rouge office of Adams and Reese, L.L.P., was appointed to the Baton Rouge Area Chamber's board of directors.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Best Lawyers in America 2017*

**Adams and Reese, L.L.P.** (Baton Rouge, New Orleans): E. Gregg Barrios, Mark R. Beebe, Philip O. Bergeron, Charles A. Cerise, Jr., Robin B. Cheatham, V. Thomas Clark, Jr., Scott E. Delacroix, Kathleen F. Drew, John M. Duck, Brooke Duncan III, Richard B. Eason II, Mark S. Embree, Philip A. Franco, A. Kirk Gasperecz, William B. Gaudet, Charles F. Gay, Jr., E.L. Henry, Edwin C. Laizer, Leslie A. Lanusse, Francis V. Liantonio, Jr., Don S. McKinney, Robert B. Nolan, Glen M. Pilié, Jane C. Raiford, Edward J. Rice, Jr., Jeffrey E. Richardson, James T. Rogers III, Deborah B. Rouen, Elizabeth A. Roussel, E. Paige Sensenbrenner, Ronald J. Sholes, Mark J. Spansel, Martin A. Stern, Mark C. Surprenant, Roland M. Vandenweghe, Jr., Robert A. Vosbein and David M. Wolf.

**Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C.** (Baton Rouge, Mandeville, New Orleans): Alissa J. Allison, Edward H. Arnold III, Alton E. Bayard III, Craig L. Caesar, Phyllis G. Cancienne, Roy C. Cheatwood, Robert C. Clotworthy, Christopher O. Davis, John B. Davis, Nancy Scott Degan, Warner J. Delaune, Jr., Robert S. Emmett, Donna D. Fraiche, Mark W. Frilot, Monica A. Frois, Steven

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Amy Groves Lowe, John F. McDermott, W. Shelby McKenzie, John P. Murrill, J. Michael Parker, Jr., Harry J. Philips, Jr., John H. Runnels, Patrick D. Seiter, Fredrick R. Tulley and Michael S. Walsh.

**Unglesby Law Firm** (Baton Rouge): Lewis O. Unglesby.

#### **Chambers USA 2016**

**Flanagan Partners, L.L.P.** (New Orleans): Thomas M. Flanagan.

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#### **Louisiana Super Lawyers 2017**

**Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, L.L.C.** (New Orleans): **Lynn M. Luker, Thomas P. Owen, William M. Ross, Richard C. Stanley and Jennifer L. Thornton.**

#### **New Orleans CityBusiness 2016**

**Kanner & Whiteley, L.L.C.** (New Orleans): **Conlee S. Whiteley,** Leadership in Law.

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**Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C.** (New Orleans): Hirschel T. Abbott, Jr., Barry W. Ashe, Carmelite M. Bertaut, William R. Bishop, Stephen G. Bullock, Joseph L. Caverly, John W. Colbert, J. Dalton Courson, Noel J. Darce, Daria B. Diaz, Mary L. Dumestre, James T. Dunne, Jr., John P. Farnsworth, Michael R. Fontham, Samantha P. Griffin, James C. Gulotta, Jr., Lesli D. Harris, Kathryn M. Knight, Erin E. Kriksciun, John M. Landis, Michael D. Landry, Wayne J. Lee, Justin P. Lemaire, Paul J. Masinter, W. Brett Mason, Heather Begneaud McGowan, C. Lawrence Orlansky, Laura Walker Plunkett, Edward B. Poitevent II, Michael R. Schneider, Dana M. Shelton, Susan G. Talley, Peter M. Thomson, Brooke C. Tigchelaar, William D. Treeby, Michael Q. Walshe, Jr., Daniel J. Walter, Nicholas J. Wehlen, Scott T. Whittaker, Rachel W. Wisdom, Phillip A. Wittmann, Bryant S. York and Paul L. Zimmering.

#### **Who's Who Legal: Real Estate**

**Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C.** (New Orleans): Susan G. Talley.

# People Deadlines & Notes

**Deadlines for submitting People announcements (and photos):**

| <b>Publication</b>  | <b>Deadline</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| June/July 2017      | April 4, 2017   |
| Aug./Sept. 2017     | June 4, 2017    |
| Oct./Nov. 2017      | Aug. 4, 2017    |
| Dec. 2017/Jan. 2018 | Oct. 4, 2017    |

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