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## LSU PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER NEWSLETTER

### Olivier Moreteau Named Holder of First Law Center Chair

THE LSU LAW CENTER is very proud to announce that distinguished comparativist Olivier Moreteau has been named the first holder of the Russell B. Long Eminent Scholars Academic Chair. He will join the Law Center faculty this fall at the rank of Professor of Law with tenure and will direct the Center of Civil Law Studies.

Reflecting the late senator's enduring devotion to LSU, the Russell Long Chair was created to attract a scholar of sufficient distinction to enhance the national and international reputation of the Law Center and the university. Professor Moreteau satisfies this criterion with distinction. Currently a Professor of Comparative Law and Director of the Edouard Lambert Institute of Comparative Law at the Universite Jean Moulin Lyon 3, in Lyon, France, he is widely known in the areas of comparative law, civil and common law, agency and partnership, tort law, and commercial law. "I view the Russell Long Chair as a starting point for a renaissance of Louisiana law," says Moreteau, "which must be taught and studied in a comparative perspective and promoted outside as a model for the development of multi-cultural legal systems, relevant not only to North and South America, but also Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Pacific."

The selection of Professor Moreteau came as the result of an exceptional worldwide search conducted by individuals inside and outside the Law Center. Chaired by Chancellor John Costonis, the Search Committee included Law Center faculty members John Baker, Lucy McGough, Catherine Rogers, Ron Scalise, and Randy Trahan, as well as Aalt Willem Heringa, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Maastricht (Netherlands). Law Center Professors Alain Levasseur and Saul Litvinoff also acted as consultants to the Search Committee. The



position was posted on list serves that reached over 17,000 people around the world. Many of the world's eminent comparativists were among the more than 200 people considered for the position from Canada, South America, the United States, Europe and South Africa.

Recognizing the strength of the civil law tradition in Louisiana law, the Law Center faculty decided to allocate the Russell Long Chair to Civil Law and to the Center of Civil Law Studies.

The Center of Civil Law Studies was established in 1965 to promote and encourage the scientific study of the civil law system, its history, structure, principles, and actualities. Expertly directed by Professor Litvinoff for almost 30 years, the Center has been at the forefront of facilitating a better understanding and further development of the private law of the State of Louisiana and other civil law jurisdictions, particularly those of continental Europe and Latin America, through theoretical and practical activities, such as publications, translations, sponsorship of faculty and student exchanges, visiting scholars, seminars and lectures. According to the Chancellor, the Center will gain another outstanding director, who will create a strategic plan for the next 10 to 15 years. "I view the Center of Civil Law Studies," states Professor Moreteau, "as a superb tool permitting LSU's very unique community of civilians and common-lawyers to cooperate among themselves and with academics in Louisiana, the nation, and the world to promote the bi-jural model and comparative studies in areas most needed for the working and the understanding of both a local and global world." He will also participate in the development of the Law Center's growing Graduate Program and its Summer in France Program in Lyon.

### Public Interest Discussions Take Center Stage: Administration Funds Pro Bono Summer Fellowships

TODAY'S COLLEGE-AGED students are volunteering and participating in public and community service in larger numbers than ever before. It should come as no surprise, then, that LSU Law students have put the issue of pro bono activities and public service at center stage in discussions with the faculty and administration. The American Bar Association has recently amended its standards to include a similar focus as a condition of accreditation of law schools.

LSU Law student organizers formed a Law Center Pro Bono Committee with the support of the administra-

tion, faculty, and staff. Students worked throughout the school year to develop a comprehensive plan for law center officials, under guidance of several faculty members and the Office of Career Services. The plan was presented to Chancellor John Costonis and the administration in early March.

Chancellor Costonis gave his resounding support to the students' efforts. "I was impressed with the idealism, leadership, and creativity of our students in developing a proposal for public interest law. It is a vital component of legal education, and developing an appropriate structure

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### McKenzie Named LSU Law Center Distinguished Alumnus



W. Shelby McKenzie has been named the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center's 2005 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Law Center Chancellor John J. Costonis made the announcement at the spring meeting of the Law Center Alumni Board of Trustees. McKenzie will be

honored at the Distinguished Alumnus Breakfast to be held on the LSU Campus on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005.

W. Shelby McKenzie was born in Baton Rouge. He received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University and then entered the LSU Law Center. He is a 1964 graduate of the Law Center where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Louisiana Law Review*, member of The Order of the Coif, and recipient of the ODK-Mortar Board Outstanding Law School Senior Award.

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# Redesigned Courtyard to Commemorate Centennial



*Architect's rendering of the proposed Centennial Plaza*

WITH THE \$15 million renovation of the Law Center completed, the area termed the “cemetery” will now be transformed. The expansive concrete courtyard fronting the 1969 building has long been the brunt of jokes by decades of law students, faculty, and staff. It was said that the concrete slab benches looked more like tombs than places to rest, and the treeless hardscape of the courtyard left much to be desired on a typical Louisiana day. The tombs are now history, and a complete renovation is underway.

Collaborative planning began in January 2005 with LSU Facility Services for a complete redesign of the courtyard. The goal of the project is to create a student-friendly environment that will compliment the Law Center buildings designed by Perry Segura (1969 building) and Leon Weiss (1936 building). Roy T. Dufreche and Associates, LLC Landscape Architects and Planners from Hammond, are assisting landscape architect and manager of LSU's Facility Service Dennis Mitchell, in the creative design and construction of the plaza.



The new design will feature a much-enlarged courtyard area with decorative pavestones inlaid in banded concrete, a nod to the geometric architectural features of the 1969 building facade. An elevated portion of the plaza will provide raised seating and feature an elegant water fountain. The addition of Drake Elm trees and generous landscaping will create an inviting area for student, faculty, and staff

gatherings. New furniture, to include benches, tables, chairs, and umbrellas, will provide comfortable areas for studying and outside dining.

The plaza will also be the backdrop for a “bronze sculpture garden” wherein significant figures contributing to the history of the Law Center or legal profession may be honored. The Law Center will receive a gifts from the friends and family of Senator Russell Long to create a life-sized bronze to be integrated with the new plaza design. Senator Long provided funds for the first and only academic Chair at the Law Center. Stephen M. Gibson, bronze artist from Ponchatoula, Louisiana, will sculpt the bronze of Senator Long. Gibson has sculpted such noted figures as Pete Fountain, Al Hirt, and Fats Domino, among others. Renovations are scheduled to be completed in early fall.

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for a pro bono program is certainly something that I will support,” said the Chancellor.

Students have proposed a *Public Interest Law Society (PILS)* after reviewing data from a survey of LSU Law students and research gathered from law schools throughout

the country. The fall survey indicated that a majority of students want more public interest opportunities to accompany their legal education, a common component of the curriculum in most law schools. Results revealed a strong majority of the students agree that lawyers have an ethical obligation to engage in pro bono activities and that pro bono activities would contribute both to the educational mission of the Law Center and to the employment prospects of students. “PILS will be an integral law school program, structured as a student organization and supported by Law Center funds,” according to Vice Chancellor Glenn Morris. “Members of the society will not engage in independent pro bono legal services, but instead work with agreed-upon agencies and organizations such as the Louisiana Bar Foundation's Pro Bono Program.”

Almost 30 percent of the LSU Law school student body responded to the survey, according to Michele Forbes, Director of Student Affairs and Registrar. Freshmen accounted for 51 percent of survey respondents. Approximately 65 percent of the students surveyed thought that community service would enhance their classroom lessons. Presently, only 16 percent of respondents participate in pro bono activities during the school year.

Seventy-nine of the respondents suggested they would be interested in non-legal, “traditional” community service projects during the semester, as well.

Survey results also revealed that students would like the

law school to encourage public interest by providing incentives to participate in such activities. Almost 80 percent suggested that it was important or crucially important that partial tuition credit be given for students who perform public interest work while in school. Additionally, 78 percent said that if they had the opportunity to receive summer funding, they would pursue a non-paid summer public interest internship.

The administration responded to the proposal by funding seven pro bono fellowships during summer 2005, based upon agreed upon guidelines and a competitive application procedure. The following student fellowships have been awarded:

**John Adcock** – National Prison Project (New Orleans) and the Southern Center for Human Rights (Alabama);

**Nicole Burke** – National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems (Washington, D.C.);

**Daniel Logan** – Public Defender's Office (Wilmington, Delaware);

**Reyna Mejia** – U.S. Department of State's Office of the Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia (Washington, D.C.);

**William O'Donnell** – State School Board's Association (North Carolina);

**Erica Rose** – Acadiana Legal Services Corporation (Lafayette, Louisiana); and

**Tarek Shahla** – The Beckett Fund (Washington, D.C.).

“These are important steps for the future of the Law Center,” said Chancellor Costonis.

“We are uniquely positioned to help our students and our community. We all have a common goal – finding new ways of fulfilling the promise of justice and working together for the common good. We will be looking to our distinguished alumni body to assist us in these efforts.”

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Since graduation, McKenzie has practiced with the Baton Rouge law firm of Taylor Porter, Brooks & Phillips. There, he was mentored by some of the state's best trial lawyers—Frank Middleton, Robert Vandaworker and Tom Phillips – all LSU Law graduates.

In 1970, McKenzie received a telephone call from LSU Law Center Dean, Paul Hebert, inquiring whether he would be interested in teaching Professor George Pugh's course in Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure while Professor Pugh was on sabbatical leave. The acceptance of that opportunity initiated a 35-year career as an adjunct faculty member at the Law Center. The following year, Dean Hebert asked McKenzie to assume responsibility for Professor J. Denson Smith's Insurance Law course. He has now taught that course 55 times to an estimated total of more than 2,500 law students.

Throughout his career, McKenzie has served as legal counsel for the LSU Board of Supervisors. The issues were often challenging and at the forefront of evolving law. McKenzie stated, “I appreciate the opportunity to interact with outstanding administrative and faculty members and with dedicated board members and political leaders.” He has served as lead counsel for the LSU System in the higher education desegregation suit.

McKenzie's professional activities have included terms as President of the Baton Rouge Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, as well as a frequent speaker at CLE seminars. Recently, McKenzie served as President of the LSU Law Center Alumni Board of Trustees, which he describes as a very rewarding experience.

The Law Center's Distinguished Alumnus Award is given to individuals who exemplify the highest quality and ethical standards of the Law Center. The award recognizes personal and professional achievements and loyalty to their alma mater. Nominations are submitted by members of the Law Center Board of Trustees and the Law Center Chancellor.



## Around the Law Center >>>>

# Law Center Ad Hoc Committee Takes Action on 2004 Bar Exam Results

THE 192 FIRST-TIME LSU Law Center graduates taking the Summer 2004 Louisiana Bar Examination increased their passage rate by 4.4 percent over their Summer 2003 counterparts, who took top state honors in that year with a passage rate of 74 percent. The 2004 graduates' passage rate was 14 percent higher than the overall test taker average of 65.8 percent, a figure confirming that Louisiana's bar examination is among the most difficult in the nation.

Despite these figures, Tulane Law School's 73 first-time test takers experienced a spike from their prior class's 71 percent passage rate to 83 percent in 2004, thereby besting LSU's rate by 4.2 percent.

While beating Tulane at the bar or on the baseball or football field is always enjoyable, the Law Center is less concerned about its own graduates' comparative performance than with their achievement of a high aggregate passage rate overall.

Bar passage rates, of course, are only one of a number of measures of a law school's quality. In the last two years, for example, the LSU Law Center moved from the third to the second grouping of *US News & World Report* law school ratings, jumping up an additional ten slots in 2004. Similar progress appears in the elevated LSAT and grade point averages of LSU's recent entering classes, the selection of its graduate program as second-best among the nation's 70-plus public law schools (and 14<sup>th</sup> best among all 180 ABA-approved public and private law schools), the quality of its new faculty [see the lead story on p. 1 on the hiring of Professor Olivier Moreteau as the Law Center's first chair holder], and similar progress in faculty scholarship, library quality, and the expansion of Louisiana trial and appellate advocacy offerings.

But the Law Center wants every one of its Louisiana bar exam takers to succeed on the first round. To that end, Chancellor Costonis appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Bar Examination to review the 2004 results. Members of this distinguished group included faculty members Howard L'Enfant (Chair), Frank Maraist, Katherine



Spaht and Wendell Holmes; LSU Board of Supervisor members Charles Weems and Bernard Boudreaux; and former faculty member and Baton Rouge practitioner Alston Johnston. The Committee engaged in an exhaustive evaluation based upon a comprehensive survey of the 2004 test takers, a correlation of the latter's academic records and course patterns, the effectiveness of the guidance offered students regarding the selection of the many Louisiana bar-related courses featured in the Law Center's curriculum, the effectiveness of the students' bar exam preparation, and the input of all sectors of the Law Center community, including its Board of Trustees.

Committee Chair L'Enfant commented, "It's still a question of whether this is a one-time thing or if it's a symptom of something that needs even more intensive consideration." He and his colleagues were unanimous, however, in stressing the importance of Law Center graduates taking their bar examination preparations very seriously indeed. "Not surprisingly," he stated in an open meeting with the Class of 2005, "you have to prepare, study hard, go over your notes, outfit yourself for a marathon rather than a sprint."

Common responses in the survey of 2004 test takers indicate that those who did not do well waited too long to study hard and were distracted by dividing their time between bar exam preparation and clerking with law firms. Also repeated were the views that instruction received at the Law Center was of high quality, and that no linkage should be drawn between sub-par bar exami-

nation performance and the Law Center's Louisiana course offerings or pedagogy.

The Committee proposed a number of recommendations. Those already implemented include better publication of courses recommended for bar success and continuing guidance designed to insure that students balance their course selections with an appropriate number of these courses. In addition, performance in the first-year Legal Writing program, which tends to be more generously graded, will no longer be utilized in determining whether students have attained the minimal grade point average required to continue into a second year of law study. (A number of students who failed the 2004 bar examination, the Committee determined, would not have passed the first year if their Legal Writing grades had been excluded from this calculation.) To assist the Class of 2005, moreover, the Law Center administration arranged with BARBRI to offer four three-hour sessions this spring alerting the students to proper bar exam study practices and covering the three Louisiana bar examination sections that proved most difficult on the 2004 bar examination.

The Committee also recommended that Federal Courts become a required course in view of the often poor performance of students on the bar's Federal Jurisdiction section. This recommendation will be reviewed by the faculty Curriculum Committee early next fall. Finally, Chancellor Costonis anticipates making the Committee on Bar Examination a permanent Law Center Committee, which will be charged with monitoring and, where appropriate, implementing curriculum and advisory practices designed to elevate the Law Center's future bar passage rates.

Reinforcing these steps is the faculty's recent endorsement of its Grading Policy Committee recommendation of achieving greater standardization of grading practices by regular and adjunct Law Center faculty. Among the goals targeted by this step is discouraging students from selecting courses promising easier grades rather than selecting courses that are critical to bar examination success.

## Distinguished Visitors Enlarge Law Students' Global Vision



INTERESTED in the role of the United Nations Security Council in preventing world terrorism? Then take *International Terrorism and International Law* with Emilio Cardenas, former Argentine Ambassador to the United Nations and President of the International Bar Association.

Or how about the role of the European Court of Justice in the evolution of the European Economic Community? Take *European Human Rights* with Melchior Wathelet, former Justice of the European Court as well as Belgium's former Minister of Defense.

Or how about keying in on the Latin American Corporation law for an eventual Louisiana practice servicing United States clients doing business south of the border. That's easy. Take *Latin American Business Law* with Francisco Reyes, the Republic of Columbia's former Superintendent of Corporations and author of no

less than 10 leading texts on comparative U.S./Latin American law.

Products liability is as hot in Latin America and Europe as it is in the United States. Just ask Julio Kelly, who teaches *Comparative Products Liability* and has written the definitive Latin American treatise on the topic.

Then there's the possibility of representing your American client in transactions involving European securities. To make sure you are at the top of your game, take the course in *Comparative European Securities and Corporate Law* taught by Marco Ventrizzo of Bocconi University—Italy's finest—but who has written the top Italian study on the subject and who serves as Legal Advisor to the Italian Stock Exchange.

What about intellectual property and protecting your clients' rights of publicity? That's the department of Arnaud Raynouard, one of France's leading commercial law scholars (University of Toulouse Law Faculty) and practitioners, who teaches *Rights of Publicity*.

Or how about seeing how close Argentina has hewed to United States constitutional doctrine given Argentina's earlier adoption of a constitution largely adapted from our own? That question is explored in *Compara-*

*tive United States and Latin American Constitutional Law* taught by Santiago Legarre, Professor of Law at Austral University (Buenos Aires, Argentina) and, again, author of a leading text on the subject.

Or perhaps you'd like to take another look at *European Human Rights*, as taught this time by Alt Willem Heringa, dean of Holland's leading law school (Maastricht) and himself a European judge.

Where is all this happening? Right here at the LSU Law Center where, annually, six to eight of the world's leading judges, scholars and practitioners share their wisdom, humor and remarkably broad perspectives with Law Center students.

The Law Center's Distinguished Global Visitor program aligns with Louisiana's grand Civil Law tradition as well with the Law Center's own Center for Civil Law Studies, its Lyon Summer Program and its expanding international MCL/LL.M. graduate program to introduce LSU students to a comparative Civil Law/Common Law vision of the practice world which they will soon be entering.



## Around the Law Center >>>>

### Avenal Oyster Lease Case and New Federal Class Action Statute Featured in Environmental Roundtable Dinners

**L**AW CENTER Environmental Roundtable programs last fall and this spring addressed, respectively, the Louisiana Supreme Court's ruling in *Avenal v. State* which effectively overruled damages awards against the state totaling some \$2 billion, and the impact of the new Federal Class Action statute on Louisiana environmental, toxic tort, and consumer class actions.

*Avenal* program panelists agreed that the Court shrunk the state's liability for environmentally protective regulations, even those sharply reducing private property's economic value. Acknowledging that the ruling was technically restricted to a finding that the private claims in question were prescribed, the panel agreed that the Court, in opinions written by Justices Victory and Weimer, left little doubt that doctrines favoring the state's public trust over its waterways and the state's entitlement under its police power to respond to emergency problems trump La. Const. Art. 1, Sec. 4's protection of private property rights.

The Federal Class Action program panelists doubted that the new legislation would restrain conventional Louisiana class actions arising from environmental occurrences. These actions, the panel agreed, would escape the legislation's federal court removal provisions thanks to their largely local character. A different result obtains for con-

sumer class actions, on the other hand, because both the products or processes challenged and the injuries suffered occur against a national tableau.

*Avenal* panelists included Jack Caldwell, former director, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (Defendant in *Avenal v. State*); Michael Voisin, president, Motivac Corporation (oyster and food processing firm); Andrew Wilson, counsel for the State of Louisiana, *Avenal v. State*; John Costonis, chancellor, LSU Law Center; Thomas B. Calvert, counsel for plaintiff, *Slavich v. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries*; and Jerry McKernan, local attorney. Program moderators included Kyle Beall, Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan and Jarman, and Erinn Neyrey, Taylor Porter Brooks & Phillips.

Participants in *The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005: The Death Knell of the Louisiana Class Action or Simply a Bump in the Road?* included the Honorable Richard Haik, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana; Edward Sherman, Professor of Law and Dean-Emeritus, Tulane Law School; Richard Arsenault, Neblett, Beard, & Arsenault; and David M. Bienvenue, Jr., Taylor Porter Brooks & Phillips, William Jarman, Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman, presided.

### Pugh Institute Features Distinguished Speakers; Gains Five-Year Approval by Board of Regents



Professor Barry Scheck



Sister Helen Prejean

**T**HE DEATH PENALTY became the focus of two Law Center programs coordinated by the George W. and Jean M. Pugh Institute of Justice this spring. One featured legal forensic expert Professor Barry Scheck (March 11 lecture), and the second, nationally acclaimed author Sister Helen Prejean (April 12 lecture). Both presented to standing room only audiences.

Scheck, a Cardozo Law School professor and expert in application of forensic DNA technology, is coordinator and co-founder of The Innocence Project. He spoke on the topic of *Justice: Every Lawyer's Responsibility*. Scheck's remarks came on the same day that Michael Williams, who spent 24 years in prison, was released from Angola following post-conviction DNA testing.

Sister Helen Prejean's April 12 lecture titled, *Dead Man Walking – The Journey Continues*, provoked emotional responses by students and audience attendees. She is known for 1993 Pulitzer Prize nomination for *Dead Man Walking* which stayed on the *New York Times Best Seller* list for 31 weeks. Her remarks elicited strong comments on both sides of the death penalty issue.

This February, the Louisiana Board of Regents gave a full five-year approval for the Pugh Institute. The Institute is a tax exempt, charitable organization originally founded in 1998. It provides support for research, educational, and pro bono activities that promote justice for individuals in the administration of the criminal and civil justice systems in Louisiana and elsewhere, according to Professor Stuart P. Green, Director. "The Regents' approval affirms the Institute's important role at the Law Center in providing support for activities that will promote justice," said Professor Green.

### Tucker Lecture Held: The Great Paradox: Romans Not a Law-driven People



Professor Alan Watson

**T**HE TUCKER LECTURE took place on Thursday, March 31, 2005 at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center. This lecture is held each year in honor of Colonel John H. Tucker, jr., a notable legal scholar and philanthropist. The guest speaker for the 32nd Tucker Lecture was Professor Alan Watson, a distinguished Research Professor at the University of Georgia. The topic of his stimulating lecture was titled *The Great Paradox: Romans Not a Law-driven People*.

Professor Watson (William Alexander Jardine Watson) grew up in Scotland and received his M.A. (1954) and LL.B (1957) from the University of Glasgow. In 1957, he was appointed Lecturer in law at Wadham College, Oxford, and in 1959 Law Fellow (with tenure) at Oriel College, Oxford. He received his D. Phil. (1960) and D.C.L. (1973) from Oxford. He became Douglas Professor of Civil Law at Glasgow (1965), moved to the similar chairs at Edinburgh, subsequently to the University of Pennsylvania, and is currently Distinguished Research Professor at the University of Georgia. He holds five honorary doctorates: from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Pretoria, Palermo, and Belgrade; and is a corresponding Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He has published numerous articles and books, some in translation.

Professor Watson has been Visiting Professor or Guest Lecturer at various Universities around the world, such as Oxford, Palermo, Bologna, Ferrara, the Netherlands Antilles, Cape Town, Michigan, Virginia, Tulane, and others.

A reception in the Tucker Room followed the lecture.

## Around the Law Center >>>>

### Law Library Ranks 19th in Nation



**T**HE PAUL M. HEBERT LAW LIBRARY was ranked 19th in the nation in a recently released rating by the *National Jurist*. The *Jurist* compared 183 law libraries using a mix of categories to measure the number of materials available, the facility itself, and the staff resources. The rankings used the most recent American Bar Association data to calculate scores in six major categories including, number of volumes, titles and serial subscriptions, ratio of library study capacity and professional librarians to student enrollment, and hours of operation.

### Classroom Naming to Commemorate Bougere and Busenlener, Patrons of the Law Center

The Law Center will dedicate a classroom in honor of Thelma Bougere and John Busenlener, patrons of the Law Center. Bougere was an elderly widow from New Orleans who died with no family or heirs in 1999. Bougere asked LSU Law graduate John Busenlener to serve as executor of her succession and to direct the proceeds of her estate to worthy charities.

Busenlener is a 1975 graduate of the Law Center. He is a practicing CPA and attorney in Metairie, LA and a partner in the firm of *Busenlener and Johnson CPA*. Busenlener is an active member of the LSU Law Center Board of Trustees.

Over the last five years, Busenlener has directed significant contributions to the LSU Foundation and the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center from the succession of Thelma Bougere. These contributions have been instrumental in establishing the Law Center's Alumni Relations Office and have funded other needed improvements at the Law Center. He has also worked tirelessly to develop creative planned giving instruments that will provide resources for the long-term support of the Law Center and the LSU Foundation. In addition, Busenlener has left a significant irrevocable planned gift for the benefit of the Law Center. The LSU Board of Supervisors approved the naming at its February meeting, and the formal dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, October 14, 2005.

### Law Center to Name Courtroom in Honor of David Robinson



The LSU Board of Supervisors has approved the naming of the Law Center's Courtroom in honor of David W. Robinson, a 1954 graduate of the Law Center and a 1951 graduate of LSU. Robinson was widely admired and respected for his many contributions to the community, to Louisiana, and to the legal profession. He died on August 17, 2004.

Robinson is noted for his primary field of practice, which was largely devoted to complex litigation. His work included the drafting and support of legislation to

facilitate the successful management of class actions, participation as law counsel on committees appointed by the courts to represent classes in complex litigation, and the conduct of seminars and lectures pertaining to litigation in this field. He also served as an adjunct professor at the LSU Law Center.

Since his death, many alumni of the Law Center, family members, friends and colleagues have joined together to provide substantial resources to establish a lasting and fitting memorial honoring David. Calvin and Cynthia Fayard funded the "David Weston Robinson Endowed Professorship of Law" at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 2001.

The Law Center will hold a dedication ceremony on Friday, October 14, 2005 to commemorate the Courtroom.

### Law Center Staff News



**ERIC EDEN** recently joined the Law Center as the Director of Admissions. Eden holds a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School and previously served as Director of Admissions for the Catholic University of America School of Law in Washington, D.C.



**KAREN SONIAT** has been named Director of the Office of Communications and External Relations. She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Research from LSU. Soniat most recently served as Executive Assistant to the President of Southeastern Louisiana University where she directed the Office of Public Information.



## Faculty Activity >>>>

### Law Center Welcomes New Faculty

**LEE ANN WHEELIS LOCKRIDGE**, former visiting professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, is the Law Center's newest faculty member. Professor Lockridge's areas of research interest and teaching include intellectual property and contracts.

She graduated from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, B.A. *summa cum laude*, 1995, Phi Beta Kappa.

She earned her J.D. from Duke University School of Law *magna cum laude*, 1998, and was associate editor of *Law and Contemporary Problems*. She was a member Order of the Coif and Community Service Coordinator for the Duke Bar Association.

Professor Lockridge was former judicial clerk to the Honorable Eugene E. Siler, Jr., London, Kentucky, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit from 1998-1999, and Intellectual-Property Associate with Thompson & Knight LLP, Dallas, Texas from 1999-2004.

She was admitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 2001 and to the State Bar of Texas in 1998. Professor Lockridge was named to the "Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40" by *D Magazine*, in May 2004.

Says Lockridge, "I am excited about joining the Law Center faculty. The Law Center has a strong reputation for both excellence in teaching and relevant scholarship, and I look forward to continuing that tradition. I am pleased to be a part of the Law Center's dynamic, bright future."

The Law Center is honored to have Professor Lockridge join the faculty as an assistant professor in the area of Intellectual Property.



### Chancellor Receives LSBA Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award

**CHANCELLOR JOHN COSTONIS** has received the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2005 Stephen T. Victory Memorial Award. The award is presented each year to the author of the most outstanding feature article published in the *Louisiana Bar Journal*. The article appeared in the Journal's February issue with the title, *Avenal v. State: A Roadmap for Takings and Damagings under the Louisiana and Federal Constitutions*. An expanded article will be published in the May 2005 issue of the *LSU Law Review*.

The articles deal with the decade-long litigation brought by Louisiana oyster fishermen against the State of Louisiana on grounds that the state's diversion of fresh water over their oyster leases constituted a compensable "taking" of their property. They further explore the likely future liability of the State for incursions on private property under Louisiana Constitution Article I, Section 4. The Chancellor accepted the Victory Memorial Award at a brunch hosted by the LSBA at its Annual Meeting on June 28th in Las Vegas.



Paul R. Baier, Distinguished Professor 2004, with Judge Jimmy Gulotta, Distinguished Jurist 1989, Louisiana Bar Foundation Annual Dinner, April 15, 2005, Ritz-Carleton Hotel, New Orleans.

### FACULTY NEWS

**PROFESSOR JOHN BAKER** released a study commissioned by The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies on the growth of federal crime legislation. The results of the study were the topic of a recent discussion at the Heritage Foundation with former U.S. Attorneys General Edwin Meese, III and Richard Thornburgh. Professor Baker's previously published article in the *Cornell Law Review* (2004) titled, "Reforming Corporations through the Threat of Federal Prosecutions," has been selected for reprinting in the upcoming edition of *The Securities Law Review*. Baker has also recently consulted with the USAID on legal assessment in the five Central American countries involved in the CAFTA agreement. He joins other specialists from the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade at the University of Arizona in helping to modify Central American legal institutions to better accommodate a vibrant market economy.

**PROFESSOR STUART GREEN** was recently cited in two *Chronicle of Higher Education* articles addressing the growing issue of plagiarism. Green's previous work, appearing in the *Hastings Law Review* in 2002, provided an, "extensive survey of the cultural history and legal implications of the concept of plagiarism." He was also recently cited in a *New York Times* article on evidence and death row convictions, and a coming edition of *The National Law Journal* will feature his opinion piece on a similar topic. Green directs the work of the George W. and Jean H. Pugh Institute for Justice at the Law Center.

**PROFESSOR PAUL R. BAIER** was named *2004 Distinguished Professor* by the Louisiana Bar Association. Baier was honored during the Bar's black tie dinner in New Orleans in April. Baier has taught constitutional law for over 30 years. He is the George M. Armstrong, Jr., Professor of Law.

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL J. MALINOWSKI** has been invited by the Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) Patient Assistant Foundation to participate in an international conference to discuss case studies and make recommendations to BMS on the topic of international clinical trials research. Malinowski was among a handful of U.S.-based leaders in the field of international clinical trial bioethics selected to participate in the European conference.

**PROFESSOR ED RICHARDS'** work in the public health law area has been acknowledged in the June 2005 issue of the *Public Health Law Association Reporter* (PHLA) and the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) electronic legal alert, *Public Health Law News*. He was also recently cited in a *Forbes* article titled, "Defensive Medicine." Richards' essay in the *PHLA Reporter* was titled, "Public Health Law Teaching in Law Schools." The CDC electronic legal alert acknowledged Richards' extensive web-based materials on the flu vaccine shortage, while the *Forbes* article carried his commentary on the legal issues surrounding the use of medical devices such as the Bispectral Index Monitor. This summer, Richards will address President George Bush's *Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS* regarding the role of law in the control of the AIDS crisis. He also recently spoke on emergency quarantine laws and on legal strategies to control obesity at the CDC's *Public Health and the Law in the 21st Century 4th Annual Partnership Conference*.

**PROFESSOR JAMES BOWERS'** paper titled, *Murphy's Law and the Elementary Theory of Contract Interpretation: A Response to Schwartz and Scott* was recently listed on the Social Science Research Network as among the top ten downloaded articles for "Contracts and Commercial Law Recent Hits."

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL MCAULEY** has been elected a member of the Executive Council by the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law at a meeting of the organization held in Prague. With his appointment, McAuley joins a distinguished panel of international legal scholars who will serve through 2008.

**PROFESSOR ANDREA CARROLL** recently completed an article that examines the rights of riparian landowners. The article, titled *Examining a Comparative Law Myth: Two Hundred Years of Riparian Misconception*, was selected as a winner for the 2005 Stanford-Yale Junior Faculty Forum in the category of Property. Professor Carroll traveled to Stanford University in May of 2005 to present her paper before a panel of nationally known experts in property law. Her article will be published in the *Tulane Law Review* later this year.



LSU Law Center Professor William Crawford was the Louisiana Bar Foundation's 2003 Distinguished Professor. The honorary dinner was held in April 2004. Standing left to right are Louisiana Supreme Court Justice "Kitty" Kimball, Professor Crawford, and Michael McKay, president of the LA Bar Foundation.



## Student Achievements >>>>

### Student Competitions

#### Tax Moot Court Team Takes First Place



*Left to right: LSU Law Center students Michael Arton, David McCorty, and Addie Prewitt celebrate their First Place finish in the National Tax Moot Court Competition at the annual Moot Court Banquet held this spring at the LSU Faculty Club. Professor and coach Christopher Pietruszkiewicz joins in the celebratory photo.*

Congratulations to the LSU Law Center's Tax Moot Court Team, Michael Arton, Addie Prewitt, and David McCorty, for winning the three-day, 16-team National Tax Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Tax Section of the Florida State Bar Association. In addition to its first place finish, Michael Arton was selected as Best Oralist in the competition. Coaches were Professors Susan Kalinka and Chris Pietruszkiewicz and Todd Rossi, local attorney.

#### LSU Law Students Shine in State and National Competitions

The LSU Law Center brought home top honors this fall at the statewide Mock Trial Competition. Mindy Heidel, Kathryn Sheely, Darren Bender, and David Jarrell garnered the first place award at the First Annual Mock Trial Competition sponsored by Loyola Law School. Professor Todd Bruno and Devin Morris, a third-year law student, coached the team.

LSU law students Devin Morris, Kathryn Sheely, Jennifer McCain, and Billy Davis were selected to represent the Law Center at the American Bar Association National Criminal Trial Advocacy competition in Chicago this spring. The students competed admirably, with Mr. Davis receiving a perfect score in a preliminary round of the competition.

LSU Law team members Laura Abshire, Matthew Fontenot, and Angela Joyce competed in the National Moot Court Region VII Tournament hosted by the University of Tennessee Law School. The LSU team defeated Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee Law School in preliminary rounds but succumbed to the University of Mississippi in its semifinal match. Professors John Devlin and Todd Bruno served as faculty advisors to the students.

Students Stephanie Cory, Laurie Marien, and Charles Schaub competed in the National Admiralty Law Moot Court Competition in April 2005. This is the first time the LSU Law Center participated, and the team made it all the way to the quarterfinals. The students were coached by Professors John Devlin and Elizabeth Murrill.



*Chancellor John J. Costonis, center, accepts the first place plaque from members of the Mock Trial Competition. Left to right: student-coach Devin Morris, Professor Todd Bruno, Chancellor Costonis, and student-attorneys Mindy Heidel, Kathryn Sheely, and Darren Bender.*

#### National Health Law Writing Competition

LSU Law student Sarah Shannahan was selected first place winner in a national health law writing competition sponsored by the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM). Shannahan received a \$1,000 monetary award in addition to an all-expense paid trip to the ACLM annual meeting.

#### Tullis Moot Court

Students Matt Garver, W. Jacob Gardner, Jr., Angela Joyce, and Jeff Green competed in the final round of the Tullis Moot Court competition at the Law Center in March. The intraschool competition is held annually to recognize students who excel in brief writing and oral arguments. Garver and Gardner prevailed in the competition. Others recognized were Angela Joyce for Best Oral Argument and Stacy Humphries for Best Brief. Professors Grace Barry, John Devlin, and Todd Bruno advise students on Moot Court Board activities.

#### Environmental Law Moot Court Team Competes

Mindy Heidel, Tori Sherer, Micah Gautreaux, and Coach Charles Ellis, represented the Law Center at the February Pace University Law School competition. Students made it to the quarterfinal competition. Gautreaux was twice selected as Outstanding Oralist, while Heidel was also named Outstanding Oralist in the preliminary round arguments. Coaches were Professor Ken Murchison and Charles Ellis, local attorney.



#### Junior Associates Selected for *Louisiana Law Review*, Volume 66

The *Louisiana Law Review* congratulates the following Junior Associates selected to serve on the Volume 66 Board of Editors: Mark Sibley, Editor in Chief; Michael Coleman, Managing Editor; Sandi Varnado, Articles Editor; Jessica Coco, Executive Senior Editor; Wogan Bernard, Senior Editor; Jeff Clayman, Senior Editor; Susan Nanes, Senior Editor; Brian Su, Senior Editor; and Rebecca Hinton, Production Editor.

### Students Raise Funds for Tsunami Relief Effort

Thirty-four LSU law students played in the 1st Barrister's Bowl, a tackle football game held in January at Baton Rouge's Memorial Stadium, to raise funds for the Tsunami Relief Effort. Captain Jayson Durden, a second-year LSU law student, coordinated the relief effort, which raised over \$400. Durden is a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. Over 150 supporters of the effort were in attendance.



*The Purple Team*



*The Gold Team*



## Student Achievements >>>>

### LSU Law Class of 2002 Donates Gift to Law Center

Groundbreaking for the "LSU Law Class of 2002 Flag Pole Plaza" began in Spring 2005. The gift was made by donations from the 2002 class over the last two years. 2002 SBA President Todd Reeves spearheaded the effort.

The plaza will be constructed between the two student parking lots outside the front of the 1969 law building. Next to the flagpole, there will be a large stone to commemorate the Class of 2002 as well as recognition of the individuals who contributed to the project. Landscaping will also be created to match the large plaza that is also being renovated.



*"What better opportunity to leave a permanent mark at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center . . . what would be better than to symbolize our class by donating a flagpole plaza that represents our state and nation?"*

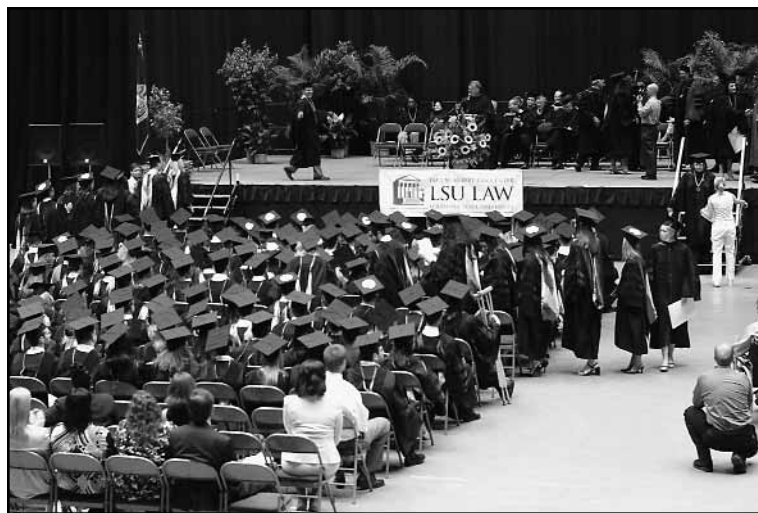
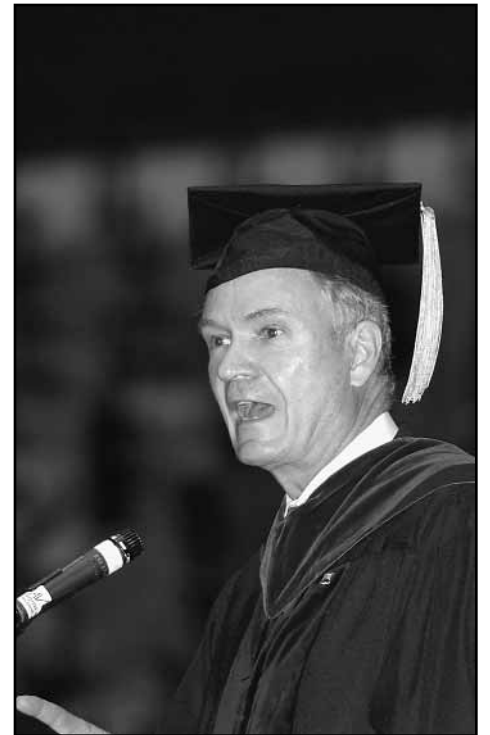
*J. Todd Reeves, LSU Law 2002*

## LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Holds Commencement Exercises



THE LAW CENTER conferred J.D./B.C.L. degrees to 183 students and eight LL.M. degrees in graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 26, 2005, at the LSU Assembly Center. Former Senator John Breaux served as commencement speaker. Breaux was named the Law Center's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2000 and was a 1967 graduate of the Law Center. For more than 30 years, Breaux served in the U.S. Congress, first as a representative and then as a senator. In January 2005, he retired from the Senate and was appointed the vice-chair of President George Bush's federal tax reform panel. Senator Breaux was recently appointed Director with the Board of Directors of the Managed Funds Association (MFA). MFA, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the global voice of the hedge fund industry and represents over 850 members.

For a complete listing of the 2005 law graduates, visit the LSU Law Center website, [www.law.lsu.edu](http://www.law.lsu.edu)



*Commencement*  
2005







Alumni News >>>>

New Chairmen Named



Henry Miltenberger, Jr.



Charles Weems III

Cancellor John J. Costonis recently appointed two LSU law alumni to important leadership roles. Henry “Hank” Miltenberger, Jr. from Covington was named Chairman of the 2005 Chancellor’s Council. Charles “Charlie” Weems III from Alexandria was named the 2005 Chairman of the Law Center Annual Fund drive. Both men have pledged to work along with the Alumni Relations staff to coordinate fundraising efforts during 2005.

Hank Miltenberger is a 1977 graduate of the LSU Law Center and a member of the LSU Law Board of Trustees. He is president of GILSBAR, Inc. a leading provider of comprehensive insurance services headquartered in Covington, LA.

Charlie Weems is a 1969 graduate of the LSU Law Center. He is the president/director of Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell, APLC in Alexandria. Weems is the past president and current member of the LSU Board of Supervisors. In 2003, he was named “Distinguished Alumnus of the Year” at the LSU Law Center.

IT’S REUNION TIME AGAIN!

*Did you graduate from the LSU Law Center in 1950, 1955, 1965, 1975, or 1980? If so, we are looking for volunteers to serve on class reunion committees. It doesn’t take much time, it’s a blast, and you’ll have time to reminisce and reunite with your classmates! On Friday night, October 14, 2005, the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center will host the following class reunions:*

1950, 1955, 1965,  
1975, and 1980

REUNION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, October 14, 2005

2 p.m.-4 p.m.	Free Alumni CLE in Ethics and Professionalism
5 p.m.-7 p.m.	All Alumni Reception
7 p.m.-10 p.m.	Class Reunions

Saturday, October 15, 2005

8 a.m.-10 a.m.	Distinguished Alumnus Breakfast
TBA	Hats ‘n Canes
TBA	LSU vs. Florida football game

If you are interested in serving on the reunion committee or as a class agent, please contact Bunnie Cannon 225/578-8452 or email bcannon@lsu.edu

This will be your opportunity to re-connect with your old friends and your law school. You won’t want to miss this opportunity.

SHREVEPORT BAR HOSTS RECEPTION



*It’s all in the family as LSU law student Chris Victory and Southern law student Erin Waddell pose with their fathers, LA. Supreme Court Justice Jeff Victory and First Judicial District Court Judge Bobby Waddell during the Shreveport Bar Association reception for area law students at the home of Joel and Karen Pierce.*



*Enjoying the Shreveport Bar reception are LSU law students Jonathan McCartney, Karen Pearce, Joel Pearce, and Susie Crichton.*



## Alumni Events >>>>

**H**UNDREDS of LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center graduates and friends gathered at the LSU Law Center for Reunion Weekend 2004. As part of the festivities, the LSU Law Center Classes of 1964, 1974, 1979, 1984, and 1994 turned out for their reunions on Friday, November 12, 2004. The weekend boasted a free CLE for alumni and a tailgate party that reunited these classmates and renewed old friendships.



Class reunion chairmen worked tirelessly for six months on their reunion and their classmates turned out in full force. Each year the reunion program gets bigger and better. This was our most successful year to date. The LSU Law Center Reunion program, in a relatively short five-year existence, has evolved into a wonderful opportunity for all alumni to reacquaint themselves with each other and to foster pride in the LSU Law Center.



### ▲ The Class of 1954

was honored at the LSU Law Center Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 27, 2004 in the LSU Maravich Assembly Center. The class was honored at the ceremony and again at a luncheon that followed in the Tucker Room. Among those in attendance were: Judge Harold J. Brouillette, Marc Dupuy, Jr., Robert Guillory, Gerald Lafaso, Charles B.W. Palmer, Frank Peragine, and Judge Felix Savoie.



### ▲ The Class of 1964

gathered together at the home of W. Shelby and Molly McKenzie on the picturesque LSU Lakes for a reception with their spouses and friends. They reminisced of old times at the LSU law school, and told stories about professors who are no longer with us.

Committee members included W. Shelby McKenzie, David Hughes, F. Frank Fontenot, and Allen L. Smith.



### ◀ The Class of 1974

held its cocktail reception at Juban's restaurant in the new addition. It was the perfect setting for the 100 plus classmates, some of whom had not been back to the Law Center in more than 30 years. Mike McKay, Norman F. Pizza, Annette Seng, Robert W. Scheffy, Jr., Philip K Jones, Jr., Tom Getten, Tim Cerniglia, Brent Coriel, Gary Newport, and Michael Goodrick spearheaded the event.



## Alumni News >>>>



### ◀ The Class of 1979

*held its reunion party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy J. Foster III. The home was the perfect venue for the class of 1979. A jazz band played in the sitting room and over 50 members of the class were in attendance. Committee members were Carey Schimpf, Orlando Fernandez, Murphy J. Foster III, Warren L. Rayburn, Marshall Jones, Meg Meyers Smith, Sheral Kellar, David J. Halpern, Jack E. McElligott, Keith Nordyke and David Gunn.*

### The Class of 1984 ▶

*held its reunion at the Country Club of Louisiana. Musician Erik Baskin, a one-man band, entertained the class. Jim Reichman, Dana Bourgeois French, James A. Brown, Paul E. Bullington, and George Fagan served on the reunion committee.*



### The Class of 1994 ▶

*held its reunion in the LSU Law Center's newly renovated Tucker Room. Committee members were Midge Collett, Laura T. Marler, A Kelton Longwell, Pamela Pendly Baudin, J. Chris Peters, Christine Goldberg, Madaline Gibbs, Edmund J. Giering IV, Michael H. Smither, Karen J. King, Darrel J. Papillion, Jay E. Cullens, Andree M. Cullens, Christina Fletcher, Marcy Unkauf, Christine Gaeke Gaynor, and Mary Lou and David Redmann.*





## Alumni News >>>>



## Tailgating LSU Law Style

Hundreds of LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center graduates and friends gathered at the LSU Law Center for Reunion Weekend 2004. As part of the festivities, the LSU Law Center Classes of 1964, 1974, 1979, 1984 and 1994 turned out for their reunions on Friday, November 12, 2004. The weekend boasted a free CLE for alumni and a tailgate party with plenty of food, drink, and fun.



## Upcoming LSU Law Alumni Events 2005

### JUNE

- 26-28 Louisiana State Bar Association Annual Meeting  
Caesar's Palace  
Las Vegas, Nevada

### SEPTEMBER

- 21 New Orleans Area Alumni Reception  
Court of Two Sisters Pavilion  
City Park, New Orleans, LA

### OCTOBER

- 13 LSU Law Board of Trustees Dinner
- 14 LSU Law Board of Trustees Meeting  
David W. Robinson & Thelma Bougere/John Busenlener Classroom dedication  
Free CLE's in Ethics and Professionalism  
All Alumni Reception  
Reunions ('50, '55, '65, '75, '80)
- 15 Distinguished Alumnus Breakfast  
Hats & Canes
- 17 U.S. Supreme Court Swearing In Ceremony and LSU Law Alumni Reception  
U.S. Supreme Court  
Washington, D.C.

### DECEMBER

- 17-22 LSU Law CLE at Sea  
CLE on the Carnival Cruise Ship "Sensation"  
leaving from New Orleans  
For information, email [kay@pearsonstravel.com](mailto:kay@pearsonstravel.com)



## Alumni News >>>>

# Chancellor's Council *Black Tie Dinner*

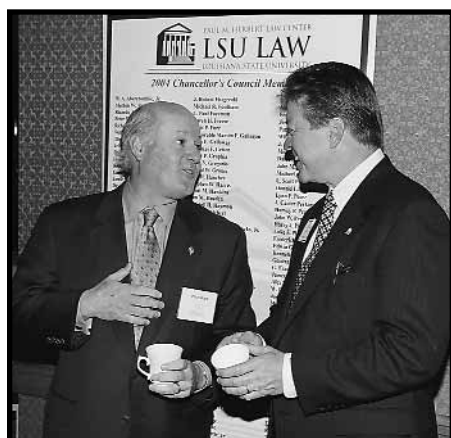
**S**PRING TIME BLOSSOMS and the rolling hills of the Felicianas combined to provide a beautiful setting for the 2004 Chancellor's Council Black Tie Dinner. This year's donor recognition dinner was held at Hemingbough in St. Francisville.

Chancellor John Costonis and Chancellor's Council Chairman Henry Miltenberger welcomed the large gathering of Law Center supporters and alumni. Following an outdoor cocktail party, guests were treated to a formal dinner with a special southern flair. Miltenberger acknowledged the 230 Chancellor's Council level donors to the Law Center who were responsible for over \$562,000 in private donations in 2004. Collectively, their support accounted for 45 percent of all private giving to the Law Center.

Chancellor Costonis recognized many honored guests in attendance. He also presented three "Distinguished Service Awards" to supporters of the LSU Law Center who had contributed in extraordinary ways. John Busenlener was recognized for his leadership in directing a good portion of the Thelma Bougere estate to the Law Center as well as his work in developing instruments for planned giving. David Robinson was honored posthumously for his extraordinary career as a lawyer and his numerous contributions to the LSU Law Center through the years. David's widow, Beverly Robinson, gratefully received the award in her husband's name. Jerry and Diane McKernan were recognized for their generous naming gift for the McKernan Law Auditorium.



## *Houston Area Alumni Event*



**C**HANCELLOR JOHN COSTONIS and the LSU Law Center Alumni Relations staff hosted over 150 LSU Law Alumni at a series of events held in Houston on March 29 – April 1, 2005. Lanier Yeates, chair-elect of the Board of Directors for the LSU Foundation and his firm, Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, hosted a breakfast at the Houston Center Club where LSU Law graduates received an update on happenings at the Law Center from Chancellor Costonis. Law Center graduates and LSU Law Center Board of Trustees members Jim Raborn of Baker Botts and Craig Murray of Vinson and Elkins also hosted events. In addition, the Law Center sponsored a reception at The Houstonian in conjunction with the Louisiana Southwest Bar Association Bench Bar Conference with over 80 people in attendance.





## Class Notes >>>>

### 1940s

**John P. Laborde '49** was named Chairman of the Board of Stewart Enterprises in New Orleans. Laborde is the founder of Tidewater, Inc., a marine transportation company, a former member of the LSU Law Center Board of Trustees, and the 1993 LSU Law Center Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

### 1950s

**Professor William E. Crawford '55** was recognized by the Louisiana State Bar Association as a 50-year member of the LSBA. Crawford is the James J. Bailey Professor of Law at the LSU Law Center.

### 1960s

**W. Arthur Abercrombie '69** is the managing partner of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips in Baton Rouge.



**Charles S. McCowan, Jr. '67** was listed in the 2005/06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. This guide is widely regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. McCowan is a partner from Baton Rouge based Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan & Jarman, LLP specializing in personal injury defense litigation.



**Ben R. Miller, Jr. '61** was listed in the 2005/06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. This guide is widely regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. Miller is a partner from Baton Rouge based Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan & Jarman, LLP specializing in trusts and estates.



**Robert A. "Pete" Seale '67** joined the firm of Liskow and Lewis in its new Houston office. Seale practices in the areas of business and finance, corporate and tax, representing high net worth individuals and closely held business in the areas of income and estate tax and venture capital transactional work.

### 1970s

**George L. Clauer III '74, Laurel B. Clauer '74** recently relocated to South Carolina. Laurel retired from her position as Senior Attorney at Entergy. George has become a member of the South Carolina Bar and is practicing bankruptcy law at Skinner & Associates Law Firm, LLC in Greenville, South Carolina.



**Mike Cutshaw '75** has joined the firm of Adams and Reese in Baton Rouge as a member of the Banking and Finance Team of the Transactions and Corporate Services Practice Group. Cutshaw has more than 25 years of banking law experience, having served seven of those years as General Counsel for the Louisiana Bankers Association (LBA).



**Ellis J. Daigle '74** was elected Judge of the 27th Judicial District Court, Division "B", St. Landry Parish. He will fill the unexpired term of retiring Judge A. Frank McGee.

The unexpired term will end on December 31, 2008. Prior to his election, Daigle served since 1997 as an Assistant District Attorney for District Attorney Earl Taylor of the 27th JDC.



**S. Gene Fendler '73**, managing partner of Liskow & Lewis law firm, has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America. Fendler serves as the head of the firm's products liability/toxic tort section and is a partner in its admiralty section.



**W. Ross Foote '78** recently took early retirement from the 9th JDC bench. He served as a district judge for 13 years. For the past three years, he was involved in the development of Collaborative Divorce, a non-court based resolution system. Upon his retirement, Foote established the International Collaborative Center and helped organize the Collaborative Professionals Group of Louisiana.

**Mark Fullmer '76** was named as a leading practitioner in New Orleans in the areas of corporate and securities laws in the "Best Lawyers in America" and "Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business."



**G. William "Bill" Jarman '73** was listed in the 2005/06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. This guide is widely regarded as the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. Jarman is a partner from Baton Rouge based Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan & Jarman, LLP specializing in business litigation.



Professor Katherine Spaht, Dottie Hardy, Justice Catherine "Kitty" Kimball, Elaine Durbin Abell, and Mary Terrell Joseph

**Mary Terrell Joseph '70** was sworn in January 14, 2005 as Judge Pro Tempore for the 19th Judicial District Court. Classmate Justice Kitty Kimball administered the oath and husband Cheney Joseph '69 presented her with the robe. She will be on leave from her law firm of McGlinchey Stafford during the appointment.



Marilyn C. Maloney



Bill Pugh



Michael Golemi

**Marilyn C. Maloney '75, Bill Pugh '79, and Michael Golemi '99** recently moved to Houston to open a new office for Liskow & Lewis. All three worked at the New

Orleans office of Liskow & Lewis prior to their move to Houston.

**Bernie McLaughlin '76** is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army serving as the Multi-National Force Iraq deputy liaison to the court. McLaughlin was featured in a recent story in *Stars and Stripes*, the Mideast edition, for his role in rebuilding Iraq by strengthening Iraq's legal system. McLaughlin practices law at the Lake Charles law firm of Bice and Palermo.



**Carey J. Messina '78** was listed in the 2005/06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Messina is a partner from Baton Rouge based Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan & Jarman, LLP specializing in trusts and estates.



**Frank X. Neuner, Jr. '76** is serving as 2005-06 President of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Neuner is managing partner in the Lafayette firm of Laborde & Neuner. Neuner chairs the LSBA's Budget Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee and the Professionalism and Quality of Life Committee.



**Rick Plaeger '77** Vice President and General Counsel of Burlington Resources, Inc. in Houston was named Chairman of the American Petroleum Institute General Committee on Law and President of the Houston Chapter of the Texas General Counsel Forum. He is now listed by *Texas Monthly Magazine* as one of the top in-house attorneys in Texas.

**Yvonne Reed '73** became a partner at the Breazeal, Sachse & Wilson law firm. Reed is a CPA and practice in labor and employment law.



Ambassador Grover Rees being sworn in by Secretary of State Colin Powell.

**Grover Joseph Rees '78** was nominated by President George Bush as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (East Timor). The U.S. Senate confirmed his nomination and Ambassador Rees presented his credentials to President Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao. Ambassador Rees formerly served as a Chief Justice of the High court of American Samoa and a law professor at the University of Texas. He also served as a senior official of the executive and legislative branches of the U.S. Government. Rees is a native of Louisiana and received his undergraduate degree from Yale University.

**Mike Rubin '72** was elected the Vice President of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Rubin is co-managing partner of the McGlinchey Stafford Baton Rouge Office. For more than a quarter of a century, Rubin has taught the course in Louisiana real estate finance at the LSU Law Center. He is also a nationally known speaker having presented over 170 major speeches and papers throughout the United States and Canada.

### 1980s



**Richard J. Arsenault '80** of the Neblett, Beard & Arsenault law firm, was listed in the 2005/06 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* publication. Arsenault also served as Seminar Chair for the

LSBA's 12th Annual Admiralty Symposium and the 5th Annual Class Action / Mass Tort Symposium and has served in that capacity since its inception. In addition, Arsenault was a speaker at the LSBA's Insurance seminar this fall and also participated as a faculty member at the LSU Law Center's Trial Advocacy Program in Baton Rouge.

**Robert W. Barron '87** was named to the 2005 Board of Governors and the Board of Directors of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. Barron is a shareholder with the firm of Berger Singerman, P.A. with offices in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton, and Tallahassee, FL.

**Gregory Bodin '88** is the 2005 president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association.

**Carolyn M. Campbell '85** was named Group General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Dynegy, Inc. of Houston, TX. Campbell is responsible for all corporate finance, transactional securities and disclosure matters and will serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors, senior management, and the company's shareholders. Prior to joining Dynegy, Campbell was a Senior Counsel with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP specializing in transactional work with a concentration on the energy industry.

**Scott Chamberlain '80** was appointed president and chairman of the board of directors of the volunteer center of western Connecticut. He is practicing law in Bethel, CT.



**Robert L. Coco '88** joined the firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, LLP in Baton Rouge. His practice consists of all aspects of environmental regulatory law with an emphasis on air permitting and enforcement, and radioactive material regulation. Coco served as a Senior Attorney in the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality from 1992-96.

**William B. Conway '82** accepted a position as counsel in the Energy Practice Group of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom, LLP in Washington, D.C. His practice will focus on regulatory and transactional matters affecting the electric power industry.



**Warren Fleet '80** joined the firm of Jones Walker as special counsel in its Baton Rouge office. Fleet joins Jones Walker's general business and energy practice after having served as general counsel to the Department of Natural Resources for over 11 years. During that timeframe, Fleet also served as Commissioner of Conservation from 1997-98.

**Kenneth P. Haines '89** was recently recognized as a Board Certified Family Law Specialist by the Louisiana State Bar Association. Haines is a shareholder in the law firm of Weems, Schimpf, Gilsoul, Haines & Carmouche in Shreveport. His law practice is focused in the area of family litigation, general litigation, and appeals.





## Class Notes >>>>



**Mark L. Hornsby '88** was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Louisiana in Shreveport. He practiced law in Shreveport at Weiner, Weiss & Madison.

**John LaMaster '86** joined the London office of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae as a partner. He was previously the head of Vinson & Elkins' London office. John moved to London in 1993 following seven years in Houston. His practice involves international mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, as well as energy transactions and project development.

**Maris E. LeBlanc '85** accepted the position of Executive Counsel to the Commissioner of Administration in Baton Rouge. Prior to that appointment, he worked with the Louisiana Ethics Administration Program for 19 years.

**Patti Melker Richards** of the Richards Law Firm L.L.C. in Atlanta was selected in December 2004 to serve on the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC). Richards is among 12 new members appointed to the 22-person council for a three-year term. Council members offer recommendations, observations, and operational improvements regarding IRS policies, programs, and procedures. Although Richards graduated from Georgetown University Law Center, she did her first year of law school in 1987 at the LSU Law Center. She has established the LaVerne Lewis Moss Scholarship in her mother's name at the LSU Law Center to help single parent law students. Richards is also a CPA and her practice focuses on domestic and international tax controversy.

**Margaret L. Tooke '89** received a President's Award by the Baton Rouge Bar Association for starting the Holiday Star program of giving to the less fortunate.

**Robyn Underwood '89** specializes in government contracts and business transactions. He is also Of Counsel to the firm Neel & Hooper, P.C. that specializes in labor law.



**Uisdean "Hugh" Vass '85** was appointed head of Oil & Gas in the Aberdeen office of Maclay, Murray & Spens. Maclay, Murray and Spens is Scotland's largest law firm. Vass, who specialized in Oil & Gas

Law at LSU, spent five years at Stone Pigman in New Orleans and then moved to South America where he established the Caracas and Rio de Janeiro offices of Canadian International law firm Macleod Dixon. He returned home to native Scotland in 2003.

**Regina Wedig '84** opened her solo law practice and title insurance company Land-Vest Title of Louisiana, LLC in New Orleans.

**R. David Wheat, Jr. '88** was inducted into the American College of Tax Counsel. Wheat is a partner with Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas.

**Evelyn Wilson '83** has written a book centered around Charles Hatfield, whose 1946 suit for admission to LSU caused the state of Louisiana to fund a law school at Southern University in order to maintain segregation. A description of the book, *Laws, Customs and Rights*, is available from the publisher at [www.HeritageBooks.com](http://www.HeritageBooks.com). In addition, Wilson was selected by the Louisiana Bar Foundation as its "Scholar-In-Residence" for the period July 1, 2004 through June 20, 2006. She will be writing about the Louisiana Supreme Court Justices from 1865 to 1880.



**J. Lanier Yeates '81** joined the law firm of Gordon Arata McCollam Duplantis & Eagan, LLP as a partner resident in the firm's Houston office. Prior to joining Gordon Arata, Yeates was engaged in private practice for 20 years. In early October, Yeates's first novel, *Bay of One Hundred Fires*, was published.

### 1990s



**Joel P. Babineaux '92** was elected Chairperson of the Labor & Employment Law Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Babineaux is a partner with Perret Doise (APLC). He practices labor, employment and benefits law in Lafayette, Louisiana.



**Bryant Banes '90** interrupted his law practice in Houston last year when he was activated from the Army (JAG Corps) reserves to serve a year in Iraq. Banes returned in late December having been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and awarded a bronze star medal. While in Iraq, he served at Camp Victory near Baghdad. He is resuming his law practice in Houston with his wife,

**Ross Barrett '99** created Louisiana Ventures L.P. in Shreveport. Louisiana Ventures is a venture capital group that plans to target companies that are developing promising technologies with an emphasis on those that use "technical infrastructure and human capital" in the state.



**Brandon Kelly Black '96** joined the Baton Rouge office of Jones Walker as a special counsel in the litigation practice. Black will focus on commercial litigation, bankruptcy, and banking.



**Caroline B. Blitzer '96** has become a partner in the firm of Vinson & Elkins in Houston. Blitzer is a member of the firm's corporate section. Her practice includes merger, acquisitions and divestitures, public and private debt and equity offerings, and corporate governance.

**Timothy Brechtel '95** was named a partner in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker. He was also named a Board Certified Tax Law Specialist by the Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Legal Specialization. He practices in the areas of employee benefits, ERISA, and executive compensation.

**Marc Caillouet '98** recently relocated to the Houston office of the worldwide accounting firm of Pricewaterhouse Coopers. He is a Senior Manager in the firm's National Utility Practice.



**Jason R. Cashio '98** was elected a partner in the Baton Rouge Law Firm of Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP. Cashio represents clients in medical malpractice, general and commercial litigation, medical and pharma-

ceutical products liability, and civil rights defense. He was inducted into the LSU Law Center Hall of Fame in 1998.

**Maria Cobb '94** was promoted to Managing Partner of Rushing & Guice, P.L.L.C. in Biloxi, MS.

**Michael A. Cromwell '97** recently relocated from Brussels, Belgium to Houston, TX. Cromwell is employed by the ExxonMobil Chemical Company in the Law Technology section.

**John Davidson '98** was elected District Judge for the Ninth Judicial District Court. Davidson credits the fine reputation of the LSU Law Center and his impressive graduate honors as a major factor in the race.

**Larry E. Demmons '96** was elected partner of the firm Taggart, Morton, Ogden, Staub, Rougelot, & O'Brien, L.L.C. in New Orleans. Demmons is the coordinator of the firm's employment law practice group.



**Daniel M. Douglass '96** has joined Crescent Title as manager of the firm's new Metairie location. Douglass also joins Crescent Title owner Robert J. Bergeron as a partner in the Law Firm of Bergeron and Douglass. Douglass resides in New Orleans with his wife and three children.



**Anne-Gwin Duval '91** has become an associate at Phelps Dunbar, LLP in New Orleans. She has joined the firm's admiralty practice group.

**Michael Fruge '99** became a partner at the Breazeal, Sachse & Wilson law firm. Fruge works with the firm's business and commercial litigation unit.



**Nikki Hobert Fanous '93** is a partner in the real estate section of Jackson Walker LLP in Fort Worth, TX. Fanous was selected by her peers as one of Tarrant County's Top Attorneys for 2004 in the Product Liability section.



**Jon Ann Giblin '94** was named a member of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC. Giblin practices in the Business section of the Baton Rouge office and focuses her practice on consumer and commercial bankruptcies, collections, and creditor rights issues.



**Karleen J. Green '97** was elected partner in the employment law practice group of Phelps Dunbar LLP in Baton Rouge. She practices in the areas of employment and employee benefits, litigation and consultation regarding labor and employment law, and federal and state employment discrimination.

**J. Colter Harris '94** a partner in the Business Transactions section of the Dallas office of Jackson Walker L.L.P. was honored by *Texas Monthly Magazine* as a "Texas Rising Star Super Lawyer."

**Jonathan R. Hirsch '95** was promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Army Judge Advo-

cate General's Corps and reassigned as Chief of Administrative and Civil Law for the U.S. Army 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Command in Pittsburgh, PA.



**Alicia R. Hoover '94** opened her own practice in Baton Rouge, Alicia R. Hoover, RN, Attorney at Law, LLP. Hoover spent the previous 10 years with the law firm of Moore, Walters, Thompson,

Thomas, & Papillion. She also opened L & M Consultants, Inc. servicing medical and legal professionals who need case reviews or advice regarding potential or ongoing litigation. Hoover is Executive Director of Louisiana Association of Consumer Advocates (LACA), a nonprofit organization representing consumer interest in Louisiana. In that capacity, she is a licensed lobbyist and testified routinely at the legislature during the last regular session.



**Stephanie G. John '97** was named a member of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC. John practices in the Labor section of the Houston office. She exclusively represents management, providing counseling and preventative advice to business and other organizations and defending employers in disputes with their employees.



**Ronnie L. Johnson '90** was named a member of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC. Johnson practices in the Baton Rouge office and concentrates his practice in the areas of general litigation, government relations, health care, insurance regulation, and compliance.

**Melanie Newkome Jones '90** was hired as the Program Director of the First Circuit Court of Appeal Pilot Mediation Program. She will continue to work as a sole practitioner and mediator in Baton Rouge.



**Michael S. Jones '93** has become a partner at Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jones is a member of the Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Client Service Department.



**Deborah J. Juneau '99** was elected a partner in the Baton Rouge Law Firm of Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP. Juneau represents clients in medical malpractice litigation, commercial and business litigation, environmental litigation, toxic tort defense, and insurance defense.

**Josh M. Kantrow '90** is a senior partner in the Chicago office of the international law firm, Cozen O'Connor. Following a comprehensive peer review, he was named a "Super Lawyer" by *Law and Politics Magazine* and *Chicago Magazine*. His peers designated Kantrow as being in the top five percent of practicing attorneys in Illinois.



**David M. Kerth '97** was elected to partnership at the firm of Jones Walker. Kerth practices at the Baton Rouge office in Business and Commercial Law



## Class Notes >>>>

**Edythe Landrineau Koonce '94** received the Judge Joseph Keogh award that is given to the Outstanding Young Lawyer in Baton Rouge for service to the Baton Rouge Bar.



**Jeffrey W. Koonce '94** joined the firm of Phelps Dunbar in Baton Rouge as a partner. He will practice in the areas of federal taxation, corporate law, state taxation, local taxation, trusts and estates.

He is the chairman of the Louisiana State Bar Association Tax Law Advisory Commission and serves on the Board of Directors of the Baton Rouge Society of CPAs

**Wendi Barbari Loup '99** is assistant general counsel with Lamar Advertising Company. She was formerly with Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.



**Terrence D. McCay '99** was elected a partner in the Baton Rouge Law Firm of Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP. A professional forester and land administration manager with Boise Cascade prior to law school, McCay has specific experience in cases involving exposure to toxic substances, general civil litigation, maritime matters, property issues, and collections cases.

**Marjorie McKeithen '91** was appointed by Governor Kathleen Blanco to the State Mineral Board and currently serves as its Vice Chairman. McKeithen is still in private practice with the law firm of McKeithen, McKeithen & Bohman, APLC.

**Mandy K. Mendoza '98** was certified as a Tax Law Specialist by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. Mendoza is an attorney with Elkins, PLC in New Orleans.

**Pam Payne Mitchell '90** works as a staff attorney to the Clerk of Court for the U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana in Shreveport. She married fellow Law Center classmate **Curt Mitchell '90** who works as in-house counsel for Allstate.



**J. Michael Monahan '98** was recently appointed as newsletter co-editor of the Intellectual section of the American Bar Association. Monahan handles intellectual property issues including trademark, trade secret, copyright, technology and other intellectual property matters.



**Tracy Averett Morganti '92** has become a partner at Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips in Baton Rouge. She concentrates her practice in the areas of public finance law, particularly in healthcare, higher education, and state and local government finance.

**Catherine S. Nobile '91** was named in-house counsel for the General Health System in Baton Rouge.



**Beth Osborne '96** recently started a job working for Senator Tom Harper (D-DE) as his transportation and trade aid. In this capacity, she advises the senator on legislation within these areas and looks for ways to further his transportation and trade agenda in Congress. She currently

lives in Washington D.C. with her husband, Mike Olander, who works for the FBI as a counterterrorism analyst.

**Alan Ott '94** left the legal staff at the Army's Intelligence and Security Command headquartered at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Ott is now Assistant General Counsel at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. He will practice in the areas of national security and federal administrative law. He also serves in the Army Reserve and recently became commander of the 203<sup>rd</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion located at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

**J. Rock Palermo III '92** was featured on an episode of CNN's "Defending America" series. Palermo is a colonel in the Civil Air Patrol. The segment emphasized the importance of CAP's work and the training required. The story followed Lake Charles attorney Palermo as he flies a target intercept mission for the Air Force in the Gippsland GA8 Airvan, and then shows his professional life as an attorney in private practice.



**Tiffany Peperone '99** has joined the New Orleans office of McGlinchey Stafford. Peperone joins the firm as an associate and practices in the areas of government relations, health care and gaming regulations.

**William M. Quin, II' 97** has become a partner with Lundy and Davis in the firm's Jackson, Mississippi office.



**Jennifer J. Thomas '99** was elected a partner in the Baton Rouge Law Firm of Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP. Thomas represents local, regional, and

national clients in litigation and regulatory issues involving Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA, pharmaceuticals, civil rights involved medical professionals, and Louisiana health care legislation.



**Virginia Yoder Trainor '97** was elected a partner in the litigation practice group of Phelps Dunbar LLP in Baton Rouge. Trainor practices in the areas of medical malpractice, insurance defense, and insurance coverage litigation.



**John Allain Viator '98** has become a partner at Taylor, Porter, Brooks, & Phillips in Baton Rouge. His practice consists of litigation in areas of toxic torts, insurance defense, and maritime law.



**B. Troy Villa '90** was named partner in charge of the Baton Rouge office of Adams and Reese LLP. Villa practices extensively in the areas of banking and finance and business transactions.



**Karli Glascock Wilson '99** was elected a partner in the Baton Rouge Law Firm of Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman, LLP. Wilson has particular experience in environ-

mental litigation, toxic tort claims, automobile accident claims, and computer warranty claims.

**Eric Zogry '96** was recently appointed to the new position of Juvenile Defender of North Carolina.

### 2000s



**Gina Banks '01** joined the Baton Rouge law firm Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman LLP. Banks will practice in the commercial litigation, toxic tort, and municipal law

groups.

**Norma Bennett '00** joined the firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in Houston. She is an intellectual property attorney specializing in patent litigation.

**Drew Bernard '02** has become an associate of the Babcock Law Firm in its Baton Rouge office. His practice is concentrated in the areas of casualty defense litigation, premises liability, construction litigation and general criminal matters. Prior to joining the Babcock Law Firm, Bernard was the law clerk for Judge Anthony Marabella, Jr. of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court.

**Kristy Zeringue Boxberger '03** joined the firm of Wray & Pierce, LLP in Baton Rouge as an associate.



**Betty C. Burke '04** has become an associate at Phelps Dunbar in Baton Rouge. She will be working in the employment law practice group.

**Skylar J. Comeaux '01** has joined the Law Offices of Jeff R. Rytlewski, Employees of the Hartford Group of Affiliated Insurance Companies. Comeaux has already been promoted to Senior Staff Attorney. He is also pursuing his M.B.A. at Auburn University.



**Jason M. DeCuir '02** joined the firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips in Baton Rouge as an associate. His areas of practice include taxation, estate planning, and corporate law.



**Thomas D. Gildersleeve '02** joined the firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips in Baton Rouge as an associate. His area of practice is environmental law.

**Kendrick Guidry '00** became a member of the executive counsel of the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association. Guidry is a felony prosecutor for the Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's Office.



**Edward D. Hughes '03** joined the firm of Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips in Baton Rouge as an associate. His areas of practice include workers' compensation, commercial litigation, toxic tort, insurance defense, and casualty litigation.

**Todd Keator '02** returned to Thompson & Knight LLP in Dallas after obtaining a Master of Law degree in taxation from the New York

University School of Law. Keator works primarily on U.S. transactional tax issues.

**Louis A. Kerkhoff '02** joined the law firm of Robbins Umeda & Fink, LLP in San Diego, CA. as an associate. His practice is focused on securities litigation.



**J. Parker Layrisson '02** joined the firm of Scandurro & Layrisson, L.L.C. as an associate. Layrisson will run the firm's newly opened office in Ponchartraine, Louisiana.



**Erik Piazza '04** has become an associate with Phelps Dunbar in Baton Rouge. He will be working in the employment law practice group.



Brandon A. Politz



James Seymour

**Brandon A. Politz '04, James D. Seymour '04 and Jonathan G. Wilbourn '01** have joined the law offices of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC as associates to the Baton Rouge office. All join the firm in the commercial litigation section.

**Curt Rome '04** joined the New Orleans office of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC. Rome joins the firm as an associate practicing in the areas of business litigation, class action defense, and consumer finance.



**Gregory Thomas Stevens '04** has become an associate with Phelps Dunbar in Baton Rouge. He will be working in the litigation practice group.

**Brandon B. Williams '00** joined Chopin, Wager, Richard and Kutcher in Metairie, LA. Prior to joining Chopin Wager, Williams was a captain in the United States Marine Corps.

**Joshua B. Zeldon '00** joined Title2Land, LLC as an attorney. Title2Land, LLC is a real estate services company that is presently licensed in over 20 states.





## In Memoriam >>>>



### REMEMBERING CHANCELLOR EMERITUS WILLIAM D. HAWKLAND

**T**HE LSU LAW CENTER MOURNS the death of *Chancellor Emeritus and LSU Boyd Professor William D. Hawkland*. Hawkland died on November 7, 2004 at the age of 83 following an extended illness. He was born in Willmar, Minnesota and grew up in the small town of Maynard. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.S. degree in mathematics and entered law school. With the outbreak of World War II, Hawkland joined the Navy and rapidly ascended to the rank of Lieutenant. During his tour of duty, he saw action at Normandy, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.

Hawkland received an LL.B. from the University of Minnesota in 1947. At Minnesota, he served as editor of the Law Review and member of the Order of the Coif. He received a LL.M. from Columbia University Law School in 1949. He began his career as an assistant professor at the University of Tennessee. He later taught at Temple University, UCLA, Rutgers, and the University of Illinois. In 1964, he joined the State University of New York law faculty at Buffalo as dean and professor. From 1967 until 1971 he took on the additional responsibilities as university provost.

In the spring of 1979, Hawkland joined the faculty and became the first chancellor of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center. Ten years later, in June 1989, he retired as Chancellor Emeritus and Boyd Professor.

Hawkland was known as one of the most accomplished legal educators in the country. He worked tirelessly throughout his career at the highest levels to draft, promulgate, and generally advance the Uniform Commercial Code, banking and related laws throughout the United States. Beyond his definitive publication, *Uniform Commercial Code Series*, an 18-volume treatise heralded as “the most important work on the UCC in America”, he authored more than 18 other books and 75 law review articles.

His wife, Rosemary Neal Hawkland, preceded Hawkland in death. He is survived by two sons, William Jr., and Stephen and his daughters-in-law Julie and Perly and five grandchildren.










### PROFESSOR MILTON HARRISON



The LSU Law Center was saddened to learn of the death of Professor Emeritus, Milton M. Harrison. Harrison died May 13, 2005 at the age of 89. Harrison was a 1941 graduate of the LSU Law Center and joined the law faculty in 1946 after serving in the military during World War II. During his years at the Law Center, he served in a variety of roles including professor of law, assistant to presidents of the university, dean of the law school, and as vice-president and dean of academic affairs of the university. Harrison retired from LSU in 1983.

## *In Memoriam*

The LSU Law Center also mourns the passing of the following alumni/ae whose deaths were reported since the date of our last newsletter publication.

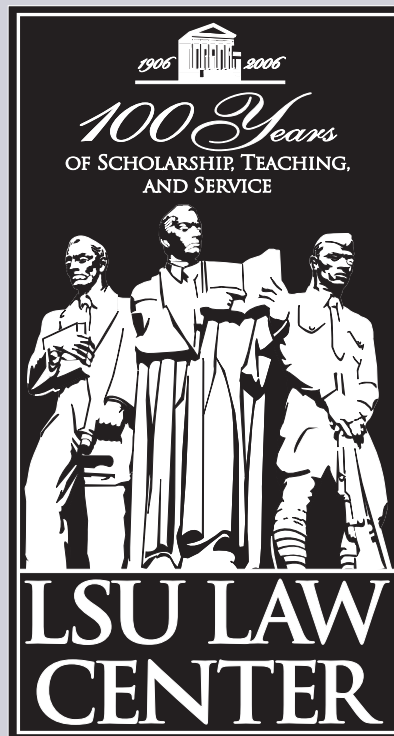
-  **Judge James Burton Foret, Jr.** '58 from Ville Platte. Died on March 15, 2005.
-  **Senator J.D. DeBlieux** '38 from Baton Rouge. Died on March 13, 2005.
-  **Honorable Wilmore Joseph Broussard, Jr.** '50 from Houma, LA. Died January 10, 2005
-  **Paul W. Cary** '73 from Shreveport. Died January 11, 2005
-  **Honorable Henry Alvan Mentz, Jr.** '43 from Hammond, LA. Died January 23, 2005
-  **David Weston Robinson** '51 from Baton Rouge. Died August 17, 2004.
-  **Charles Sterling Smith** '73 from Monroe. Died October 25, 2004



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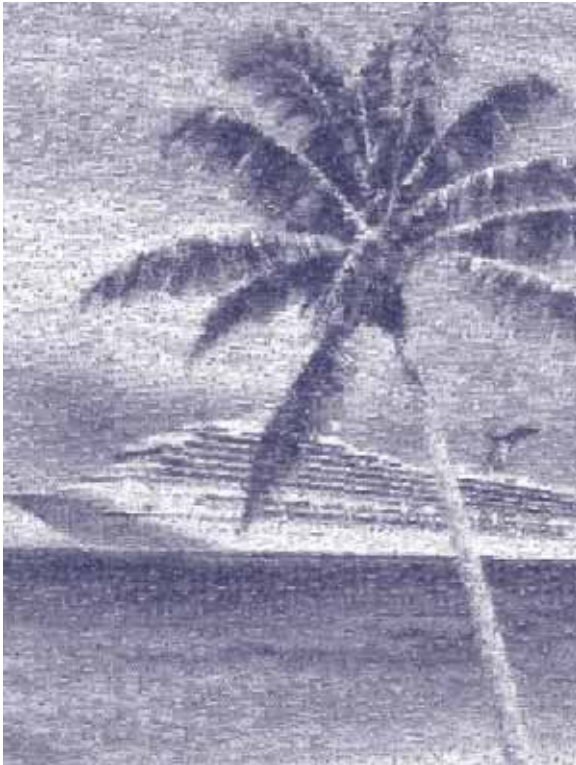






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Sunday, December 18	At Sea			8:30-11:30 a.m. 1:30-4 p.m.
Monday, December 19	Costa Maya	10 a.m.	6 p.m.	
Tuesday, December 20	Cozumel	7 a.m.	6 p.m.	
Wednesday, December 21	At Sea			8:30-11:30 a.m. 1:30-4 p.m.
Thursday, December 22	New Orleans	8 a.m.		
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For specific information regarding the CLE, please contact the LSU Center of Continuing Professional Development Director, Glynn Pellegrin at 225/578-5829 or gpelleg@lsu.edu

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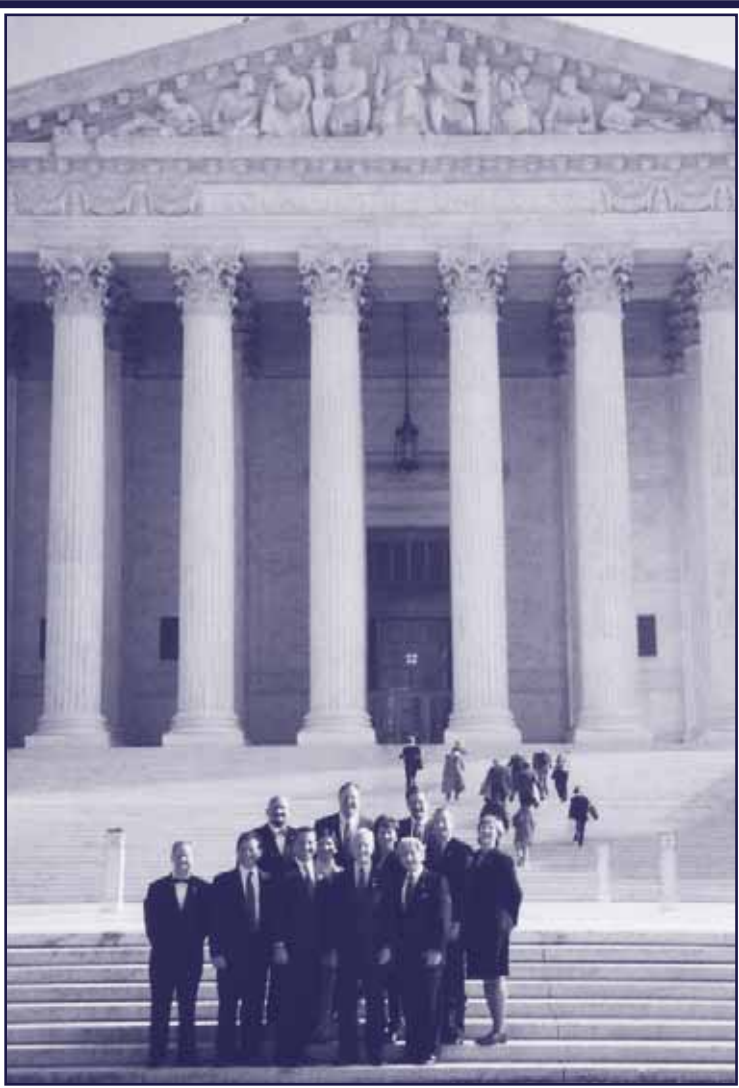


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For further information, contact Bunnie Cannon, Associate Director, Alumni Relations

225/578-8452 or email: [bcannon@lsu.edu](mailto:bcannon@lsu.edu)

*Pictured in front of the United States Supreme Court Building, the 2003 LSU Law Center Alumni Admittees to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.*