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### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

**M. Thomas “Tom” Arceneaux** is a shareholder and Director in the Shreveport firm of Blanchard, Walker, O’Quin & Roberts, where he practices in the areas of business law and business and personal planning. A significant part of Tom’s practice includes estate planning, wills, trusts, powers of attorney and directives and probate matters. Tom is a magna cum laude graduate of LSU in Baton Rouge with a B.S. in Business Administration (Economics), and he graduated from LSU Law School in 1976, where he was inducted in the Order of the Coif. From 1982 to 1990, Tom served as a member of the Shreveport City Council, being re-elected in 1986 with 87% of the vote in the primary election. Tom is a frequent speaker in legal seminars, and he has taught debtor-creditor relations and bankruptcy in the LSUS Paralegal Institute for the last ten years. He is a member of the Louisiana and Texas State Bar Associations and is admitted to practice before Federal courts in Louisiana and Texas, including the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He is also admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Tom is married to Elizabeth Montgomery Arceneaux, and they have three grown children. Tom is a lifetime Associate Member of Hadassah. He is a trustee and member of the worship team at River Valley Church in Bossier City.

**Honorable Brian Barber** is a Shreveport City Court Judge. Judge Barber is a member of the American Judges Association, Louisiana City Judges Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, and Shreveport Bar Association. Judge Barber coaches at Calvary Baptist Academy High School. He has worked as Assistant District Attorney in Caddo and DeSoto parishes, Assistant Attorney for City of Shreveport, and has served on numerous boards and associations.

**Honorable Jeff Cox** has been elected to serve as Judge for the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeals. He has previously served as District Judge for Bossier and Webster Parishes in Division C. Judge Cox is a past partner with the law firm of Mills, Turansky & Cox, P.C., where he specialized his practice in the area of Estate Planning, Wills, Successions, Elder Care law-type issues and business-type issues. Judge Cox has served as an Assistant District Attorney for Bossier/Webster Parishes where he prosecuted crimes against the elderly, crimes against juveniles, white-collar crimes, felonies, and misdemeanors. Judge Cox received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance from Louisiana Tech University, his MBA Degree from Louisiana State University in Shreveport, his Juris Doctorate degree with *magna cum laude* honors from Southern University Law Center, and his Legal Law Masters in Taxation from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Judge Cox was selected as the 2020 Louisiana State University-Shreveport Distinguished Alumni. He was inducted into the Southern University Law Center Hall of Fame in 2014 and included on the Southern University Judicial Wall of Fame in 2016. He currently serves on the Louisiana Law Enforcement Commission and the Advisory Board for the Bossier Parish Community College Criminal Justice Program. Judge Cox served as King of the Krewe of Justinian for the 2020 Mardi Gras Season and has served as a Duke in 2007. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Volunteers for Youth Justice, served as Bossier District Chairman for the Norwella Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and is a past instructor at Bossier Parish Community College for the Notary Preparation Class. Judge Cox currently assists with training of cadets at the Bossier Sheriff’s Training Academy and instructs Law Enforcement Officers all over the State of Louisiana on legal concepts. Judge Cox regularly teaches on legal concepts to area lawyers for their Continued Legal Education requirements. Judge Cox has been a long-time member of the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council. Judge Cox has served as President and a Board Member for the Caddo Council on Aging RSVP Program; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Secretary and Board Member of the Bossier Council on Aging; former Legal Counsel for the Ark-La-Tex Chapter of the National Stroke

Association; and a Board Member of the Shreveport-Bossier Tax and Estate Planning Council. Judge Cox has served on the Board of Directors and is the Past Chairman of the Shreveport Bar Association Pro Bono Project. Judge Cox has also served as a Louisiana State Delegate to the American Bar Association National Conference of State Trial Judges and has served on the Executive Council of the Louisiana District Judges Association. Judge Cox currently writes a monthly article for *The Best of Times Magazine*. He has written this column for over 18 years providing legal awareness to the community on a wide range of legal topics. He has contributed articles to *City Lights Magazine*, the *Bossier Press Tribune*, and the *Minden Press Herald*. Judge Cox is a member of the Harry V. Booth and Henry Politz American Inns of Court and is a member of the American, Louisiana, Shreveport, Bossier, and Webster Bar Associations. Judge Cox currently serves as a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Bossier City, Louisiana. He is a greeter at the front door and teaches an Adult Co-Ed Sunday School Class. Judge Cox is married to Susan Cox. They have two children, Gabrielle and Stephen.

**Honorable Katherine Clark Dorroh** serves as a Caddo Parish District Court Judge. She is currently assigned to Section 1 and presides over misdemeanor and felony criminal cases. On January 1, 2021, Judge Dorroh will be assigned to Section E of the domestic bench. Until her election in February of 2013, Katherine was the owner of her own law firm, where she had been engaged in an active family law practice. Prior to starting her own firm, Katherine was a partner in the Wiener, Weiss and Madison law firm, and was licensed to practice in Texas and Louisiana. Her caseload centered on civil litigation and family law. Katherine received her undergraduate degree from Salve Regina College magna cum laude, and her law degree from South Texas College of Law, where she was a member of the order of the lyate. While in private practice, Katherine was active in the Shreveport Bar Association, serving as program director, chairperson of the Pro Bono Project, and has been an active member of the Shreveport Bar Association's Krewe of Justinian serving as Duchess XV and Queen XXII. Katherine is a member of the Shreveport Rotary Club where she is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, partners with Woodlawn Leadership Academy for Judges in the Classroom and serves as President of the Booth-Politz American Inns of Court. Katherine is married to William Dorroh and together they have four children and two granddaughters.

**Honorable Jeanette Garrett** serves on the Second Circuit Court of Appeal. She graduated from LSU Law School in 1977 where she was a member and associate editor of the *Louisiana Law Review* and a member of Order of the Coif. She served as law clerk to Justice James L. Dennis at the Louisiana Supreme Court and Chief Judge James Bolin at the Second Circuit. She worked as a trial and appellate attorney for the Caddo Parish Indigent Defenders Office. In 1982 she entered in the private practice of law with the firm Giddens & Garrett. She was elected as a district court judge in October 2002 and she served in the criminal, civil and family law sections. She was elected without opposition to the Second Circuit in 2013. She is married to David Garrett, who is an attorney. They have two sons, one a former U.S. Navy SEAL and one a current Navy SEAL, and they have and they have five grandchildren.

**Kenneth P. Haines** has been practicing law with the same firm (Weems, Schimpf, Haines, Shemwell & Moore) for over 27 years. He is a fully commissioned Assistant District Attorney for the 42<sup>nd</sup> JDC handling all of the post-conviction matters for the office including appeals. He is the only lawyer in the state of Louisiana certified in both Family Law and Appellate Practice. Kenny has vast experience in appellate work having clerked for the late Judge Pike Hall, Jr. at both the Louisiana Second Circuit Court and Louisiana Supreme Court. He has been lead counsel on over one hundred appeals in his career.

**Judge Elect Donald E. Hathaway Jr.** was born in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1965. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Louisiana State University in 1988 and graduated from the Louisiana State University Law School in 1991. Following law school, Donald clerked for Judge Henry Brown on the Second Circuit Court of Appeal, served as an Assistant District Attorney in Caddo Parish and as an Assistant United

States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana. Following the United States Attorney's office, Donald joined the firm of Fischer, Hathaway & Manno before joining the firm Sockrider, Bolin, Anglin, Batte & Hathaway. Donald has been elected to serve on the First Judicial District Court beginning in 2021. Donald is a member of the Shreveport and Louisiana Bar Associations and was admitted to practice before the United States District Court in the Western District of Louisiana and Eastern District of Texas. Donald served as a Member At Large for the Shreveport Bar Association from 2008 to 2014 and served as President in 2016. Donald is a Master of the Harry V. Booth and Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court. Donald is married to Camille and they will celebrate their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They have raised two boys, Donald III. and Thomas.

**Honorable Mark Hornsby** graduated Order of the Coif from LSU Law School in 1988. He served as Law Clerk for Chief Judge Tom Stagg in Shreveport from 1988 to 1990. He was appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Louisiana in 2005.

**Judge Elect Natalie R. Howell** attended Louisiana State University for undergraduate studies and the LSU Paul M. Hebert School of Law, where she received her J.D. in 2006. While in law school, she met her husband, T. Issac Howell. Upon graduation, they moved to Shreveport, where she clerked for the Honorable Jeanette Garrett and the Honorable Scott Crichton. She was an Assistant District Attorney for the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office from 2007-2015 in both District Court and Juvenile Court. From 2016-2020 she was in private practice specializing in criminal defense at the John D. & Eric G. Johnson Law Firm. Natalie was recently elected Caddo Parish Juvenile Judge for Division B and will take the bench in January 2021. Natalie and Issac, who is a partner at Hargrove, Smelley and Strickland, have been married since 2006 and have two children. Their son, Hampton is 9 years old and their daughter, Harper is 6 years old.

**Allison A. Jones** received her undergraduate degree from LSU in 1982 and Juris Doctorate from LSU School of Law in 1985. She currently practices with the law firm of Downer, Jones, Marino & Wilhite, LLC in Shreveport, Louisiana. Ms. Jones is a member of the National and Louisiana Employment Lawyers Associations and is a past Chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section. Ms. Jones has served as President three bar associations: (i) the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, (ii) the Harry V. Booth and Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court, and (iii) the Shreveport Bar Association. A significant part of her practice includes representing plaintiffs in employment discrimination cases. She has successfully mediated, settled and litigated hundreds of employment cases, and she was recently inducted into the National College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, is member of the national Litigation Council Fellow and the Million Dollar Roundtable. In 1995, she was counsel for plaintiff in the gender discrimination/retaliation case of Melody Olson v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company tried in federal court in Monroe, Louisiana where she obtained a 3.2-million-dollar jury verdict which was affirmed on appeal. Ms. Jones also successfully represented women seeking admittance into the Southern Trace Country Club "Men's Grille," and she has handled Title IX litigation ensuring equal funding for female sports numerous parishes in the State of Louisiana. Recently, Ms. Jones served as trial counsel for Patricia Powell in prosecuting her claims against the Rapides Parish School Board for revocation of tenure resulting a final judgment in the amount of \$1,147,732.00 plus interest and court costs, which decision was upheld on appeal. Ms. Jones does not limit her practice to civil rights work as her practice also includes commercial litigation. In this respect, Ms. Jones has served as counsel for several debtors in Chapter 11 reorganizations in the bankruptcy court for the Western District of Louisiana serving as lead counsel in prosecuting claims on behalf of the reorganized bankrupt estate of Whitaker Construction, Inc. against the City of Shreveport for work done on the Independence Stadium, resulting in a jury verdict of nearly \$800,000.00, which verdict was affirmed on appeal. Ms. Jones has also tried several jury trials involving oil and gas disputes. Ms. Jones devotes a part of her time to community activities. She served as Alderman and Mayor Pro Temp for the Town of Blanchard from 1990-2014, was a member and Chair of the Louisiana Housing

Finance Agency from 2005-2012, and she is deeply committed to community building, including, but not limited to, affordable housing advocacy.

**Robin N. Jones** attended LSU, and graduated from Tulane University (BS, Social Sciences, 1990) and Loyola Law School in New Orleans (JD, 1995). She began her legal career at Blanchard, Walker, O’Quin & Roberts and then McMichael, Medlin & Weir. Since 2000, she served as a judicial research attorney for, successively, Judges Robert Kostelka (retired), the late Charles Traylor (pro tem), the late John Larry Lolley, E. Joseph Bleich (pro tem) and, most recently, James M. “Jimbo” Stephens. Additionally, Robin has been an instructor of the notary examination preparatory class at LSUS since 2003. November 1, 2020 Robin was appointed Clerk of Court/Judicial Administrator for the Second Circuit Court of Appeal. Robin has been married to Dan, a lifelong Shreveport resident and remodeling contractor, for 23 years, and they have two children: Mary North (22), a senior at W&L University, and Henry (18), a senior at Magnet High.

**James C. McMichael Jr.** is a partner in the law firm of McMichael, Medlin, D’Anna, Wedgeworth, & Lafargue, LLC. He represents clients in civil, white collar criminal and business trials. Jim served as the SBA President in 2018 and as Krewe of Justinian Captain in 2000-2001 and 2013-2014. He is a frequent lecturer at SBA CLE programs and developed and has coordinated the SBA Summer Trial Advocacy Series Lunch & Learn CLE programs since 2014. Jim is married to Sharla Inman McMichael and has six grandchildren.

**Jeffrey S. Norris** is the owner of Pierremont Abstract & Title, LLC Jeff graduated from Southwood High School in 1986, received his B.S. in Business Administration / Finance in 1992 from Louisiana State University in Shreveport, and his Juris Doctorate from the LSU Law Center in 2000. He is a current member of the Louisiana Bar Association, Louisiana Land Title Association, and the Louisiana Association of Independent Land Title Agents.

**Honorable Frances Pitman** received a Bachelor of Arts from LSU- Shreveport and a Master of Communication Disorders from LSU Health Sciences Center. She also holds a Juris Doctorate from LSU Law Center. Before attending law school, Judge Pitman was a speech-language pathologist, special education teacher and a member of the medical/educational diagnostic team at the LSU Health Sciences Center, Children’s Center. Prior to her election to the Second Circuit Court of Appeal in November 2012, Judge Pitman was a district judge for four years at the First Judicial District Court. Before becoming a judge, Judge Pitman was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Louisiana, in charge of the North Louisiana Civil Division. Judge Pitman has litigated civil and criminal cases throughout North Louisiana and has authored hundreds of Attorney General Opinions. She was also a certified Family Law Mediator. Judge Pitman and her husband, Judge Mike Pitman, are founders of and instructors for “*Kick It Up*,” a Christian martial arts program for children at Summer Grove Baptist Church and “*Don’t Be A Victim*,” a safety training program for senior citizens, women and children. She is a first degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, an avid tennis player and has competed in a number of marathons and triathlons. She has one daughter and two granddaughters.

**Honorable Michael Pitman** graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and holds a Juris Doctorate from Louisiana State University Law Center. Prior to his election in 2003, Judge Pitman served as Assistant District Attorney in Caddo and Bossier Parishes, where he prosecuted high-profile felonies. In addition, he had a civil legal practice, was a certified family law mediator and taught criminal law at LSU Shreveport for nine years. Judge Pitman is a National Judicial College Certified Instructor and often lectures at the Louisiana District Judges Association, the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Shreveport Bar Association, the Shreveport and Bossier Police Academies and the Caddo and Bossier Parish Sheriffs Academies. Judge Pitman is the vice president of the Louisiana Judicial College Board of Governors. He

was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve on the Committee to study Post-conviction procedures and also serves as the Co-Chairman for the Shreveport Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Committee. He is an active member of the Harry V. Booth and Judge Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court. Judge Pitman previously served in the criminal and family law divisions of the First Judicial District Court. He currently sits in the civil division. Judge Pitman is a black belt in Tae-Kwon Do and participates in marathons and triathlons throughout the country. He is married to Second Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Frances Pitman.

**Bennett L. Politz** received his B.A. from Louisiana State University and A & M College in 1976 and his Juris Doctor from Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1978. Ben is admitted to practice in Louisiana, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, and United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ben has been a member/partner of Booth, Lockard law firm, since 1979. He was a Law Clerk for the Executive Council to the Governor, a Law Clerk at Second Circuit Court of Appeal and Special Assistant Attorney General for 25 years. Ben is a member of the Shreveport Bar Association and served on many committees within the SBA including Chairman of Continuing Legal Education in 1996, Ethics & Grievances in 2005, and Professionalism in 2006. Ben served as President of the SBA in 2015. Ben's civic activities include Commissioner of the Shreveport Housing Authority; Northwest Louisiana Legal Services, Inc.; Member, Board of Directors, and Chairman of Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc.; Board of Directors of the Rutherford House, Holy Angels Residential Facility; Member and Chairman of the Human Rights Committee, Holy Angels Residential Facility; Member and Chairman, Permanent Review Board, Diocese of Shreveport; Member, Executive Board and former Vice President–Program, Norwela Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America.

**Ramsey V. Ross** is an attorney at Pierremont Title & Abstract, LLC. She received her B.A.'s in Advertising and History from LSU in 2013, and her J.D. from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 2016. After receiving her J.D., she returned to Shreveport to clerk for Judges Michael Pitman and Katherine Dorroh. Outside of work, Ramsey enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with her family, especially her dog, Riley.

**Mike Spence** has been with the Caddo Clerk's office since 1978, he was named Supervisor of the Civil Department by Curtis Warren, and in 2000, he became an Office Administrator and Chief Deputy under Gary Loftin. Mike was sworn in as Clerk of Court by Justice Scott Crichton on July 1, 2016. Mike was recently honored by the Caddo Parish Commission, Shreveport City Counsel, Sheriff Steve Prator and the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association for 40 years of service to the Court and Public. Mike is a certified Clerk of Court obtaining over 200 educational hours with LSU also is an instructor at many schools. He is on the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association Board of Directors. Mike is an inaugural member of the Domestic Violence task force under Rachel Scott and the facilitator of the Caddo Pathway to Prosperity Second Chance Imitative along with Commissioners Bowman and Watts. Mike previously served on the School Board of St. John Berchmans Cathedral School. Mike is married to the former Terri Gilbert and is the father of one daughter, Kelli Spence Snyder, and two grandchildren, Abigail, and Sam. He attended Fair Park High School and LSU-Shreveport before coming to the Clerk's Office in 1978. He has been a volunteer baseball coach for Huntington High School, Southwood, and Loyola College Prep, serving as Head Softball Coach for five years at Loyola and 7 years of Baseball at Loyola. Mike was one of the last non-faculty head coaches in the State producing 2 major league players and 1 present minor league player.

**Honorable Carl E. Stewart** received his Juris Doctor of Law Degree from Loyola University College of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana in 1974. Immediately following admission to the Louisiana State Bar Association, he served as a military lawyer, followed by other government service and as a private practitioner. Judge Stewart began his judicial service as a District Judge for the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, and later as a judge on the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal in Shreveport prior

to his appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit which has appellate jurisdiction over all federal courts in Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi and is based in New Orleans, Louisiana. Judge Stewart was the first African American to serve on the three-state Fifth Circuit and became the court's first African American Chief Judge. His seven-year term ended on September 30, 2019. Judge Stewart's resident chambers is located in Shreveport. Throughout his judicial career, Judge Stewart has always exhibited an unwavering commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. He is a charter member of the Harry V. Booth and Judge Henry A. Politz Chapter of American Inns of Court in Shreveport. He is a past President of the American Inns of Court Foundation Board of Trustees and currently serves as Chair of the Awards Committee. He is a member of the American, National, Federal, Louisiana and Shreveport bar associations, and the Federal Judges Association. Judge Stewart is a member of the American Law Institute, the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the National Bar Association Judicial Council, and the Just the Beginning Foundation of African American Federal Judges. He is a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability. He served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States including serving as its Strategic Planning Coordinator. He is a past chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States. He served as a Jurist-in-Residence at American University Washington College of Law in 2014. He presented the 2014 Alvin B. and Janice G. Rubin Visiting Professor Lecture at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University. Judge Stewart serves on the Dillard University New Orleans, Louisiana Board of Trustees. He is a past President of the Community Foundation of Shreveport-Bossier, and past board of trustee member of Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport. He is the recipient of numerous professional awards including four honorary Doctor of Laws degrees. He is an Honorary Master of the Bench, Middle Temple Inn of Court, London, England. The Dwight D. Opperman Foundation presented Judge Stewart with the 35th Annual Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award in 2019, our nation's highest honor bestowed upon an Article III federal judge. Publications authored by Chief Judge Stewart include: "Diversity Jurisdiction: A Storied Past, A Flexible Future," 2017 Ainsworth Memorial Lecture, LOYOLA LAW REVIEW, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, 63 Loy. L. Rev. 207 (2017); "Abuse of Power & Judicial Misconduct: A Reflection on Contemporary Ethical Issues Facing Judges," THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS LAW JOURNAL, The University of St. Thomas School of Law, 2003; "Balancing Professionalism, Ethics, Quality of Life and the Successful Practice of Law," THE SOUTHWESTERN LEGAL FOUNDATION, PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE ON LABOR LAW DEVELOPMENTS, 1999; and "Contemporary Challenges to Judicial Independence," LOYOLA LAW REVIEW, Loyola University School of Law, 1997.

**Honorable Jeff R. Thompson** serves on Louisiana's Second Circuit Court of Appeal and its 20 parishes, having been elected with 76% of the vote in a special election in 2019. He was recently re-elected in November 2020 to a 10-year term without opposition. Prior to serving on the Court of Appeal, Judge Thompson was a District Judge on the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, serving Bossier and Webster parishes. It being a general jurisdiction court at the time, Judge Thompson presided over hundreds of civil, criminal, and juvenile cases. He has also served on the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics. A 1995 honor (*cum laude*) graduate of Tulane University School of Law, Judge Thompson was in private practice for 20 years in Shreveport-Bossier before taking the bench. During that time period he served as President of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, and the Bossier Parish Community College Foundation. He also served as President of the Bossier Parish Bar Association. In 2011 he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives and served as a member of the committees of Ways & Means, Commerce, Retirement, Education, and Homeland Security. He founded the Pro-Second Amendment advocacy group, Defend Louisiana, and has been recognized for his achievements by the National Federation of Independent Businesses, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Louisiana Family Forum, the National Rifle Association, Louisiana Shooting Association, and

was twice selected as a Legislator of the Year by the Louisiana State Troopers Association. Judge Thompson and his wife, Toni, will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in March, and have two children, their daughter Lillie, who will graduate from LSU this spring, and their son, Rowe, who will graduate from Benton High School.

**Judge Elect Chris Victory** is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana. He graduated from Caddo Parish Magnet High School with honors, graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, magna cum laud, and attended law school at the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center obtaining his Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Civil Law. Following law school, he returned home to Shreveport. He joined the firm of Seabaugh, Joffrion, Sepulvado & Victory, in January 2009, making partner by November 2011, and becoming Managing Partner in 2015. Mr. Victory primarily practices in the areas of banking law, civil litigation, collections, and successions. He is licensed to practice in all Louisiana state courts, and the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana. He is a member of the Shreveport Bar Association and Louisiana State Bar Association

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2020 Recent Developments by the Judiciary CLE By The Hour Shreveport Bar Association – Petroleum Club**

1. **Lunch for participants is included in the all-day registration fee and will be served buffet style in the foyer located outside the meeting room. If you are not registered for all day and would still like to eat lunch, you may do so at a cost of \$25.00.**
2. **Please return to the meeting room promptly following lunch and breaks so the program can stay on schedule.**
3. **An evaluation form printed on colored paper will be given to you at registration. Please complete the form and leave it at the registration desk before leaving the seminar. Your input is important to us in evaluating our program and planning future programs.**
4. **Your MCLE attendance form for Louisiana must be completed and returned to the registration desk at the end of the seminar for submission to the Louisiana State Bar Association in order to receive CLE credit for the seminar. The SBA must forward your Louisiana attendance form to the LSBA. *Forms submitted by individuals to the LSBA will not be accepted.* See CLE Information section in your materials for instructions on how to fill out your MCLE form.**
5. **MCLE attendance forms for Texas are available at the registration desk. The forms must be completed and returned to the registration desk at the end of the seminar for submission to the State Bar of Texas. Payment of a \$10.00 processing fee is required in advance.**

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### Louisiana Course # 0201201216

**Total Credit Hours: 13.00**  
**Including 1.00 hour of Ethics and**  
**1.00 hour Professionalism**

### Texas Course #174100759

**Total Credit Hours: 13.00**  
**Including 2.00 hours of Ethics**

To receive Louisiana MCLE credit for attending this seminar, you must properly complete course attendance form and leave it with us at the end of the seminar (or whenever you have completed your final hour).

**Please follow the instructions outlined below in completing the form:**

1. **Use a No. 2 Pencil to complete the form. Pencils are provided at your table.**
2. **Enter your bar roll number** in the designated place and blacken the space that corresponds to each digit. If you have a 4-digit number, include "0" as the first digit. If you do not know your number and you are not a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, you must obtain your bar number from either your office or by contacting the LSBA (1-800-421-5722). Your course attendance form cannot be submitted without your bar number.
3. **Enter the number of credit hours** for the portion of the seminar that **you attended**. In Louisiana and Texas, 1.0 hour of credit is awarded for each 60-minute presentation. All seminar sessions are 60 minutes, except for "***United States Supreme Court Update***" and "***Helpful Hints from A to Z from Fannin Street***" which are both 90-minute segments (1.50 hours credit).
4. **Print your Name and Program Title** (e.g. RDBTJ CLE by the Hour) in the space provided. It is not necessary to put the course number on that portion of your Louisiana course attendance form to be submitted to the LSBA. The Louisiana course number can be found at the top of this instruction page.
5. **Sign and Date** the form. You may keep the stub for your records.
6. **Leave the forms in the designated box at the registration desk at the end of the seminar.** The sponsor of the seminar (Shreveport Bar Association) must forward all course attendance forms to the LSBA MCLE Committee and Texas MCLE Committee. Course attendance forms submitted by individuals to the LSBA MCLE will not be accepted.