

BANK COUNSEL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

December 10-11, 2020

The 2020 Annual LBA Bank Counsel Conference will be presented this year as a completely virtual conference due to concerns about COVID-19 and feedback from Bank Counsel members. The virtual conference will be held on December 10 and 11, 2020. Presentations and materials will be able to be viewed through a web-based conference platform on the dates and times listed on the agenda. We will also offer on-demand viewing of the sessions after the conference through the end of February 2021.

Who Should Attend

The conference agenda focuses on topics of interest to both bankers and their legal counsel. This program is designed to benefit in-house bank counsel, private practitioners focusing on banking and commercial transaction and litigation, and bank officers. Compliance officers and other senior bank executives regularly attend this conference.

Registration Fee

\$495, per LBA member

\$895, per non-member

Continuing Legal Education (CLE)

Each virtual session (live or on-demand) will require attendance and completion of online quiz in order to obtain CLE.

- **Louisiana** - 2020 CLE approved for 15 hours, including 1 hour of ethics and 1 hour of professionalism. Live sessions and on-demand sessions approved. 2021 CLE available if courses are completed in the on-demand section of the virtual platform in January and February 2021.
- **Alabama** - 2020 CLE approved for 15 hours, including 2 hours of ethics. (Professionalism counts as ethics credit in Alabama). Live sessions and on-demand sessions approved. 2021 CLE for on-demand approved if courses are completed in the on-demand section of the virtual platform in January and February 2021.
- **Mississippi** - CLE approved for 15 hours*, including 2 hours of ethics. (Professionalism counts as ethics credit in Mississippi). Live sessions and on-demand sessions approved. *Please note: LBA had previously reported that the CLE approved for the conference was 6 hours as the MS CLE Commission was waiting on the decision of the MS Supreme Court regarding a waiver on online CLE limit for 2020-2021 reporting year. On Monday December 7, we received word from the MS CLE Commission that the waiver had been granted, thus allowing 15 hours of CLE for this conference in the state of Mississippi.
- **Texas** - CLE approved for 15 hours, including 2 hours of ethics. (Professionalism counts as ethics credit in Texas). Live sessions and on-demand sessions approved. Course approval will run through November 2021.

Louisiana Title Agents Continuing Education

Each virtual session (live or on-demand) will require attendance and completion of online quiz in order to obtain title credit.

Louisiana Title Agents Continuing Education has been approved with Louisiana Department of Insurance for the sessions denoted by **(T)** and **(T-CFP)** on the agenda (8 hours total). The sessions denoted by **(T-CFP)** have been applied for Consumer Finance Protection Credit (1 hour) while the remaining courses denoted by **(T)** have been applied for General Insurance Principles credit (7 hours). Live sessions and on-demand sessions are approved.

2020 VIRTUAL Bank Counsel Conference Agenda

Thursday December 10, 2020

7:20am-7:30am

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Lauren Campisi, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, Chairman of LBA Bank Counsel Committee

7:30am-8:30am

State Legislative Update (T)

David Boneno, Louisiana Bankers Association - Baton Rouge, LA

The State Legislative Update presentation will include a discussion and analysis of state legislative changes made during the past year that could impact the banking industry and general commercial transactions. Particular areas of focus include legislation related to the following areas: Louisiana Bankers Association initiatives, banking and Office of Financial Institutions regulated activities; lending and collateral; insurance; cannabis and hemp laws; trusts and successions; other legislation of interest to bank counsel; insurance and tort reform; and tax measures. Additional time and focus will be given to LBA-sponsored measures which added helpful additions to our state law by accomplishing the following: giving state-chartered banks and thrifts parity with national banks with respect to conducting activities at a Loan Production Office and Deposit Production Office; creating a remote notary law that will allow parties to certain notarial transactions to be in different locations if connected by approved audio/visual technology; creating a statute that will improve the ability of a bank to use and enforce electronic signatures; creating a more detailed procedure for selling abandoned contents of a safety deposit box and providing clear immunity for doing so if in accordance with the statute; and providing more flexibility for banks on the types of securities they can pledge to collateralize state and local public funds.

8:35am-9:35am

Secured Lending Update (T)

David Cromwell, Pettiette, Armand, et al. - Shreveport, LA

The Secured Lending Update presentation will discuss recent developments in Louisiana law relating to security devices, title matters and other issues of interest to banks. The presentation will review court cases opinions issued during this year relating to mortgages, including property description issues, reinscription, mortgage cancellations, mortgage authorizations, judicial mortgages, and ranking encumbrances. The presentation will also discuss recent case decisions related to UCC-9 security issues, Private Works Act claims and privileges, suretyship and guaranty disputes, foreclosure –both executory process and ordinary process, and lender liability.

9:35am-9:50am

Break

9:50am-10:50am

Chapter 11 Small Business Bankruptcies and Workouts

Eric Lockridge, Kean Miller, LLP, Baton Rouge

How do CARES, SBRA, and recent court decisions affect your approach with borrowers in bankruptcy or close to it?

10:55am-11:55am

A Perfect Storm - The COVID-19 Convergence of Lease and Loan Document Provisions

Susan Talley, Stone Pigman, New Orleans and Violet Obioha, Stone Pigman, New Orleans

The convergence of the COVID-19 pandemic with the requirements of commercial leases and loan documents makes for a perfect storm of confusion and uncertainty for all parties involved. This session will offer guidance on how to navigate these rough and uncharted waters.

11:55am-1:05pm

Lunch Break

1:05pm-2:05pm

Secured Interests in Louisiana Mineral Rights (T)

Pat Ottinger, Ottinger Hebert, LLC, Lafayette

This presentation will review Louisiana law of secured interests in mineral rights, particularly mineral leases, and will discuss issues that are unique to this type of collateral, including documentation, usual provisions and issues involving in enforcement of a mineral lease mortgage.

2:10pm-3:10pm

What to Do Going Forward with Foreclosures (T)

Mark Landry, Newman Mathis, Metairie; Major Lauren Hudson, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Covington; Fred Rogers, Rogers, Carter & Payne, LLC, Shreveport & Joseph "Chip" Naus, Wiener, Weiss & Madison, APC, Shreveport

This session will cover handling foreclosures in difficult times: where are we now, and what we need to know going forward.

Thursday December 10, 2020 (Continued)

3:10pm-3:25pm

Break

3:25pm-4:25pm

Beyond the Checklist: Understanding Title Insurance Endorsements (T)

Katie Belanger Fidelity National, New Orleans

In this session, we will review the title insurance coverage afforded under commonly requested endorsements, the underwriting requirements for issuing them and their costs. At the end of the session, you will know how to tailor your endorsement request list to meet the needs of the transaction and minimize the expense to the borrower.

4:30pm-5:30pm

Professionalism (T)

Kim Boyle, Phelps Dunbar, New Orleans

This presentation will discuss the standards of professionalism required for lawyers which will include a review of the Code of Professionalism. The speaker will also explain how these standards should be applied in the practice of law by giving examples based on her own many years of experience.

Friday December 11, 2020

7:25am-7:30am

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

7:30am-8:30am

Mississippi Banking Update—Legislation and Court Decisions

Tom Walker, Jones Walker, Jackson MS

This session will include a general update of Mississippi Law relevant to banks.

8:35am-9:35am

COVID-19 and Emerging Employment Issues

Edward Hardin, Jr., Kean Miller, LLP, Baton Rouge and Erin Kilgore, Kean Miller, LLP, Baton Rouge

The first confirmed case of the novel coronavirus in the United States was reported on January 30, 2020. Cases of the virus then began to spread exponentially leading to lockdowns and quarantines, then to phased re-openings, and second peaks. This presentation will address emerging employment issues in the new coronavirus world. From liability shields to leave issues, the coronavirus touches many aspects of everyday legal life.

9:35am-9:50am

Break

9:50am-10:50am

Recent Developments in the UCC - Chapter 9

Professor Chris Odinet, University of Iowa Law School

This session will provide summaries of various state case law developments in Article 9 of the UCC, including some select bankruptcy and other commercial law related topics.

10:55am-11:55pm

Federal Consumer Regulation Update - Violations & Enforcement Actions (T-CFP)

Lauren Campisi, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, New Orleans

This session will include an update on federal consumer protection statutes, regulations, enforcement actions and guidance.

11:55am-1:00pm

Lunch Break

1:00pm-2:00pm

Ethics - What to Do When the ODC Comes Calling?

Bryan C. Reuter, Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC, New Orleans and Kathryn Munson, Stanley, Reuter, Ross, Thornton & Alford, LLC, New Orleans

This presentation looks at all aspects of the handling of a lawyer disciplinary complaint, including the steps that a lawyer must take to respond to a complaint, the ranges of discipline, and the procedures used in the complaint process.

2:05pm-3:05pm

PPP Litigation and Regulatory Risks to Banks: Anticipating and Mitigating Risk

Rob Carothers, Jones Walker, Mobile AL and Graham Ryan, Jones Walker, New Orleans

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) presents various risks to banks, including litigation from customers, prospective customers, and third parties, as well as enforcement actions from the government and bank regulatory agencies. This presentation will explore emerging litigation and regulatory risks presented by the PPP and offer risk mitigation strategies.

Friday December 11, 2020 (continued)

3:05pm-3:10pm

Break

3:10pm-4:25pm

Fraud and Scams—Best Practices for Combating and Responding (T)
Tara McLeese, US Secret Service, Louisiana; Darryl Hebert, Hancock Whitney, Gulfport, MS; and Craig Landrum, Jones Walker, Jackson MS

The presenters will discuss impacts in 2020 in relation to SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program fraud, and other types of fraud which seem to be on the rise, and an overview of the laws in relation to those matters.

Thursday total time: 480 minutes (8 hours)
Friday total time: 420 minutes (7 hours)
Conference time total: 900 Minutes (15 hours)
Includes 1 hour of Ethics and 1 hour of Professionalism

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Conference Speakers

David Boneno serves as general counsel to the Louisiana Bankers Association where he is responsible for advising the LBA and its member banks, savings banks and savings & loan associations on banking legal and regulatory issues. He also represents the banking industry in the state and federal legislative process as a registered lobbyist. In addition, he regularly represents the interests of the banking industry in the judicial system by filing amicus curiae briefs in selected litigation. David earned his Bachelor of Science in finance from Louisiana State University and his Juris Doctor from Tulane University School of Law. He currently serves as a member of the Louisiana State Law Institute's UCC Committee, Security Devices Committee, and Notaries Committee, and previously served as a member of the Component Parts Committee. In addition, he is a Code III assistant examiner for the Louisiana bar examination. He also currently serves as a member of the board of commissioners of the Louisiana Clerks Remote Access Authority (LCRAA), representing the banking industry. He is a frequent lecturer on banking legislation and other commercial topics. David was elected to the East Baton Rouge Parish Metro-Council where he served two terms from 2000 through 2008. In 2005, he was selected to the *Baton Rouge Business Report's* class of "40 Under Forty."

L. David Cromwell is a partner in the Shreveport law firm of Pettiette, Armand, Dunkelmann, Woodley, Byrd & Cromwell, L.L.P. An Order of the Coif graduate of Tulane University of Louisiana School of Law, he is a member of the Council and vice-president of the Louisiana State Law Institute and serves as the reporter of its Security Devices Committee, which, during his tenure on the committee, redrafted the titles of the Louisiana Civil Code on mortgage, pledge and security, revised provisions of the Louisiana Uniform Commercial Code and related laws on the encumbrance of farm products, and drafted the comprehensive revision of the Louisiana Private Works Act. He is also a longtime member of the Louisiana State Law Institute's Uniform Commercial Code Committee and was an active participant in that committee's adaptation of revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code for enactment in Louisiana. Mr. Cromwell is the author of the recently published 2020-2021 edition of *Louisiana Secured Transactions*, a treatise in Thomson-Reuters' *Louisiana Practice Series*, and a co-author of *Secured Credit: Louisiana and American Perspectives*, a law school casebook on Louisiana security devices. He is also the author of numerous published articles on secured interests in farm products, vendor's privileges, real obligations, and the Private Works Act. He is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and of the Bank Counsel Committee of the Louisiana Bankers Association, having twice served as its chairman. Mr. Cromwell is a longtime member of the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions, having served for ten years as the Code III bar examiner of the Louisiana bar examination and later as chair of the committee. He also serves on the MPRE Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* and in *Chambers USA Guide*. He is a frequent lecturer on security devices and other commercial topics and, for more than 30 years running, has lectured on secured lending at the annual Louisiana Bankers Association Bank Counsel Conference.

J. Eric Lockridge is a partner in the Baton Rouge and Houston offices of at Kean Miller LLP. Eric's practice includes bankruptcy and business reorganization, business litigation, commercial collections, and assisting clients with business transactions. He enjoys representing lenders and servicers in connection with collecting on troubled loans while avoiding trouble themselves. Eric received his J.D., with honors, from The University of Texas School of Law in 1999, and his B.A. from Emory University in 1995. Eric practiced law in Dallas for six years with a focus on product-liability defense, business disputes, and bankruptcy-related litigation. He moved to Baton Rouge and joined Kean Miller in 2005. He began cheering for the LSU Tigers that same year and continues to do so. Eric currently focuses on work-out agreements, bankruptcy-related litigation, contract negotiation, and commercial litigation for clients in the financial, energy, and construction industries. Eric has tried commercial and tort cases to verdict in Louisiana and Texas and has successfully defended judgments on appeal. Eric summarizes bankruptcy-related decisions from the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals for the American Bankruptcy Institute, of which he is a member. He is also a member of the Federal Bar Association, the Turnaround Management Association, and the Louisiana Bankers Association Bank Counsel Section. Eric is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell. Outside the office, Eric is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless and an active member of First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge. He is married to a law professor; together they have two teenage daughters who find their parents' law-related conversations extremely boring.

Susan Talley is a Member of Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C., where she chairs the firm's Banking and Finance Practice group and co-chairs the firm's Real Estate Practice Group. Her practice includes all aspects of real estate development, financing, leasing, purchase and sales. Ms. Talley has been involved in many of the major commercial real estate developments in Louisiana, including the development and financing of multi-billion dollar chemical facilities, sport stadium improvements, luxury hotels and mixed-use facilities. Ms. Talley has been ranked by Super Lawyers as a top 10 Louisiana lawyer and as Lawyer of the Year (2019) by Best Lawyers for Real Estate Law. She graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Tulane University Law School. Ms. Talley is a member of the Bank Counsel Section of the Louisiana Bankers Association and serves on its Bank Counsel Committee. She is a Past Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, a Past Chair of the Association for Real Property and Infrastructure (formerly the Anglo-American Real Property Institute) and the immediate past President of the Louisiana State Law Institute, currently serving as its Chair. Ms. Talley is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, holding various leadership roles in the organization. In addition, she is a founding member of New Orleans Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW). Among her civic and charitable endeavors, Ms. Talley is a member of the Executive Council of WWNO, an NPR affiliate radio station, having previously served as its Chair. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, as well as a member of the board of the New Orleans Business Alliance. She also serves as the Vice Chancellor for real estate of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, and is a member of the Louisiana Chapter of the International Women's Forum. She joined Stone Pigman in 1981.

Violet Obioha is an associate at Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C., where she assists clients with corporate, business and commercial real estate matters. She joined Stone Pigman in 2018 after graduating summa cum laude from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where she was a member of the Loyola Law Review, Vice President and Gala Chair of the Black Law Students Association, a member of the St. Thomas More Loyola Inns of Court, a William L. Crowe Scholar, a Dean's Merit Scholarship recipient and a Semora "Lola" Davis Scholarship recipient. Ms. Obioha is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Greater New Orleans Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Society. She served as a Junior Member of the Louisiana State Law Institute from 2018-2019. Ms. Obioha served as a Fundraising/Donations Committee Lead and Project Coordinator for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and was an activity organizer and volunteer for the New Orleans Book Festival. She also served as an AmeriCorps Member and Team Leader for City Year New Orleans from 2013-2015 and received the Joseph Massenburg Memorial Award for Excellence in National Service for her efforts.

Conference Speakers (continued)

Patrick S. Ottinger is a Partner in the Lafayette law firm of Ottinger Hebert, L.L.C. He has been in private practice in Lafayette since December 1973, with his practice being concentrated in the area of oil and gas, with emphasis on corporate and commercial matters, financial transactions, real estate, regulatory matters, eminent domain, mediation and arbitration, and banking matters, as well as litigation in these areas. He is an experienced arbitrator and mediator in oil and gas matters, rendering such services through The Patterson Resolution Group. He received his Juris Doctorate degree in December 1973 from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board. Mr. Ottinger is an Adjunct Professor of Law at LSU, teaching the course on Mineral Rights from 1996-2012, and currently teaches an Oil & Gas Seminar. He is the author of the course materials entitled Ottinger, A Course Book on Louisiana Mineral Rights (12th Rev. Ed., August 2011), and Louisiana Mineral Leases: A Treatise (Claitor's 2016). He has published numerous articles in the Louisiana Law Review, Mineral Law Institute and the Journal of Energy Law and Resources. He is the Chair of the Advisory Council for the Institute on Mineral Law at LSU Law Center. He serves on the Advisory Board for the John P. Laborde Energy Law Center at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University. Mr. Ottinger serves as an Editor of the Institute for Energy Law e-reporter, a project of the Institute for Energy Law of The Center for American and International Law. Mr. Ottinger serves as the Reporter of the Mineral Law Committee and of the Louisiana Risk Fee Act Committee of the Louisiana State Law Institute, and is a member of the Institute's Mineral Law – Unsolicited Offers Committee, the Counterletter Committee, the Prescription Committee, and the Tax Sales Committee. Mr. Ottinger was recognized as a 2014 Distinguished Achievement Honoree by the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center on September 21, 2014, for “professional achievement and career distinction, service to and support of LSU Law, and service to the community.” On September 7, 2017, Mr. Ottinger was inducted into the Lafayette Bar Association's Hall of Fame. On June 7, 2018, he received the 2018 Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award of the Louisiana Bar Foundation, awarded for “long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice,” and “upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the courts, litigants and all counsel.”

Mark Landry is a shareholder in Newman, Mathis, Brady & Spedale's commercial litigation section. Mark is an accomplished and experienced litigator who has handled a wide-variety of banking and creditor matters. His practice areas include Creditors Rights Law, Banking Law, Bankruptcy Law, Collections, Construction Liens, and Mortgage Foreclosure. Mark received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University and his Juris Doctorate from Tulane University School of Law. He is actively involved in the community having served on the Board of Directors and Emergency Services Committee of the American Red Cross, Southeast Louisiana Chapter. He also actively participates with the Boy Scouts of America, Southeast Louisiana Council, as a member of the Executive Board. He has previously served as Council Training Chair and Council Activities and Civic Service Chair, and as Pelican District Chair, and Pelican District Advancement Chair. Mark also serves on the Board of Directors of the Christian Brothers Foundation.

Lauren Lagarde Hudson currently works for the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office with the rank of Major, where she supervises the Civil Division, Criminal Records Division and Information Systems Division. Lauren graduated summa cum laude from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (International Business). She also attended the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU, where she graduated Order of the Coif with a Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Civil Law. After law school, Lauren clerked for the Supreme Court of Alabama for one year, before returning to Louisiana to practice law. Lauren lives in St. Tammany Parish with her husband and 10 year old daughter, who participates in an absurd number of afterschool activities and sports. Lauren has no free time or hobbies due to the aforesaid daughter's activities, but she plans to resume amateur photography in 8 years when her daughter attends any college other than the University of Alabama.

R. Joseph “Chip” Naus is a Shareholder at Wiener, Weiss & Madison in Shreveport, LA. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (Cum laude) from the University of Notre Dame and received his Juris Doctorate (Cum laude) from Tulane University. He is a member of the Shreveport Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Law Institute and the Bankruptcy Rules Advisory Committee, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Louisiana. His practice areas include business and corporate; bankruptcy and creditors' rights, commercial litigation, collection law and civil litigation.

Fred A. Rogers, III is a partner of Rogers, Carter & Payne, LLC in Shreveport Louisiana. His practice focuses on creditors rights and bankruptcy representation. He represents a broad array of creditors across the State of Louisiana. Fred also does commercial real estate closings in Northwest Louisiana. Fred is a cum laude graduate of LSU in Finance and an Order of the Coif graduate from the Paul M. Hebert LSU Law Center in 1983. Fred has taught accredited courses at LSU and has been a speaker at numerous Bankruptcy Law Conferences. Fred was honored to be the attorney appointed by the Honorable Carl Stewart to the panels which selected each of the last three judges to the Bankruptcy Bench for the Western District of Louisiana of the United States Federal Court. Fred is the general counsel of Citizens National Bank which locations are primarily in Northwest Louisiana. Fred is most proud of his days fishing in Hackberry and now on the Caddo River in Arkansas.

Katie Belanger received her J.D. / B.C.L. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University where she was a member of the Law Review and Order of the Coif. She is currently Assistant State Counsel for Louisiana for the Fidelity National Financial Family of Companies. Before joining the Fidelity family, she worked in the Real Estate and Business sections of McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC in Baton Rouge as well as private practice in Baton Rouge and in her hometown of Houma, Louisiana. Katie has 10 years' experience in real estate including commercial and residential real estate closings, title examinations and title insurance. She is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and Terrebonne Bar Association and a past member of the Baton Rouge Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Baton Rouge Growth Coalition.

Tom Walker is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group. He focuses on commercial and regulatory matters in the financial services industry, with a depth of experience representing financial institutions. Prior to joining the firm, Tom served as executive vice president and director of a community bank in Forest, Mississippi. His experience as general counsel, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, and chief investments officer in the financial services sector enhances his ability to provide legal services to his clients. Tom previously served as chairman of the Attorneys Committee of the Mississippi Bankers Association during the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and he currently serves as a member of that committee. He has also served as treasurer and member of the Executive Council of the Mississippi Young Bankers as well as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee and Banking Committee for the Mississippi Society of CPAs. He has been an active certified public accountant in Mississippi since 2001, and currently serves on the board of governors for the Mississippi Society of CPAs.

Conference Speakers (continued)

Craig Landrum is a partner in the Banking & Financial Services Industry Team. Craig focuses his practice on bank regulatory law, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law, and securities law. Craig has extensive experience representing banks in a broad range of issues, including more than 100 merger and branch acquisition or sale transactions, as well as representing insurance companies and agencies with regard to corporate and regulatory matters, including the licensing of bank subsidiaries as general insurance agencies and underwriters. Craig lectures frequently on bank regulatory matters for organizations such as the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking, the Mississippi School of Banking, Mississippi Bankers Association CEO Conference, Louisiana Bankers Association Bank Counsel Conference, and the Bank Administration Institute.

Kim Boyle practices in the areas of labor and employment, civil rights, constitutional law, commercial, tort and general litigation. Her employment practice includes representing employers in employment related claims, such as retaliation and discrimination claims as well as workplace harassment. She also handles EEOC charges and other administrative complaints through the administrative and judicial process. Her practice also includes the representation of public and private clients in a variety of commercial disputes, including breach of contract, business torts, misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair trade practices and class actions, as well as representation of a number of governmental entities on an array of legal issues. Ms. Boyle is known for her persuasive oral argument skills in both trial and appellate courts, and for her ability to take a matter from inception through verdict at trial by jury or judge. Many of the matters Ms. Boyle handles have been resolved through trial, and she has completed a number of oral arguments before state and federal appellate courts. She speaks often on employment-related topics, litigation and issues of procedure, as well as ethics and professionalism issues. Ms. Boyle was recognized by Benchmark Litigation as one of the Top 250 Women in US Litigation in 2018 and is very active in local, state and national bar activities, as well as community organizations and initiatives. Ms. Boyle served as the first female African-American President of the Louisiana State Bar Association (2009-2010) as well as the first African-American President of the New Orleans Bar Association (2002-2003). She currently serves as a Board and an executive committee member for Tulane University and the New Orleans Business Alliance. She also serves as Chairman of the Board for the Amistad Research Center and is a Board member for Dillard University and Touro Infirmary. Ms. Boyle formerly served as Judge Pro Tempore for Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, as well as an Assistant Professor of Law at Loyola University College of Law and a member of Princeton University's Board of Trustees. In addition, she was a member of the Louisiana Recovery Authority ("LRA") and served as Chair of the LRA Healthcare Committee. Ms. Boyle previously served on the Bring New Orleans Back Commission, which focused upon rebuilding the city post-Katrina, and served as Chair of the Health/Social Services Committee of the Commission. She received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1987 and her A.B. from Princeton University in 1984.

Ed Hardin, Jr. is a partner in Kean Miller's Baton Rouge office. He joined the firm in 1998 and practices in the labor and employment law group. Ed has represented clients in both state and federal courts, before private arbitrators, and before the National Labor Relations Board, the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, and the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Ed represents and advises employers on a wide variety of issues including employee handbooks and contracts, non-compete and non-solicitation agreements, wrongful termination claims, discrimination and harassment claims, and issues involving wage payment, drug testing, and employee leave (including workers' compensation leave, ADA leave, FMLA leave and compliance issues). He also represents and advises management on labor relations issues including union representation of employees, union representation elections, arbitration of collective bargaining agreement grievances, unfair labor practice charges, and collective bargaining agreements with unions. Ed has particular experience in defending collective action/class action claims under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Ed has testified before the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committees and has been interviewed for articles in local, state, and national publications. Ed is listed among the top labor and employment lawyers in the State of Louisiana by *Chambers USA*. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Prior to joining the firm, Ed served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Catherine D. Kimball of the Supreme Court of Louisiana from 1997-1998. Prior to law school, Ed taught high school from 1990-1994 at Catholic High School and coached soccer.

Erin Kilgore is a partner in the Baton Rouge office of Kean Miller and practices in the labor and employment law and litigation groups. She represents local, national, and international clients in cases involving a wide variety of substantive areas in state and federal courts, including the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana and the United States Courts of Appeal, Fifth Circuit. Erin is listed among the top labor and employment lawyers in the State of Louisiana by Chambers USA 2019 and 2020. She is listed in Louisiana Super Lawyers as a Rising Star for 2019-2020. Erin was appointed as a member of the 2020 class of Fellows of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD). In addition, Erin represents clients in general litigation matters, including commercial litigation and defending claims under various theories of law for degradation of the environment. Prior to joining the firm, Erin served as a law clerk to the Hon. Jay C. Zainey of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Chris Odinet is a professor of law at the University of Iowa. His research specializes in commercial and consumer finance law, with an emphasis on mortgage lending and financial technology (fintech). His book titled *Foreclosed: Mortgage Servicing and the Hidden Architecture of Homeownership in America* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2019 and was recently featured on NPR's *Planet Money* podcast. His work has also appeared in the *Southern California Law Review*, the *Arizona State Law Journal*, the *Alabama Law Review*, the *Wake Forest Law Review*, and the *Washington University Law Review*. In addition to his faculty role, Professor Odinet has been active in numerous organizations. He has chaired both the Commercial and Consumer Law Section and the Real Estate Transactions Section of the Association of American Law Schools. He was also appointed as an inaugural real property scholar with the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law. Odinet currently serves as co-editor of the Annual Survey of Consumer Finance Law, which appears in the American Bar Association's *The Business Lawyer* publication. In law reform circles, Professor Odinet is a commissioner with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and is on a committee of the European Law Institute studying digital asset transactions. Prior to his position at the University of Iowa, he was an associate professor of law at the University of Oklahoma and an assistant professor at the Southern University Law Center where he held the Horatio C. Thompson endowed professorship in law. Before joining the academy, he was an attorney at Phelps Dunbar LLP.

Conference Speakers (continued)

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