

ANNOUNCEMENTS
December CLE by the Hour
Shreveport Bar Association – Petroleum Club

Louisiana Course # 0201241218

Total Credit Hours: 13.00

**Including 1.00 hour of Ethics, 1.00 hour of Professionalism
2.50 hours of Appellate Practice Law, 1.50 hours of Family Law**

Texas Course #174255506

Total Credit Hours: 13.00

Including 2.00 hours of Ethics

- 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 \$30.00.
- 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.

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

1. Use a No. 2 Pencil to complete the form. **Enter your bar roll number** in the designated place and blacken the space that corresponds to each 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.
2. **Enter the number of credit hours** for the portion of the seminar that **you actually 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 **“Developments in the Louisiana Supreme Court”** and **“Improving Outcomes for Families-How Co-Parenting Apps Can Enhance Client Communication and Ensure Success”** which are both 90-minute segments (1.5 hours credit).
3. **Print your Name and Program Title** (e.g. December 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.
4. **Sign and Date** the form. You may keep the stub for your records.
5. **Texas MCLE forms** 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 \$15.00 processing fee is required upon request for Texas CLE form.
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.

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Thanks For Your Valuable Contribution!

The planners and speakers of the SBA December CLE By The Hour Seminar CLE seminar are volunteers. Their gift of time and talent make this event successful. We acknowledge and greatly appreciate their work.

Honorable Brittany Arvie

Drew Martin

Nathan Bailey

Honorable Emily Merckle

Honorable Brian Barber

Ron Miciotto

Mary Lou Salley Bylsma

Alexander Mijalis

Honorable Edwin Byrd

Hon. Brady O'Callaghan

Honorable Jeff Cox

Hal Odom

Sarah Giglio

Marshall Rice

Kenny Haines

Honorable Jeff Robinson

Lee Harville

Jenny Segner

Honorable John Hodge

Honorable Jimbo Stephens

Robin Jones

Grant Summers

Tammy Jump

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Honorable Brittany Arvie was born and raised in Shreveport and graduated from Caddo Parish Magnet High School in 2004. Brittany received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Master's in Business Administration from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Brittany is a 2015 graduate of Southern University Law Center earning a Juris Doctorate and is licensed to Practice Law in the State of Louisiana. Brittany was the judicial law clerk for Judge John Mosley and Judge Ramon Lafitte. Brittany began working at the Shreveport City Attorneys office as an Assistant City Prosecutor. After practicing there, Brittany went on to work for the Caddo Parish District Attorneys office as an Assistant District Attorney under the leadership of James E. Stewart Sr. Outside of work, Brittany is very active in various professional and social organizations. Brittany attends Galilee Baptist Church. Brittany is married to Michael Arvie and is the proud mother of daughters, Autumn Gabrielle and Adalyn Grace.

Nathan Bailey is a Legal Education Coordinator with the OurFamilyWizard website. His role includes educating Judges, lawyers, and other family law professionals on the online tools that can be utilized to benefit and monitor the parental communication process in high conflict cases. He attended the University of Minnesota where he graduated with a BS in Marketing. Nate has presented CLE trainings for different bar associations and family law organizations around the country. Speaking engagements within the last year have included audiences with the Colorado Bar Association, The Smith County Bar Association (Texas), the Kansas Bar Association, and the Indianapolis Bar Association.

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.

Mary Lou Salley Bylsma graduated from Newcomb College of Tulane University in 1995 with a B.A. in History. She graduated from the Louisiana State University Law Center in 1999. While in law school, she received the CALI award for outstanding student in the subject of Constitutional Law and Matrimonial Regime and was Professor Crawford's research assistant for his revised edition of the Torts Treatise. Upon graduation, she was the Honorable Roy Brun's law clerk at the First Judicial District Court. Since joining Jack Bailey Law Corporation in 2000, Mary has specialized in Worker's Compensation. Mary Lou has also been an instructor in the LSUS paralegal program and taught both Basic and General Law and Civil Litigation courses.

Honorable Edwin Henry Byrd, III is a graduate of Louisiana State University Law Center, where he graduated Order of the Coif and was Senior Editor of the Louisiana Law Review. He served as law clerk to the Honorable Tom Stagg, United States District Judge; he was a founding partner of Pettiette, Armand, Dunkelman, Woodley & Cromwell. His law practice involved general civil litigation defense in state and federal courts involving civil rights, employment and insurance defense. He has been a district judge at the First Judicial District Court since August, 2022.

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 Masters of Business Administration 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, Advisory Board for the Bossier Parish Community College Criminal Justice Program, and the Dean's Advisory Committee for the College of Business Administration at Louisiana Tech University. 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 Norwellia 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, State Troopers Academy, the Wildlife and Fisheries 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; 2nd 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 20 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 Master 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 is married to Susan Cox. They have two children, Gabrielle and Stephen, who are both attorneys.

Sarah R. Giglio graduated *magna cum laude*, from Texas A&M University and earned her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. Sarah began her career in criminal defense as an associate at Rosenthal & Wadas in McKinney, Texas, where she practiced until she moved to Shreveport. Once in Shreveport, she practiced at Elton Richey & Associates before opening Gilmer & Giglio in 2017. Sarah is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Texas. Sarah is a member of the National College for DUI Defense, the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Shreveport Bar Association, and the Booth-Politz Inn of Court. She was selected as a member of the 2016 Young Professionals Initiative 40 Under 40 class. She served as at the 2021-2022 President of the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier, and she currently serves on the Sci-Port Board of Directors and she is looking forward to her role at Chairwoman of the 2025 Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl.

Kenny Haines is a proud 1989 graduate of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU. He has been practicing law with the same Shreveport firm, Weems, Schimpf, Haines & Moore, for over 30 years handling all aspects of family, business and injury litigation in his career. He has worked as an Assistant District Attorney for the 2nd and 42nd JDCs, where he handled all post conviction matters and appeals for those DA offices. He worked on Child in Need of Care cases and handled juvenile and child support matters for the DeSoto District Attorney's office. Kenny clerked for the late Pike Hall, Jr. at both the Second Circuit Court of Appeal and Louisiana Supreme Court. He has been lead counsel in well over one hundred appeals in his career. He has spoken on both family law and appeal topics for the SBA, LSBA and LSU. He has been Chairman of the Appellate Specialization Advisory Commission and the 2024 President of the Shreveport Bar Association. He is the only lawyer in the State of Louisiana certified in both Family Law (2004) and Appellate Practice (2017).

Honorable John Hodge serves as the Chief U. S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Prior to his appointment in 2018, he served as a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee and was a member of a Shreveport law firm where his practice focused on bankruptcy, commercial litigation and commercial real estate. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Louisiana State University in 1985 and his J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at LSU in 1988.

Robin N. Jones has been an employee of the Second Circuit Court of Appeal for approximately 24 years, initially as a research attorney and since November 2020 as the Clerk of Court/Judicial Administrator. Robin attended LSU and subsequently graduated from Tulane University and then Loyola Law School in New Orleans in 1995. Robin is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Shreveport Bar Association, as well as a member of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks. She serves as an Assistant Examiner for the Committee on Bar Admissions for the subject of Civil Code I. Robin is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport (a current Elder, Deacon, and Sunday School teacher), Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club, a former board member of The Providence House, member of the Authors in April Committee, and former president of the Caddo Parish Magnet High School PTSA.

Tammy Jump has been an Assistant District Attorney for the Second Judicial District since October of 2000. The Second JDC includes Bienville, Claiborne and Jackson Parishes. She is currently the only full-time assistant in the district. She was appointed First Assistant District Attorney in October 2010. She has prosecuted over 3,000 felony cases including drug cases, violent crimes, domestic cases, crimes against children and homicides. She is Director of the Bienville Parish Truancy and Assessment Center, the ADA Legislative Liaison and the Elder Abuse Liaison to the Louisiana District Attorney's Association, a member of the Coordinated Community Response Teams for the Domestic Abuse Resistance Team for both Claiborne and Bienville Parishes and she's on the advisory board for the Claiborne Parish Office of Community Services. Tammy has been teaching legal updates with Judge Harmon and Ms. Jean Drew and Judge Jeff Cox in numerous parishes throughout the state for over fifteen years. Tammy is a legal instructor at Bossier Parish Sheriff's Training Academy, Louisiana State Police Academy and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Academy. She and her husband live in Claiborne Parish, and they are very active at First Baptist Church in Minden. She and her husband both play the violin in the orchestra. Her favorite hobbies are riding her horse and working on their farm.

Andrew "Drew" Martin practice focuses largely on oil and gas litigation, with a wide range of trial court and appellate experience in complex mineral law cases. In these lawsuits, he has primarily represented landowners and independent oil companies. Drew also has extensive practice in drafting and negotiating mineral leases and reviewing title to ascertain the ownership of mineral rights. In addition to his practice in the area, he has also authored several articles on mineral law in the LSU Journal of Energy Law &

Resources and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Journal. He is happily married to the incredible Heidi Martin and the two are blessed with a brilliant daughter named Anayansi.

Honorable Emily Merckle graduated Magna Cum Laude from LSU-BR in 2009 and taught English in Avignon, France for 1 year before law school (deferred law school one year). Emily graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mississippi College School of Law in 2013. She clerked for Judge Bobby Waddell, Judge Roy Brun, and Judge Eugene Bryson at the 1st JDC in 2014. Emily began working with Ryan Gatti, handling family, civil, and criminal law and made partner in 2016. Emily has tried numerous cases in the 1st and 26th Judicial District Court and been upheld by the LA 2nd Circuit 3 times, upheld by the LA Supreme Court, and was elected as Shreveport City Court Judge in 2020. Emily is a member and former duchess of the Krewe of Justinian, at large member of the SBA Executive Council and member of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald J. Miciotto received his undergraduate degree from Louisiana Tech in 1974. Ron began practicing law after graduating from Tulane Law School and being admitted to the Louisiana Bar Association in 1977. He was admitted to the United States Western District Court in 1979 and admitted to the United States Court of Appeal Fifth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court in 2010. He is a former member of the Harry Booth Inns and Court and past Captain for the Krewe of Justinian. He is a member of The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Black Judges Association, American Bar Association, and he is a past president and member of the Shreveport Bar Association.

Alexander Mijalis has been with Lunn Irion Law Firm since December 2009. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 2004 and LSU Law School in 2007. After starting his practice at a large regional firm in Baton Rouge, he returned home to Shreveport – where family is closer, life is simpler, and the practice of law is more enjoyable, thanks in large part to the Members of the Shreveport Bar. The majority of his practices consists of personal injury defense and other casualty litigation – including automobile, premises, and defective construction liability.

Honorable Brady Dennis O’Callaghan received his B.A. with honors in philosophy from Yale University and his J.D. from LSU Law School. He was the 1996 write on member of the Louisiana Law Review. He spent 2 years in general civil practice in Baton Rouge and 12 years as an assistant district attorney in New Orleans and Shreveport, prosecuting numerous murders and sex crimes. He tried nearly 100 jury trials and argued multiple cases to the Second Circuit Court of Appeal and the Louisiana Supreme Court. Judge O’Callaghan was elected in 2013 as a District Judge for the First Judicial District Court and has served on the criminal, family, and civil benches. He is a Past President of the Louisiana District Judges Association and past Chair of the Louisiana Judiciary Commission. He has served as an instructor for the trial advocacy program at LSU Law School since 2018. Judge O’Callaghan has also lectured to the bar, the judiciary, civic organizations, child advocates, law enforcement, and students on topics including judicial ethics, criminal constitutional law, jury selection, civics, and capital litigation. For everyone here that knows Judge O’Callaghan “You know him, you love him, Judge O’C”.

Roy “Hal” Odom Jr. is a senior research attorney at the Second Circuit Court of Appeal, in Shreveport. He is a graduate of LSU (BA, Philosophy, 1980) and LSU Law Center (JD, 1983) and has worked at the Second Circuit since 1984. He has been an editor and regular contributor to *The Bar Review* since 1999 and to *La. Bar Journal* since 2007. He is a charter member (1990) of the Judge Fred Fudickar Jr. AIC (Monroe, La.) and has been president of the Shreveport Coin Club since 1993.

Marshall Rice is a personal injury trial lawyer and partner at Rice & Kendig. He graduated from Centenary College in 2000 and earned his law degree from LSU in 2003. Marshall focuses his practice on representing plaintiffs in personal injury and wrongful death cases, including trucking and car wreck cases, across Louisiana. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his family/wife - Emily, and children Mollie and John Marshall.

Honorable Jeff Robinson was elected to the Second Circuit Court of Appeal in 2021. Judge Robinson previously served at the Third Judicial District Court, in Division A, from July 2018 until January 2021 and an Assistant D.A. for the Second, Third, and Eighth JDC, serving as a misdemeanor and felony prosecutor. He served as a Hearing Officer for the 8th JDC from 2002 until 2004 and served as Magistrate Judge for the town of Jonesboro from 1997 until 2004, and private law practice for twenty-three years. Judge Robinson received his JD from Southern University Law Center, magna cum laude, in 1995 and received his B.A. from Louisiana Tech University in 1992.

Jenny Weimer Segner serves as the Central Staff Director for the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal, where she handles both civil and criminal writs and supervises the central staff attorneys. Prior to this, she served as the Assistant Central Staff Director for six years. Jennifer also served as a judicial law clerk for several judges at the Second Circuit, engaged in the private practice of law and served as an assistant parish attorney for Terrebonne Parish. She is a member of both the Shreveport and Louisiana State Bar Associations.

Honorable James “Jimbo” Stephens is a graduate of LSU and the LSU Law Center, currently serves on the LA 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals having been elected in 2017 and again in 2018. He formerly served on the 5th Judicial District Court for ten years, six of those years as its chief judge. Judge Stephens is married to his bride of thirty three years, Faith, and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. They reside in Baskin, LA, where he enjoys hunting, fishing, as well as operating his farm. He is also a pilot and has personally built and flown three different aircraft successfully, I might add. He is an active member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners

Grant E. Summers has worked for over 25 years in the fields of property law, oil and gas law, probate and estate planning, business transactions, commercial lending, and commercial bankruptcy, and business organization. His recent practice in the energy sector has involved title disputes, claims for improper royalty deductions, unleased owner disputes, and mineral title analysis. Grant has also recently worked on projects concerning alternative energy resources and carbon sequestration.