

2025 Recent Developments by the Judiciary

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Drew Burnham is a shareholder at Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway, APLC. Drew has a diverse practice in both civil litigation and transactional work. However, much of his practice involves assisting oil and gas operators and pipeline companies in their transactions, all manner of litigation, and in permitting before the Office of Conservation. He graduated magna cum laude from Centenary College of Louisiana and from LSU with his law degree, where he was Order of the Coif. After law school, he served as law clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth E. Foote, U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. Drew is admitted to practice in both Louisiana and Texas.

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 where his practice primarily consisted of civil litigation defense in state courts involving civil rights, employment, and general casualty matters. He has been a district judge at the First Judicial District Court since August, 2022, currently assigned to Domestic Section F.

Elizabeth Mendell Carmody is special counsel at the law firm of Cook, Yancey where she practiced with the firm from 2000 through 2002 and rejoined the firm in 2009. Elizabeth represents employers of all sizes in the private and public sectors and primarily represents management's interests in almost all aspects of labor and employment law. She also represents local government entities in Louisiana, including sheriffs, municipalities, and police juries. She also regularly handles insurance defense litigation. She is licensed in Louisiana and Texas, is A/V rated and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America Employment Law - Management since 2018. A native of Lafayette, she received her B.A. from Newcomb College of Tulane University in 1995. She graduated from LSU Law School in 1998. She served as a law clerk for United States District Judge Donald E. Walter from 1999 to 2000 and 2002 to 2008. She also served as a law clerk for United States District Judge Rebecca Doherty in Lafayette from 1998 to 1999. She is the Shreveport Bar Association President, first vice president of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel and former president of the Shreveport Bar Foundation and the Red Mas Society. Elizabeth is a Team Leader in the local Inn of Court. She is also a member of the LSBA Ethics Advisory Service Committee

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 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, 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.

Honorable Terry Doughty graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1981 with a B.S. in Finance and received his Juris Doctorate from LSU Law School in 1984. After graduating law school, he practiced law at Cotton, Bolton, Hoychick & Doughty, in Rayville engaging in general practice, insurance defense and commercial litigation. Judge Doughty served as Assistant District Attorney for the Fifth Judicial District from 1985 - 2008, prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases, handling post-conviction relief applications and juvenile cases. He was elected unopposed as District Judge for the Fifth Judicial District Court, taking office on January 1, 2009, and taking a second term on January 1, 2015, again unopposed. Judge Doughty was nominated on August 3, 2017, by President Donald J. Trump to serve as United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate 98-0 on March 6, 2018. He received commission on March 7, 2018. He is currently serving as United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, in Monroe, Louisiana.

Honorable Jerry Edwards received a Bachelor of Arts from Georgia State University in 2002 and his Juris Doctor from Vermont Law and Graduate School in 2005. From 2005 to 2006, he served as a law clerk for Judges Jeanette Garrett and Scott Crichton of the Caddo Parish District Court. From 2006 to 2014, he was an associate at Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, and from 2014 to 2019, he was a shareholder and director at the same firm. From 2019 to 2023, he served as an assistant United States attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Louisiana. While at the U.S. Attorney's Office, he served as Chief of the Civil Division from 2020 to 2022 and from 2022 to 2023, he served as the first assistant U.S. attorney. On June 8, 2023, Judge Edwards was nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as a United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. He was confirmed on December 14, 2023, and began his service on the bench on December 23, 2023.

Judge Danny Ellender serves on the Second Circuit Court of Appeal. Prior to beginning his term in January of 2023, Judge Ellender served for 14 years as a District Judge on the Fourth Judicial District Court for Morehouse and Ouachita parishes. A graduate of the Louisiana Judicial Leadership Institute, Judge Ellender has been active on various state-wide boards for the administration of justice, including serving on the Louisiana State Law Institute, the Judicial Council of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Supreme Court's Committee on Judicial Ethics, the Board of Governors for Louisiana's Judicial College, and the

Louisiana District Judges Association Executive Committee. Judge Ellender and his wife, Amy, are the proud parents of six children and four grandchildren. They are active members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bastrop.

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 this year's Chairwoman of the 2025 Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl.

D. Lee Harville grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1990, he graduated from Caddo Magnet High School. In 1994, he graduated *summa cum laude* from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA. Lee was a Rhodes Scholar nominee and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. 1997 Lee graduated from Columbia University School of Law in New York, NY. He was a Stone Honor Moot Court finalist, winning best oral argument and best brief and oral argument in his Foundation-Year Moot Court group. Lee was admitted to practice law in the State of New York in May 1998. Lee was admitted to practice law in the State of Louisiana in February of 2001. Lee served as a law clerk to the Honorable Donald E. Walter, Senior Judge, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, from November 2000 to August 2001. Lee is a member of the Shreveport, Louisiana, and American Bar Associations. He also is a member of the LACDL and the NACDL. Lee has served in the public sector for over seven years and in the private sector for over 15 years. He has presented hundreds of cases in Kings County (Brooklyn, New York) Family Court, has argued in and won a moot court case presided over by a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and has represented clients in civil and criminal jury and bench trials. Additionally, he has briefed cases before Louisiana appellate courts, including the Louisiana Supreme Court and federal appellate courts, and has argued cases in the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal, and in the Louisiana Supreme Court. He is an attorney for the Louisiana Appellate Project and the CINC Appellate Project. He is an Appellate Practice Specialist, certified by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization. Lee also served as a staff attorney for the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, reviewing numerous federal appeals.

Allison Anne Jones received her undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University in 1982 and Juris Doctorate from LSU School of Law in 1985. She is a partner of the law firm Downer, Jones Marino & Wilhite LLC. Allison has litigated, settled, and mediated hundreds of employment law cases. Several of her cases have been featured on 60 Minutes, CNN, and other national news networks. A significant part of her practice includes representing plaintiffs in employment discrimination cases. In 1995, she was counsel for the plaintiff in the gender discrimination/retaliation case of Melody Olson v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, where she obtained a 3.2 million dollar jury verdict which was affirmed on appeal. Along with many other professional and civic organizations, Allison has been actively involved in the Shreveport Bar Association, serving as President in 2004. She is also the past President of the Harry V. Booth and Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court.

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 8,000 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, Domestic Violence Prevention Commission representative for the LDAA, 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.

John T. Kalmbach is a shareholder at Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway, APLC. He represents oil, gas, and pipeline companies with operations in Louisiana. Since the inception of the Haynesville Shale, he has represented most of the operators in the play. He has extensive experience in all aspects of Louisiana mineral law and regularly represents clients in federal and state litigation involving mineral rights. He is a member of the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute. He is listed in Chambers USA for Energy & Natural Resources: Oil & Gas and rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington and Lee University where he was *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa and a law degree from Louisiana State University where he was Executive Senior Editor of the *Louisiana Law Review* and Order of the Coif. He served as law clerk to United States District Judge Tom Stagg.

William F. Kendig Jr. is a partner at the law firm of Rice and Kendig Injury Lawyers where he practices in the areas of personal injury. Bill received his Bachelor of Science at the University of Utah and earned his Juris Doctorate from Juris Doctor, Paul M. Hebert Law School. He is a member of the Shreveport Bar Association and was President in 2013. He is a Monitor for the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Committee and has extensive experience in state and federal courts and has argued cases before Louisiana Courts of Appeal and Supreme Court.

Judge Craig Marcotte is a native of Shreveport. He attended Jesuit High School and obtained his undergraduate degree from Louisiana Tech University. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Paul M. Hebert School of Law at Louisiana State University. Judge Marcotte practiced law in Lafayette, Natchitoches, and then with the Shreveport firm of Hubley, Marcotte, Rhodes, and Hussy before taking the bench. Judge Marcotte served in civil and criminal sections at the First Judicial District Court from 2009-2022. Judge Marcotte was elected to the Second Circuit Court of Appeal in March 2022.

Justice Jay B. McCallum began his tenure as an Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court on November 13, 2020. He was elected from District 4, the largest Supreme Court District in terms of geographical size and number of parishes. He serves on a number of committees including the Louisiana Sheriff's Executive Management Institute, the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, and the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society and was appointed by his fellow justices to serve on the Louisiana State Law Institute. Prior to becoming a Supreme Court Justice, Justice McCallum was elected and served as a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives for 11 years, as a trial judge at the Third Judicial District Court for 15 years and in 2018 was elected without opposition to serve on the Second Circuit Court of Appeal. In addition to an undergraduate degree from Northeast Louisiana University (now ULM), and a Juris Doctorate from L.S.U., Jay holds a Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Justice Jay, as he is known to many of his constituents, is a motivational and inspirational speaker for various religious,

civic, business, and trade groups. He and his wife, Deanna, are members of First Baptist Church, Farmerville, Louisiana, and have two children and three grandchildren.

Honorable Amy Burford McCartney is the Chief Judge of the 42nd Judicial District Court in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana. She is a general jurisdiction judge presiding over civil and criminal matters in the district. Additionally, she has exclusive juvenile jurisdiction in the district. Volunteers for Youth Justice recognized Judge McCartney as its Hero of the Year for 2020. Judge McCartney worked alongside VYJ to establish a Court Appointed Special Advocate program in DeSoto Parish, which program became operational in 2018. She worked with VYJ and the DeSoto Parish Police Jury to renovate courthouse space for a Calming Studio for local foster care children, which opened in 2021. She is a member of several professional organizations, and she serves on the board of directors for Faith and Fostering, which serves homeless young people ages 18 – 24. She received her J.D. from Baylor Law School.

Honorable Kayla Dye McClusky graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1992 with a B.A. in English and in 1995 with an M.A. in English and Technical Writing. In 1998, she graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Law, summa cum laude. In law school, she served as a member of The Tennessee Law Review and the Labor Law Moot Court Team, was selected to Phi Kappa Phi and Order of the Coif and was employed as a law clerk for the Office of the General Counsel, University of Tennessee Medical Center. Following law school, Judge McClusky was in private practice, specializing in labor and employment law in Atlanta, Georgia. After returning to her home state of Louisiana, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert G. James, Western District of Louisiana, from 2000-2001. She then returned to private practice in 2001. In 2003, she accepted a career law clerk position with Judge James and served in that capacity until 2018. In 2018, she became a career law clerk for the Honorable Terry A. Doughty, a position she held until being sworn in as United States Magistrate Judge on February 22, 2021. She currently serves as the sole magistrate judge for the Monroe Division and is also assigned twenty-five percent of the Shreveport civil docket.

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 in 1995. He received his J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert School of Law at LSU in 1999. After two years of general civil practice in Baton Rouge, he became a prosecutor in the Orleans Parish District Attorney’s Office, and then returned to Shreveport to serve as an assistant district attorney for Caddo Parish. Judge O’Callaghan was elected in 2013 as a District Judge for the First Judicial District Court. He was re-elected without opposition in August of 2015. Judge O’Callaghan presides over civil cases in Section B. He is a Past President of the Louisiana District Judges Association, a past Chair of the Louisiana Judiciary Commission, and a Board Member for the Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society. He is also a Master of the Bench Member of the American Inns of Court. Judge O’Callaghan has lectured on topics including prosecutorial and judicial ethics, criminal constitutional law, jury selection, and capital litigation. Judge O’Callaghan is married to Amy Vogel O’Callaghan, and they have twin sons, Logan and Marshall.

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.