



# Federal Bar Association

## Lafayette/Acadiana Chapter

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## President's Message

*By Heather W. Edwards*

I am truly honored to serve as President of the Lafayette-Acadiana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association for the 2016 year. Our chapter is a small and close-knit organization with some of the sharpest, most professional federal practitioners in the country. With the help of the membership and board members, I hope to continue the worthwhile activities started by our previous presidents by providing services to our members and our community. Our Chapter's primary purpose is to strengthen the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and the needs of the federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal judiciary and the public they serve. To that end, your board held its first meeting of the year on January 13, 2016, and we have a full slate of activities planned for the year ahead.

We will start the year off with the first in a series of Brown Bag CLEs. Please join us Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:00 for "Alternative Dispute Resolution with the U.S. Judiciary," presented by Magistrate Judge Hanna. Registration materials are attached at the end of this newsletter, so please mark your calendar, submit your registration, and plan to attend.

On Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting "Battle of the Brains Trivia Night" at Legends Annex downtown. We start at 5:30 p.m., trivia kicks off at 6:00 and will focus on political and legal trivia. Join us as Lafayette's legal community competes for fame, bragging rights and prizes on the battlefield of [useless] legal and political knowledge! We hope to see you all for fun, libations and a little friendly competition. For more information about some of the events we have planned for the upcoming year, see the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter.

We are also in the initial stages of planning the first FBA Cypremort Point Fishing Rodeo to take place Friday and Saturday, September 23-24<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Lafayette Parish Bar Association's annual Maritime CLE at Cypremort Point. We are currently gauging the interest of our members in this event, so if this is something in which you would participate, please contact us at [federalbar.acadiana@gmail.com](mailto:federalbar.acadiana@gmail.com).

In closing, I want to say we are here to serve. This is your bar. If there is anything we can do to add enrichment or value to your membership, we want to know. Please contact us with any and all ideas. We look forward to 2016 and hope you will join us as we make your bar an effective tool in the administration of justice and service.

*Interested in becoming a member of the Federal Bar Association?*

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## Upcoming Events

### Brown Bag CLE: ADR From the Judiciary

**Date:** February 24, 2016

**Place:** Federal Courthouse – Court Room 5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Presented By: Magistrate Judge Patrick J. Hanna*

### Battle of the Brains Trivia Night

**Date:** March 30, 2016

**Place:** Legends Annex Downtown

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

### Brown Bag CLE: IT for Attorneys

**Date:** June 29, 2016

**Place:** Federal Courthouse – Court Room 5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Presented By: Brent Norris & Valerie Moore*

### Brown Bag CLE: Bankruptcy

**Date:** July 27, 2016

**Place:** TBA

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Presented By: The Honorable Robert R. Summerhays*

### Brown Bag CLE: Criminal Law

**Date:** August 31, 2016

**Place:** Federal Courthouse – Court Room 5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Presented By: The Honorable Carol B. Whitehurst & Cristie G. Gibbens*

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Judge Shaw “Country Gentleman” Civility & Ethics Seminar

**Date:** December 1, 2016

**Place:** Federal Courthouse

## Judge John Shaw “Country Gentlemen” Civility & Ethics CLE



On December 3, 2015, the Lafayette-Acadiana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Judge John Shaw “Country Gentlemen” Civility & Ethics CLE, in conjunction with the election and swearing-in of the 2016 Board Members. The newest member of the bench in the Western District of Louisiana, Magistrate Judge Carol B. Whitehurst, introduced herself to the bar with “Best Practices for Magistrate Judge Whitehurst,” followed by an interactive discussion addressing recent amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, led by Judge Whitehurst and A.G. (“Alec”) Alexander, III, partner at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P.

Attorneys Leslie Schiff of Schiff, Scheckman & White in Opelousas, Louisiana, and Tammy Parker Pratt of Ottinger Hebert, LLC in Lafayette, Louisiana presented “Hot Topics in Ethics – 2015.” The Honorable Richard T. Haik presented our bar with his last CLE as a sitting judge, “Do’s and Don’ts in Federal Court.” To help Judge Haik with his transition back into private practice and to thank him for his service to the Federal Bar over the last twenty-five years, our outgoing Chapter President, Kenneth W. DeJean, presented Judge Haik with a new briefcase on behalf of the Lafayette-Acadiana Chapter. The event concluded with a food and wine reception. *(Continued on p. 4.)*

**Judge Shaw CLE (cont'd)**



Outgoing President Kenneth W. DeJean presenting the Honorable Richard T. Haik with a new briefcase on behalf of the Chapter for his transition back into private practice



The Honorable Carol B. Whitehurst and A.G. "Alec" Alexander, III present "Recent Updates to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure"



# NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome to our newest members:*

**Con Cotter**

*Young, Cotter & Meade*

**Edward C. Abell**

*Onebane Law Firm*

**Nick Blanda**

*Anderson, Dozier, Blanda  
& Saltzman*

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*Haik, Minvielle & Grubbs*

**Cory Hebert**

*U.S. Judiciary*

**Charles Chuck Kreamer**

*Allen & Gooch*

**Kasey Pharis**

*Pharis Law Firm*

**Jennifer Reasoner**

*Bourgeois Law*

**Nick Wise**

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**Jeffrey Kyle Coreil**

*Neuner Pate*

**Jillian Rivers**

*Attorney at Law*

**George H. Robinson**

*Liskow & Lewis*

**Ross Roubion**

*Onebane Law Firm*

**Keith Saltzman**

*Anderson, Dozier, Blanda  
& Saltzman*

**Melissa Theriot**

*Neuner Pate*

*Congratulations to our Treasurer Robert D. Felder for becoming a partner of Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier, McElligott, Fontenot, Gideon & Edwards!*



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### *Alternative Dispute Resolution With the U.S. Judiciary*

**Brown Bag CLE**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**  
**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Lafayette-Acadiana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is pleased to host Alternative Dispute Resolution with the United States Judiciary, presented by the Honorable Patrick J. Hanna. Learn tips of the trade for effective dispute resolution, such as how to meet the judge's expectations for settlement preparations, preparing your client for settlement, and effective procedures and techniques. Application pending for one hour of MCLE credit.

#### **Details**

**Date & Time:** February 24, 2016  
Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m.; CLE presented from 12–1 p.m.

**Location:** U.S. District Court WDLA, 800 Lafayette Street, Lafayette, LA  
Third Floor, Court Room 5

**Registration Fees:** FBA Member Rate - \$10 advance / \$15 at the door  
Non-Member Rate - \$20 advance / \$25 at the door

*\* Registration fees are waived for attendees who become new members of our Chapter*

*\*\* Registration must be received no later than February 22, 2016 for the advance rate*



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### Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

La. Bar Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ Bar Admit Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)

**FBA Member:**

\$10 Advance / \$15 At Door

**Non-Member:**

\$20 Advance / \$ 25 At Door

*Brown bag lunches available for additional \$10 with advance registration*

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration fees will be waived for attendees who become new members of our Chapter; membership applications will be available at the registration table.*

**To register online, please go to:** [www.fedbar.org/Chapters/LafayetteAcadiana-Chapter/Calendar.aspx](http://www.fedbar.org/Chapters/LafayetteAcadiana-Chapter/Calendar.aspx). Otherwise, please complete the above registration and remit payment to the Federal Bar Association, Lafayette-Acadiana Chapter c/o Heather W. Edwards, 800 Lafayette St., Ste. 4900, Lafayette, LA 70501. Registration must be received no later than February 22, 2016 to qualify for the advance rate. Please contact Heather W. Edwards at [federalbar.acadiana@gmail.com](mailto:federalbar.acadiana@gmail.com) with any questions.