Speakers from the panel entitled, “The Art of Persuasion: Written and Oral Advocacy” (l to r)—Hon. Susie Morgan, Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Hon. Sarah Vance, Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; Hon. Jane Triche Milazzo, Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana (Moderator and member of the Conference Planning Committee); and Hon. Nannette Brown, Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

Speakers from the panel entitled, “The Art of Advancement: Perspectives from the General Counsel” (l to r)—Tony West, Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Pepsi; Anh Kremer, Deputy General Counsel, Center for Diagnostic Imaging (Moderator and member of the Conference Planning Committee); Jennifer Lohse, General Counsel, Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation; and Timothy Pratt, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Boston Scientific Corporation.

Speakers from the panel entitled, “The Art of Negotiation: Effective Business Communications and Effective Self-Advocacy” (l to r)—Alida C. Hainkel, Partner, Jones Walker LLP (member of the Conference Planning Committee); Tania Tetlow, The Felder-Fayard Professor of Law and University Chief of Staff and Vice President, Tulane University; Savaria Harris, Partner, DLA Piper LLP; Susan Smith Blakely, Author, Speaker, & Law Career Counselor; and Dawn E. Stern, Associate, DLA Piper LLP (Moderator and member of the Conference Planning Committee).

Speakers from the panel entitled, “The Art of Prosecution and Compassion: Perspectives on Human Trafficking” (l to r)—Kara Van de Carr, Founder, Eden House (Moderator); Clemmie Greenlee, Sex Trafficking Survivor; and Kenneth Allen Polite Jr., U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana.
The theme for this year’s Women in the Law Conference was “The Art of Achievement.” Donna Brazile, veteran Democratic political strategist, was the luncheon keynote—an outstanding speaker and genuine advocate for women in the law, who stayed for photos and spoke with attendees after lunch. The CLE sessions featured equally notable speakers: Four women judges from the Eastern District of Louisiana presented on oral and written advocacy; another panel featured a discussion with general counsels from major U.S. corporations; a scholarly group presented a look at the glass ceiling through the lens of business practice and negotiation; and the final panel focused on criminal law, specifically human trafficking. Before the discussion began, speakers and conference attendees mingled at a welcome reception sponsored by Jones Walker on Wednesday evening.