

## Professional Legal Services Questionnaire

### A. Person or Firm Name & Principal Address:

Chehardy Sherman Williams Recile Hayes, LLP  
One Galleria Blvd., Suite 1100  
Metairie, Louisiana 70001

### B. Name, Title, & contact information of Firm Representative, as defined in Section 2-926 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, who is licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana with a minimum of five (5) years' experience:

Lawrence E. Chehardy  
Co-Managing Partner  
504-833-5600

David R. Sherman  
Co-Managing Partner  
504-833-5600

### C. Location of the principal:

Chehardy Sherman Williams Recile Hayes, LLP  
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Metairie, Louisiana 70001

### D. Please check the legal field or fields in which Firm is qualified to perform services for Jefferson Parish and include the number of years of experience in that particular field.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bond Services (Years: <u>15</u> )               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science & Technology Law (Years: <u>8</u> )  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elections (Years: <u>45</u> )                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State & Local Government Law (Years: <u>45</u> )   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative & Regulatory (Years: <u>44</u> ) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taxation (Years: <u>45</u> )   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law (Years: <u>      </u> )                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tort Trial & Insurance Practices (Years: <u>49</u> )   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Law (Years: <u>52</u> )                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation) (Years: <u>49</u> )                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice (Years: <u>11</u> )            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Securities (Years: <u>49</u> )   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution (Years: <u>48</u> )          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethics Law (Years: <u>45</u> )   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental, Energy & Resources (Years: <u>      </u> )  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Matters (Years: <u>45</u> )  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Law (Years: <u>45</u> )                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights & the Constitution (Years: <u>23</u> )  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property (Years: <u>49</u> )       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Representation (including liability & intergovernmental conflicts) (Years: <u>46</u> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Law (Years: <u>      </u> )                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement Matters (Years: <u>14</u> )   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment Law (Years: <u>34</u> )      |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Contract Law (Years: <u>45</u> )         |  |

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___ Public Utilities Law (Years: ___) ___ Communications Law (Years: ___) ___ Transportation Law (Years: ___) X Property (Years: 52 ) X Trust & Estate Law (Years: 52 ) X Other/specific project as required by the advertisement (Years: 48 )	X Oil Spill Litigation (Years: 49 ) X Public Finance (Years: 15 ) X Land Use, Planning & Zoning Law (Years: 35 ) X Economic Development (Years: 45 ) X Construction Law (Years: 44 ) X Public Bid Law (Years: 45) X Public Emergencies and Disaster Law (Years: 48)
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**E. List all subcontractors anticipated for this Project. Please note that all subcontractors must submit a fully completed copy of this questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement. See Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, Sec. 2-928(a)(3). Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

Name & Address:	Specialty:	Worked with Firm Before (Yes or No):
1. Philip B. Sherman Adams & Reese, LLP 701 Poydras Street, Suite 4500 New Orleans, Louisiana 70139	Property Land Use, Planning and Zoning Law Code Enforcement Matters	Yes
2.		
3.		
4.		



## Professional Legal Services Questionnaire

### **F. Professional Training and experience in relation to the type of work required for the outside legal services.**

CSW is ranked, each year, by U.S. News & World Report as one of our Country's Top Law Firms. Many of our 42 attorneys are consistently recognized by their peers, on both a national and local level, as among the top attorneys in the legal profession. CSW and our attorneys have received the most prestigious accolades in the legal profession. CSW also has a significant administrative law practice representing numerous governmental entities as well as public and private boards throughout the State. Several of our attorneys regularly testify before various Louisiana legislative committees.



### **G. Size of Firm and capacity for timely completion of newly assigned work considering the number of professional and support personnel required to perform the type of outside legal services tasks and the Firm's current unfinished workload.**

Chehardy Sherman Williams Recile Hayes, LLP ("CSW") has 42 attorneys. Each attorney is assigned a Legal Secretary and Paralegal. CSW is adequately staffed and equipped to timely and effectively complete work assigned by our Clients to the highest legal professional standards.

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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
<b>1.</b> Lawrence E. Chehardy	Elections Administrative & Regulatory Public Contract Law Public Bid Law Ethics Law Civil Service Matters State and Local Governmental Law	45
<b>2.</b> David R. Sherman	Administrative & Regulatory Business Law Health Law Public Contract Trust & Estate Law Municipal Representation Public Bid Law Taxation Ethics Law Civil Service Matters State and Local Government Law Economic Development	45
<b>3.</b> James M. Williams	Business Law Complex Litigation Public Contract Law Municipal Representation Civil Service Matters Tort Trial and Insurance Practices State and Local Government Law Civil Rights & the Constitution	23
<b>4.</b> George R. Recile	Dispute Resolution Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	43
<b>5.</b> Steven E. Hayes	Trust and Estate Law Taxation	38



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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. Stephen D. Marx	Business Law Municipal Representation Land Use, Planning and Zoning Law Property Code Enforcement Matters	37
2. George A. Mueller III	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> Bond Services Administrative &amp; Regulatory Business Law Health Law Intellectual Property Law Public Contract Law Property Trust and Estate Law Public Finance Public Bid Law </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> Taxation Securities Ethics Law State and Local Government Law Code Enforcement Matters Transportation Law Land Use, Planning and Zoning Law Economic Development Construction Law </div> </div>	18
3. Conrad Meyer	Administrative & Regulatory Dispute Resolution Health Law Labor and Employment Law Municipal Representation Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	22
4. Patrick K. Reso	Business Law Trust and Estate Law Taxation Law	30
5. Matthew A. Sherman	Business Law Criminal Justice Labor and Employment Law Municipal Representation Public Contract Law Trust and Estate Law Public Bid Law Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	13

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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. Jennifer A. Lee	Business Law Intellectual Property Law Labor and Employment Law Trust and Estate Law Civil Service Matters	21
2. Inemesit U. O'Boyle	Business Law Administrative & Regulatory State and Local Government Municipal Representation Civil Service Matters Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation Civil Rights & the Constitution	16
3. Daniel E. Buras, Jr.	Business Law Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	21
4. J. Garrison Jordan	Criminal Justice Complex Litigation	31
5. Patrick R. Follette	Business Law Health Law Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Municipal Representation Complex Litigation Public Contract Law State and Local Government Law Construction Law	10



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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. Adam M. Stumpf	Business Law Dispute Resolution Health Law Labor and Employment Law Trust and Estate Law Municipal Representation Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Economic Development State and Local Government Law Code Enforcement Matters Construction Law	12
2. R. Christopher Martin	Administrative & Regulatory Business Dispute Resolution Health Law Public Contract Law Municipal Representation Public Bid Law Civil Service Matters	41
3. Walter R. Woodruff	Administrative & Regulatory Criminal Justice Labor and Employment Law Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation Civil Rights and the Constitution Construction Law	25
4. Stephen K. Conroy	Business Law	40
5. Elsbet C. Smith	Business Law Labor and Employment Law Property Trust and Estate Law Construction Law	15

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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. Jacob D. Young	Business Law Intellectual Property Property Oil Spill Litigation Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation Ethics Law Code Enforcement Land Use, Planning and Zoning Law Construction Law	10
2. Rory V. Bellina	Administrative & Regulatory Science Business Law & Technology Health Law Intellectual Property Public Contract Law Municipal Representation Public Bid Law Ethics Law Civil Service Matters	8
3. Edwin T. Murray	Business Law Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	2
4. Courtney P. Newton	Administrative & Regulatory Business Law Trust and Estate Law Tort Trial and Insurance Practices	18
5. Jason P. Franco	Dispute Resolution Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	17



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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. Meredith E. Chehardy	Business Law Property Tort Trial and Insurance Practices	4
2. Nicholas R. Varisco	Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	4
3. Taquencia M. Jairles	Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	11
4. Sarah J. L. Christakis	Health Law	11
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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. Philip J. LaBorde	Business Law Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	2
2. Jonathan M. Lee	Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	3
3. Anna M. Singleton	Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	2
4. Jeremy N. Gettes	Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	4
5. Marshall C. Watson	Complex Litigation Intellectual Property Criminal Justice Labor & Employment Law	6



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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
<b>1.</b> William N. Macaluso	Criminal Justice Complex Litigation	5
<b>2.</b> Katie L. Stevenson	Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	3
<b>3.</b> Amanda D. Hogue	Business Law Securities Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Property Trust and Estate Law	12
<b>4.</b> Dylan Perry	Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	2
<b>5.</b> Fred L. Herman (Counsel)	Business Law      Land Use, Planning & Zoning Law Dispute Resolution      Complex Litigation Ethics Law      Zoning Law Labor and Employment Law Property Trust and Estate Law Intellectual Property Public Emergencies & Disaster Law Oil Spill Litigation Code Enforcement Matters Tort Trial and Insurance Practices	49

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Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. P.J. Stakelum III (Of Counsel)	Business Law Dispute Resolution Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation Securities	49
2. Paula Perrone (Of Counsel)	Business Law	46
3. Clark G. Warden, M.D. (Of Counsel)	Health Law	6
4. Erin Rigsby Hawkins (Of Counsel)	Tort Trial and Insurance Practices Complex Litigation	6
5.		



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### **H. Past performance by person or Firm on Parish contracts. Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

Attorneys at CSW have handled both litigation and non-litigation for a wide range of areas for the Parish of Jefferson for over 35 years.

- I. Adversarial legal proceedings between the Parish and the person or Firm performing professional services, in which the Parish prevailed, and excluding those instances or cases where the person or Firm was added as an indispensable party, or where the person or Firm participated in or assisted the public entity in prosecution of its claim. In the event that the person or Firm fails to provide accurate and detailed information regarding legal proceedings with the Parish, including the absence of legal proceedings, the person or firm shall be deemed unresponsive with regard to this category, and zero (0) points shall be awarded. Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

NONE

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**J. Prior successful completion of projects of the type and nature of legal services, as defined, for which Firm has provided verifiable references. (List no more than 10 projects.)**

1. As General/Special Counsel to Jefferson Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, d/b/a East Jefferson General Hospital for fifteen (15) years. Chehardy Sherman Williams Recile Hayes, LLP rendered legal services in a wide range of areas. It rendered legal services involving bond services, elections, administrative and regulatory, business law, criminal justice, dispute resolution, health law, intellectual property law, labor and employment law, public contract law, taxation, tort trial and insurance practices, complex litigation, securities, ethics law, civil rights and the constitution, municipal representation, code enforcement matters, public finance, land use planning and zoning law, economic development, construction law, public bid law and public emergencies and disaster law.
2. CSW was retained by the Office of Inspector General, Parish of Jefferson to review and render a written opinion regarding the corporate and tax status of various corporations, including the preparation of an opinion regarding the validity of certain agreements entered into between various Jefferson Parish entities and those corporations.
3. CSW has handled several complex matters for the Louisiana Department of Revenue.
4. Attorneys at CSW have handled both litigation and non-litigation for the City of Kenner. For example, David R. Sherman and Rory V. Bellina have advised the City of Kenner on various issues regarding the City's Budget. David R. Sherman has represented the City in connection with issues involving Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy including the preparation of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Kenner and Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy. Fred L. Herman, Matthew A. Sherman and Walter R. Woodruff, along with other litigators at CSW have represented the City in connection with litigation involving Ramelli Janitorial Services, Inc. and litigation involving Veolia Water. CSW attorneys also worked with the City in connection with issues involving James Mahomed. CSW attorneys are currently representing the City on property damage matters due to Hurricane Ida as well as tornado damage matters.

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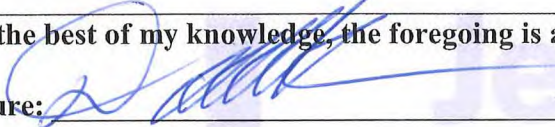


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**K. Use this space to provide any additional information or description of resources supporting Firm's qualifications for the proposed project.**

N/A

**L. To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is an accurate statement of facts.**

**Signature:** 

**Print Name:** David R. Sherman

**Title:** Co-Managing Partner

**Date:** October 30, 2023



## LAWRENCE E. CHEHARDY

### CO-MANAGING PARTNER

*Lawrence Chehardy is one of the founding members of the firm. For thirty-four years, he also served as the Assessor of Jefferson Parish, and was the leading authority on Louisiana's property tax laws.*

Lawrence Chehardy is one of the founding members of the firm. For thirty-four years, Mr. Chehardy also served as the Assessor of Jefferson Parish, and was the leading authority on Louisiana's property tax laws. Mr. Chehardy has testified before numerous legislative committees regarding property tax laws and property tax exemptions.

Always a visible contributor to the Louisiana Assessors' Association, he has served in many key positions including President, Vice-president, and Treasurer of the Louisiana Assessors' Association. He also served on numerous boards and committees of the association. In addition to speaking to numerous local organizations and civic groups, Mr. Chehardy has also been a guest speaker at the American Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education Seminar for lawyers as well as the International Association of Assessing Officers' continuing education seminars.

During his four decade long career, Mr. Chehardy's ability to navigate politics and push forward legislation has brought landmark results. As the principal architect of post-Katrina and post-Rita legislation, his efforts ensured that property owners whose property was damaged as a result of these hurricanes would not be unfairly taxed on the full value of their property but rather on the value of their property in its damaged condition. This legislation has helped significantly with the rebirth and revitalization of those areas devastated by the storms by reducing the property tax burden in those areas. Since 2016, Mr. Chehardy has served as Chairman of the Louisiana Tax Commission.

Outside of his legal and tax career, Mr. Chehardy has extensive knowledge of politics, political campaigning, and the political process. Mr. Chehardy has been instrumental in the election of numerous candidates through endorsements as well as campaign strategy committees regarding property tax laws and property tax exemptions.

Learn more at [chehardy.com](http://chehardy.com).

### CONTACT

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[chehardy.com](http://chehardy.com)

### PRACTICE AREAS

- + Business and Corporate

### EDUCATION

- + Loyola University New Orleans, B.B.A., 1974;
- + Loyola University New Orleans, J.D., 1977

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Supreme Court
- + United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- + Louisiana Supreme Court

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + Federal Bar Association – New Orleans Chapter
- + Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- + American Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + Jefferson Bar Association
- + International Association of Assessing Officers 1977-2010
- + Louisiana Assessors' Association, President, 1998





# LAWRENCE E. CHEHARDY

## CO-MANAGING PARTNER

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- + Jefferson Chamber's 2010 Community Leader of the Year award
- + CityBusiness 2022 50 Most Influential People in the Greater New Orleans Area
- + CityBusiness 2012, 2015 and 2016 Leadership in Law awards
- + CityBusiness Leadership in Law Hall of Fame
- + One of New Orleans Citybusiness' 2020 Driving Forces

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + Co-Captain of the Krewe of Argus which parades on Mardi Gras Day in Metairie
- + Lawrence and his wife are also volunteers with the New Orleans chapter of Susan G. Komen which is committed to ending breast cancer forever
- + Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation
- + Member of the Governor John Bel Edwards Transition Task Force on Fiscal Matters (2016)

### NOTEWORTHY EXPERIENCE

- + Jefferson Parish Assessor 1977-2010
- + Chairman of the Louisiana Tax Commission since 2016

### PUBLICATION & PUBLISHED WORKS

- + Property Taxes Can Be Expensive But Time to Appeal May Be Limited





## DAVID R. SHERMAN

### CO-MANAGING PARTNER

*Numerous publications have listed Mr. Sherman as one of the Greater Metropolitan New Orleans Area's business and civic leaders. He is one of the founding partners of Chehardy Sherman Williams and serves on its Management Committee. Mr. Sherman has a multifaceted transactional practice.*

David Sherman is the co-managing partner of Chehardy Sherman Williams. Having practiced law for more than four decades, Mr. Sherman has received numerous awards and accolades, and his services are sought out from all over the region. Professionally, he was selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2010-2022 editions), he was named a Louisiana Super Lawyer (2007-2022 editions), he was included in the New Orleans Magazine's 2022 Top Lawyers list, and he was inducted into the New Orleans CityBusiness Leadership in Law Hall of Fame. Mr. Sherman also received the highest rating from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory regarding legal ability and adherence to ethical standards, professional reliability, and diligence.

As a lifelong resident of New Orleans, community involvement is an important hallmark of Mr. Sherman's personal and professional career. His has been recognized for his service and commitment to local organizations over the last 40 years. In 2022, he was named a New Orleans ICON by New Orleans CityBusiness. This prestigious award celebrates his leadership skills and dedication to the community. St. Charles Avenue Magazine recently named Mr. Sherman an Activist of the Year. He was also inducted into the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation Hall of Fame for his more than 20 years, serving as chairman of the board numerous times. Earlier, he was chosen as the co-chair of the 2022 NCAA Men's Final Four Local Organizing Committee. The extraordinary dedication Mr. Sherman possesses can be seen through his continuous philanthropic work, including donating hundreds of thousands of dollars of free legal work to local nonprofits.

Mr. Sherman has a multifaceted transactional practice. He represents businesses in all aspects of their planning, including structural planning, tax planning, corporate compliance and operations, contract negotiation, and the sale and acquisition of businesses. Mr. Sherman works with individual clients in their business planning, tax planning, and estate planning. He also serves as legal counsel to numerous healthcare providers, including full-service hospitals, surgery and imaging centers, and medical practices.

Mr. Sherman graduated from the University of New Orleans and received his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 1977, where he was a member of its Law Review and published *Donations Mortis Causa*, 22 Loyola L. Rev. 768 (1976). In 1978, he received his Master of Law in Taxation from Boston University and is a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, Jefferson Parish Bar Association, and Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit.

Mr. Sherman holds licenses to practice law in the United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Claims; United States Tax Court; United States Sales Tax Court; United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana; United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana; and United States District Court, Western District Court.

Learn more at [chehardy.com](https://chehardy.com).

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[chehardy.com](https://chehardy.com)

#### PRACTICE AREAS

- + Business and Corporate
- + Healthcare
- + Estate Planning and Successions
- + Taxation

#### EDUCATION

- + University of New Orleans  
— B.S. in Business Administration, 1974
- + Loyola University — J.D., 1977
- + Boston University — L.L.M. in Taxation, 1978

#### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Supreme Court
- + United States Court of Claims
- + United States Tax Court
- + United States Sales Tax Court
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District Court



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### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit
- + Jefferson Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + Jefferson Bar Association
- + International Association of Assessing Officers 1977-2010
- + Louisiana Assessors' Association, President, 1998

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- + Member of the Lawyers of Distinction (Class of 2018)
- + Named a 2022 New Orleans ICON by New Orleans CityBusiness
- + Named an Activist of the Year by St. Charles Avenue Magazine in 2022
- + Inducted into the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation Hall of Fame
- + Named to Top Lawyers in the New Orleans Area by New Orleans Magazine
- + Selected by New Orleans Magazine as one of New Orleans'/Jefferson's Most Influential Citizens and a "Person to Watch"
- + Named to Leadership in Law Top 50 Lawyers by New Orleans CityBusiness in 2007, 2008 and 2009
- + Named to the New Orleans CityBusiness Leadership in Law Hall of Fame
- + Listed in numerous editions of Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in Practicing Attorneys and Who's Who in New Orleans
- + Recipient of the University of New Orleans 1989 Homer L. Hitt Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award
- + Selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America (2010-2020 editions)
- + Recipient of the University of New Orleans 1991 College of Business Alumnus of the Year award

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + Selected by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve on his Health Care Transition Team.
- + Member of the Board of Directors of Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy Charter School.
- + Member of the Board of WWII Theatre, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the National World War II Museum
- + Past President of the University of New Orleans Alumni Association
- + Past Officer/Director of the University of New Orleans Foundation
- + Past President of the University of New Orleans Athletic Association
- + Past Member of the Board of Trustees of Metairie Park Country Day School
- + Past President, Metairie Park Country Day School Dads' Club
- + Past Chairman of Board of Directors of Children's House Montessori School
- + Past Member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Bar Association, Specialization Board on Taxation
- + Past Member of the Board of Directors of the East Jefferson General Hospital Foundation
- + Past Member of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Gates of Prayer
- + Director/Jefferson Community Foundation
- + Past Member of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson Parish Health Services Task Force, Jefferson Parish Financial Evaluation Committee, Jefferson Parish Tourism Advisory Board and Jefferson Parish Metropolitan Baseball Commission
- + Past Member of the Board of Directors of Juvenile Diabetes Association and Southern Hearing and Speech Foundation
- + Past Chairman of the Medical Services Sector for the Junior Achievement Fund Campaign
- + Past Member of the Jefferson Tourism Advisory Board







## JAMES M. WILLIAMS

### PARTNER

*James Williams is a nationally recognized trial attorney who has litigated cases in 15 different states, Puerto Rico, and Milan, Italy. Savoy Magazine has named him to their list of the "Top Must Have Lawyers in the Country." He has been named one of the "Top 100 High Stakes Litigators" by the organization that rates America's top 100 attorneys. He is one of the "Nation's Top One Percent" of attorneys according to the National Association of Distinguished Counsel.*

### CONTACT

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thetrialteam.com

### PRACTICE AREAS

- + The Trial Team
- + Business and Corporate
- + Personal Injury

### EDUCATION

- + Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University
- + Juris doctor degree from Washington & Lee University School of Law
- + Certificate in Mass Tort and Multidistrict Litigation from Duke University School of Law
- + In his third year at Washington & Lee, he was Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice.
- + As a third year law student, he collaborated with United States Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas on a law journal publication entitled "Civility."
- + And as a second year student, he published a journal article analyzing the United States Supreme Court's treatment of the federal sentencing guidelines' disparity between powder cocaine and crack cocaine
- + In his second year, he was also president of the Black Law Students Association.

James Williams is a nationally recognized trial attorney who has litigated cases in 15 different states, Puerto Rico, and Milan, Italy. Savoy Magazine has named him to their list of the "Top Must Have Lawyers in the Country." He has been named one of the "Top 100 High Stakes Litigators" by the organization that rates America's top 100 attorneys. He is one of the "Nation's Top One Percent" of attorneys according to the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. He has been named a "Super lawyer" by the rating service that recognizes the top 5 percent of lawyers in each state. He has also been selected to the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" by the American Trial Lawyers Association. He is a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a society to which only one half of one percent (0.5%) of American lawyers are invited to belong. In addition, Williams has been certified as one of the "Top Trial Lawyers in America" by the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Mr. Williams has an unprecedented record of success as a high stakes trial lawyer. He has obtained hundreds of millions of dollars for individuals and small businesses. His trial victories have saved companies from financial ruin by stopping runaway jury verdicts in multi-million and multi-billion dollar lawsuits against them. Often referred to as "rescue counsel", Williams is frequently hired as trial counsel to be implanted alongside existing counsel into ongoing high stakes and high value plaintiff and defense litigation. In 2007, at 33 years old and after only eight years of practicing law, an impressive record of courtroom wins caused him to be the youngest of seven lawyers inducted into the inaugural class of the CityBusiness magazine "Hall of Fame". New Orleans Magazine, in their 2017 annual review of the region's top lawyers, made Williams their pick for "Bet – the – Company Litigation."

In 2009-2010, Mr. Williams took a leave of absence from practicing law to serve as the judge (pro tempore) presiding over Division "J" of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. He was unanimously appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to fill a vacancy on the court. Williams was only 35 years old at the time, making him the youngest judge in the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Williams also has a reputation for handling high profile litigation in a tasteful and effective way. He has repeatedly demonstrated an ability to achieve legal victories in these cases while strategically working to preserve positive public perception. In 2012, he was lead counsel for Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Johnson in a civil rights lawsuit she filed when the State of Louisiana attempted to block her ascension to Chief Justice. He argued and won her case before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and she became the first African-American Chief Justice in the 200-year history of the Louisiana Supreme Court. In 2014, Williams represented Dorian Johnson who was with Michael Brown when he was killed by police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, Missouri. That same year, he successfully represented then-United States Senator Mary Landrieu in a challenge to her residency. In 2016, he represented Orleans Parish Sheriff Marlin Gusman in Federal Court against



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the United States Department of Justice and averted a federal takeover of the Orleans Parish jails. In 2017, Williams represented David Palpus in a highly publicized “freedom of speech” lawsuit in Washington, D.C. because the high school student’s contest-winning artwork was removed from its display in the Capitol by a Congressman who disagreed with the content.

Mr. Williams’ professional success is matched by his community involvement. Mr. Williams is a past Chairman of the Louisiana State University (LSU) Board of Supervisors, having been unanimously elected by his fellow board members to that position. In 2016, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, pursuant to the authority in Article VIII Section 7 of the Louisiana Constitution, appointed Williams to a six year term on the LSU Board of Supervisors. His subsequent election as Chairman made him the first African-American LSU alum to serve in this role. Governor Edwards reappointed Williams to a second six-year term in 2022. Also in 2016, Congressman Cedric Richmond selected Williams to become the youngest person to ever reign as King of the prestigious Krewe of Louisianans “Washington Mardi Gras.” Past Kings have included the legendary Congressman Hon. Hale Boggs (1946), New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson (1989), famed “Blue Dog” artist George Rodrigue (1994), and shipping magnate Boysie Bollinger (1992 & 2007). In 2008, he donated \$50,000 to the National Bar Association local affiliate chapter, Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, to commemorate its 50th anniversary. He is also a past president of the Martinet Society. He funds the Louise Halper Award, an annual award in the memory of a dear deceased professor at his alma mater, Washington & Lee University School of Law. The award recognizes a student who publishes a scholarly article in the area of civil rights and social justice. Williams also funded an \$80,000 scholarship for a student at “The Good Shepherd School,” a privately funded New Orleans school for children living below the poverty line. Williams sponsors a teacher in the “Teach for America” program in New Orleans. He has also been a little league basketball coach and a Sunday School teacher at Tulane Memorial Baptist Church. He served as chapter advisor to the Rho Iota Chapter at Tulane University of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, General Counsel to the New Orleans alumni chapter (Sigma Lambda) of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and was an adjunct professor at Tulane University teaching Legal Aspects of Sports.

Mr. Williams received a Bachelor of Science degree from Louisiana State University and his juris doctor degree from Washington & Lee University School of Law. In his third year at Washington & Lee, he was editor-in-chief of the Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice. As a third year law student, he collaborated with United States Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas on a law journal publication entitled “Civility.” As a second year student, he published a journal article analyzing the United States Supreme Court’s treatment of the federal sentencing guidelines’ disparity between powder cocaine and crack cocaine. In his second year, he was also president of the Black Law Students Association. After law school, Williams served as a law clerk to Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Bernette J. Johnson.

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## PARTNER

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- + Chairman of the Louisiana State University (LSU) Board of Supervisors
- + Past-President, Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc.
- + Former Board member, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce
- + Former Board member, New Orleans Bar Association
- + Member, Louisiana State Law Institute – Torts & Insurance Committee
- + Former Board member, Louisiana Association for Justice

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + In 2018, Williams was unanimously elected by his fellow Louisiana State University Board members to serve as their Chairman, making him the first African-American LSU alum to serve as Chairman of the Board.
- + In 2016, Williams was selected by Congressman Cedric Richmond to become the youngest person to ever reign as King of the prestigious Krewe of Louisianians for “Washington Mardi Gras.”
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- + Board member, Good Shepherd Nativity Mission School
- + Member, Board of Trustees, Louise S. McGehee School
- + Funds the Louise Halper Award, an annual award in the memory of a dear deceased professor at his alma mater, Washington & Lee University School of Law. The award recognizes a student who publishes a scholarly article in the area of civil rights and social justice.
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- + Williams sponsors a teacher in the “Teach for America” program in New Orleans.
- + He has also been a little league basketball coach and a Sunday school teacher.
- + He served as chapter advisor to the Rho Iota Chapter at Tulane University of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, and was an adjunct professor at Tulane University teaching Legal Aspects of Sports.

### NOTABLE AWARDS

- + \$75 million: Insurance Litigation – Insurance recoveries for individual victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- + \$68 million: Insurance Litigation – Insurance recoveries for individual victims of Superstorm Sandy.
- + \$49 million: Personal Injury / Automobile Accident- Judgment for the victim of an automobile accident involving a commercial vehicle.
- + \$26.2 million: Commercial Property Damage/Loss of Business- Hurricane Katrina commercial property settlement for a Metairie high-rise building.
- + \$9.25 million: Breach of Contract – Joint venture arising out of a client’s ownership interest in a power plant in El Salvador.
- + \$7.4 million: Commercial Property Damage/Loss of Business – Hurricane Katrina commercial property settlement for an office building in downtown New Orleans.
- + \$5.7 million: Jury Verdict – Six-week trial involving a business dispute on behalf of a closely held insurance agency doing business in Puerto Rico.
- + \$4 million: Jury verdict – Retail center in St. Bernard Parish, which was damaged during Katrina.



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## PARTNER

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- + "Nation's Top One Percent," National Association of Distinguished Counsel
- + Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys' (AIOPIA) 10 Best in Louisiana For Client Satisfaction, 2019
- + 2018-2022 "Top 'Must Have' Lawyers in the Country" Savoy Magazine
- + 2010 "Top 40 Lawyers," National Bar Association, IMPACT
- + 2010 "Top 100 Trial Lawyers," American Trial Lawyers Association
- + 2010-2022 Super Lawyer
- + New Orleans Magazine Top Lawyer
- + 2009-2010 Judge Pro Tempore, Orleans Parish Civil District Court
- + 2009 Inductee, CityBusiness Leadership in Law Hall of Fame
- + 2006, 2007 U.S. Congressional Black Caucus Emerging Leaders Honoree
- + 2006 Million Dollar Advocates Forum

### CLIENT SATISFACTION 2019

- + 2018 "Most Influential Black Lawyers," Savoy Magazine
- + 2010 "Top 40 Lawyers," National Bar Association, IMPACT
- + 2010 "Top 100 Trial Lawyers," American Trial Lawyers Association
- + 2010-2022 Super Lawyer
- + New Orleans Magazine Top Lawyer
- + 2009-2010 Judge Pro Tempore, Orleans Parish Civil District Court
- + 2008, 2009 New Orleans CityBusiness Leadership in Law Honoree
- + 2009 Inductee, CityBusiness Leadership in Law Hall of Fame
- + 2006, 2007 U.S. Congressional Black Caucus Emerging Leaders Honoree
- + 2006 Million Dollar Advocates Forum

### NOTEWORTHY EXPERIENCE

- + After law school, Williams served as a law clerk to Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Bernette J. Johnson.



## GEORGE B. RECILE

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Mr. Recile graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Arts and earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law Trial Advocacy at Tulane University School of Law. Mr. Recile is a former member of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association and a former chairman of the House of Delegates liaison committee to the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- + Personal Injury
- + Labor and Employment

### EDUCATION

- + Tulane University of Louisiana  
– B.A., 1975
- + Loyola University – J.D., 1978

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + United States Supreme Court
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana





# GEORGE B. RECILE

## PARTNER

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + The American Association for Justice
- + Louisiana State Bar Association (Member, House of Delegates)
- + Louisiana Association of Justice
- + Former Chairman of House of Delegates Liaison Committee to the Board of Governors
- + Former member of the Board of Governors for the Louisiana Association of Justice (formerly Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association)
- + Former and current Member, Board of Governors, Louisiana Bar Association (House of Delegates Liaison)
- + Former Member, Alcohol Beverage Control Board, City of New Orleans
- + Former Member, Louisiana State Board of Private Investigators
- + Former Member, American Arbitration Association
- + Panel mediator for Mediation Arbitration Professional Systems (MAPS)
- + The National Trial Lawyers Top 100

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- + Received the highest rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory regarding legal ability and adherence to ethical standards, professional reliability and diligence.
- + Listed in International Who's Who of Professionals and Who's Who of American Law, 2000-2001.
- + Listed in editions of Outstanding Lawyers of America, 1999-2003.
- + Recognized by New Orleans Magazine as a "Top Lawyer", 2009, 2010, 2018, 2020.
- + Top Lawyers in Louisiana, 2013, 2017
- + Recognized by The Times-Picayune "Top Lawyers", 2016
- + America's Most Honored Lawyers, 2020
- + Recognized in 2021 by City Business for Leadership in Law.

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + Former Member of the Greater New Orleans Executive Leadership Council, American Cancer Society
- + Former Member of the Board of Directors of Jefferson Chamber of Commerce
- + Former Member of The National Spinal Cord Injury Association

### NOTEWORTHY EXPERIENCE

- + Staff Attorney, Louisiana State Attorney General's Office, 1978-1980
- + Adjunct Professor of Law Trial Advocacy, Tulane University School of Law
- + Former Special Assistant Attorney General





## STEVEN E. HAYES

### PARTNER

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Mr. Hayes is a graduate of Pfeiffer College in North Carolina and earned his Masters of Business Administration and Juris Doctorate from Tulane University. He is a member of the American Bar Association, current Chairman of the Estate Planning Specialization Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and a member of the New Orleans Estate Planning Council.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- + Estate Planning and Successions

### EDUCATION

- + Pfeiffer College, B.A.
- + Tulane University, MBA
- + Tulane University School of Law, J.D.

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + New Orleans Estate Planning Council







## STEPHEN MARX

### PARTNER

*Stephen Marx specializes in Real Estate Law and Business & Commercial Litigation at Chehardy Sherman Williams. A born and raised New Orleanian, Mr. Marx has been practicing law in the New Orleans area for more than 35 years and has formed longstanding relationships with civic leaders and attorneys throughout the community.*

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Mr. Marx graduated cum laude from Boston University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Tulane University School of Law. Mr. Marx is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, and Federal Bar Association.

Mr. Marx holds licenses to practice law in all Louisiana state courts, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- + Business and Corporate
- + Real Estate

### EDUCATION

- + Boston University, B.S.
- + Tulane University School of Law, J.D.

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Federal Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + New Orleans Bar Association





## GEORGE MUELLER

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Mr. Mueller has served as a Judicial Extern to the Honorable Dennis Bagneris of the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Before his legal career, Mr. Mueller practiced with Big Four accounting firms in the areas of taxation, litigation, and transactional support and business valuation.

Mr. Mueller graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting and the University of New Orleans with a Master's of Science in Taxation. He then earned a Juris Doctorate with a Certificate in International Studies from Loyola University School of Law. Mr. Mueller is a member of the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- + Business and Corporate
- + Healthcare
- + Taxation
- + Real Estate

### EDUCATION

- + Louisiana State University, B.S. Accounting 1992
- + University of New Orleans, M.S. Taxation 1995
- + Loyola University School of Law, J.D. 2002, with Certificate in International Studies

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants
- + New Orleans Bar Association
- + Jefferson Parish Bar Association





# GEORGE MUELLER

## PARTNER

### PUBLICATION & PUBLISHED WORKS

- + Hobby Income & Losses for Musicians
- + Severance Payments and Taxes – A Dilemma Solved
- + Current Tax Developments in 2013
- + Louisiana's New Amnesty Tax Program – 2013

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + Board of Directors for the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce
- + Jefferson Chamber of Commerce Leadership Jefferson, Class of 2019





## CONRAD MEYER

### PARTNER

*Conrad Meyer is a board-certified health law specialist and one of a handful of board-certified health law specialists in the State of Louisiana. He focuses his practice on advising health care providers on health care regulatory compliance matters as well as professional liability/licensure issues. Mr. Meyer has been listed as a Louisiana Super Lawyer for excellence in his field and recognized as a Band 1 healthcare lawyer by USA Chambers for his accomplishments in healthcare law.*

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- + Business and Corporate
- + Healthcare

### EDUCATION

- + Louisiana State Bar Association – Board Certified Healthcare Law 2020 – Present
- + Martindale Hubble – AV Preeminent Rated Attorney Since 2012
- + USA Chambers – Healthcare Louisiana – Band 1 Ranked 2016 – Present
- + Adjunct Professor of Health Law – Loyola School of Law New Orleans, La – Spring 2014 – Present
- + Adjunct Professor of Health Law – University of New Orleans Master's in Health Care Administration Program – Spring 2020 – Present

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + Texas

Mr. Meyer is responsible for handling specific regulatory/compliance/transactional matters for physician and facility clients including, Stark/Anti-kickback analysis, TJC/JCAHO, HIPAA, EMTALA, physician employment agreements, physician practice formation, hospital/physician integration and bylaw revisions, physician reimbursement issues, telemedicine for physicians, physician ancillary services and creation/formation of concierge practices for physicians. In addition, he has handled issues relating to RACs, ZPICs and Federal Fraud and Abuse investigations for health care clients.

Mr. Meyer has experience in handling peer review issues for hospitals and physicians as well as acting as a hearing officer for peer review panels. He has worked with clients in the healthcare industry to structure joint ventures and other transactions to promote business objectives that are in compliance with specific healthcare laws. Mr. Meyer also serves as an adjunct professor at Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans and the University of New Orleans Masters Level Health Administration Program where he teaches Health Law on an annual basis. His class focuses on Healthcare Regulatory, Compliance, Governance, Strategic Planning as well as the Healthcare Delivery Systems.

Mr. Meyer received his undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi in Oxford and his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans. In addition, Mr. Meyer received a Master of Health Administration from Tulane University's School of Public Health. Before entering the legal profession, Mr. Meyer was an administrator for a private hospital in Louisiana. He is a frequent author and lecturer on legal issues involving healthcare regulatory/compliance and litigation issues.

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### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association, Health Law Section
- + Federal Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + American College of Healthcare Executives
- + American Health Law Association
- + Louisiana Hospital Association
- + Louisiana Medical Group Managers Association/MGMA

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + 2012 – Present Chair of ABA Health Law Section ESource Publication Editorial Board
- + 2012 – Present Vice Chair of ABA Health Law Section Stark AKS Editorial Board
- + 2013 – Present New Orleans Healthcare Journal – Advisory Board Member
- + 2011 – Present – Fellow of American College of Healthcare Executives
- + 2011 – 2012 American Health Lawyers Association Leadership Development Program HHS Practice Group
- + 2011 – 2013 New Orleans District Director for the Society for Hospital Attorneys of Louisiana Hospital Association
- + 2009 – 2011 Chair of New Orleans Bar Assoc Health Law Committee
- + 2008 – Present – Member – American Health Lawyers Association
- + 2007 – Present Allstate Sugar Bowl Committee – Member
- + 2006 – 2008 Executive Board Member for American Bar Association Health Law Section
- + 2006 – Present Vice Chair – ABA Health Care Facilities Operations Interest Group
- + 2008-10 – Vice Chair – ABA Health Law Teleconference Committee
- + 2008-10 – Vice Chair – ABA Health Law E-Source Committee
- + 2006 – Present – Board Member of New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel
- + 2005 – Present – Member of the American College of Healthcare Executives – Louisiana Chapter – National ACHE
- + 2004 – Present – Member – Young Leadership Council
- + 2005 – 2006 American Bar Association Health Care Facilities Operations Group – Young Lawyer Liaison
- + 2005 – 2006 – Chairman of New Orleans Bar and Grille – New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyers Section to benefit New Orleans Legal Aid Counsel for Indigent Clients – Pro Bono
- + 2002-2004 Chairman of Federal Law Day – New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyers Section – New Orleans Public School Children
- + 2001 – 2003 Served as a Judge for Juvenile Judge Program for New Orleans Public School Children
- + 2003 – 2004 – Assisted with Health Care Day for New Orleans Indigent Population to assist with Living Wills and Advance Directives for New Orleans Young Lawyers
- + 2003-Present Executive Board Member New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyers Section
- + 2003- Present American Trial Lawyers Association – Member
- + 2002-Present Louisiana Hospital Association – Member
- + 2001-2003 American Health Lawyers Association – Member
- + 2001-Present American College of Health Care Executives – Member
- + 2003-2004 New Orleans Bar Association Young Lawyers Division member Board of Directors
- + 2001-2003 American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Chairman Health Care Section
- + 2000-2001 American Bar Association Health Care Section Liaison
- + 1998-2000 Member of Intellectual Property Section ABA
- + 1998-2000 Member of Health Law Section ABA



# CONRAD MEYER

## PARTNER

### PUBLICATION & PUBLISHED WORKS

- + Proposed – Book – ABA Fundamentals Series – Chapter on Medical Staff/Peer Review
- + July 2018 – Book – ABA Health Law Section: What is... Medical Staff Peer Review?
- + July 2021 – ABA ESource – Incident To Billing and Pitfalls for getting 100%
- + May 2018 – Federal Lawyer – Vol 65, Issue 4 -Social Media and Preserving One's Online Reputation: How healthcare providers combat negative online content
- + New Orleans Briefly Speaking – April 2014 – Patient Centered Medical Homes
- + October 2014 – Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists Continuing Education Conference: "Telemedicine – Who, What, When, Where & How"
- + March/April 2013 – New Orleans Healthcare Journal – Article on Louisiana Healthcare Exchanges – hit or miss?
- + August 2013, Chehardy Sherman Williams – Innocent Provider Status post Affordable Care Act
- + March 5, 2013, New Orleans Bar Association Briefly Speaking – Good Samaritan Law in Louisiana
- + May/June 2012 – New Orleans Healthcare Journal – Social Media in Healthcare
- + May 4, 2012, New Orleans Bar Association Briefly Speaking – Social Media and its influence on Health Care
- + December 2, 2011, American Health Lawyers Association – HHS Practice Group – Social Media impact on healthcare providers
- + December 15, 2011, American Bar Association – Health Law Section – E-Source – Stark Self Disclosure Protocol – 1 year later!
- + May 1, 2011, Louisiana Medical News – proposed regulations from CMS on Accountable Care Organization (ACO).
- + April 28, 2011, ABA Health Law E-Source Special Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Edition on CMS' proposed waivers for application of the fraud and abuse laws.
- + April 8, 2011, ABA Health Law E-Source – Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed rule requiring states to implement policies for payment adjustments for provider preventable conditions.
- + March 25, 2011, the Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) published an article in LHA's Impact Law Brief on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed rule requiring states to implement policies for payment adjustments for provider preventable conditions.
- + March 2011, Louisiana Medical News regarding the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) new screening requirements. CMS recently issued a final rule on February 2, 2011, dictating the various screening requirements it plans to roll out for new Medicare provider enrollees.
- + National Trends on Fee Splitting – OIG Opinion 98-4 – ABA Health Law Section YLD Newsletter.
- + Kadlec Analysis – LHA Law Brief May 2008 – Article on Federal 5th Circuit reversal on Kadlec and discussion on decreasing Hospital liability for disclosure of credentialing information through the use of waivers executed by physicians.
- + June 2008 – ABA Health Law E-Source article on Federal 5th Circuit reversal on Kadlec case
- + FDA's New Position on Wearable Devices
- + Healthcare Transaction Lawyers: What You Need to Know (Featuring Conrad Meyer)
- + Newborn Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening Program Requirements
- + HHS Unveils Model User-Friendly HIPAA Privacy Notices
- + Are Innocent Downstream Providers Protected From Potential Impact of ACA's Overpayment Provisions
- + Medical Malpractice: Issues from Both Sides





# CONRAD MEYER

## PARTNER

### SEMINARS

- + 2018-2021 – Tulane School of Medicine – Peds/Internal Med Program
- + 2017 – 2021 – LSU School of Medicine Emergency Medicine Residents Program:
- + APPEX – June 2021 – Incident To Billing Requirements – Capturing the 100% – Basics and Advance (Split Shared E/M Billing)
- + LHA – Healthlaw Symposium Fall 2019 – Healthcare Vendor Risk Management and Data protection
- + September 2018 – Tulane University School of Medicine IM/OB Residents – Med Mal 101
- + July 2018, LSU School of Medicine – General Surgery Residents Med Mal 101/Physician Contracts 101
- + May 25, 2017 – LSBA Health Law Section – Peer Review Update/Investigations and Due Process
- + December 2016 – EJGH – In House Seminar – Update on Medical Staff Issues and Negligent Credentialing post Billoudeaux
- + June 2016 – Louisiana CPA – Fundamentals of Medical Malpractice in Louisiana
- + August 18, 2014, Tulane Medical School – Med/Mal 101 – Best Practices for New Physicians
- + July 21, 2014, Louisiana Hospital Assoc. Summer Conference – Fraud and Abuse – 60 day rule and Healthfirst Case – OIG/DOJ Self Disclosure Reporting Protocol
- + April 15, 2014, East Jefferson General Hospital – Medical Malpractice in Louisiana “A view from both sides”
- + February 13, 2014, Lorman Seminar – PPACA Issues to Employers – Regulatory/Compliance Concerns
- + December 22, 2013, New Orleans Bar Association Procrastinator Series – Fraud and Abuse Regulations
- + June 14, 2013, Louisiana Hospital Association – Dealing with Psychiatric Issues in the Emergency Room – EMTALA
- + June 3, 2013 – Tulane University Medical School – Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency Program – Contracts 101
- + November 7, 2012 – Louisiana Hospital Association – Health Law Symposium – Physician Integration/Peer Review in light of Granger
- + July 12, 2012 – Tulane University Medical School – Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residency Program – Medical Malpractice 101
- + February 2012 – Loyola Law School Skills Program – Fundamentals in Fraud and Abuse for Healthcare Providers
- + November 2011 – Loyola Law School Skills Program – Fundamentals in Representing Physicians
- + November 2011 – Louisiana Hospital Association – Health Law Symposium – Quality Initiatives from CMS
- + May 19, 2011, Fraud and Abuse – Teleconference on Fundamentals of Fraud and Abuse – ABA YLD Health Law
- + April 7, 2011, Fraud and Abuse – Update on Medicare RACs, ZIPCs, and the new Fraud laws from PPACA – LMGMA Annual Conference
- + March 30, 2011 – Tulane Medical School – Contracting 101 Med/Peds/OB residents
- + March 29, 2011 – 3 part series – Representing Physicians and Hospitals – Fundamentals – Loyola Law School
- + February 22, 2011, Representing Physicians and Hospitals – Fundamentals – ABA Health Law EMI New Orleans.
- + November 2011, LSU M&M Emergency Medicine Meeting – Physician Contracts 101
- + November 22, 2010, Tulane Medical School – Medical Malpractice 101 Med/Peds/OB residents
- + November 18, 2010, Cornerstone Hospital – Guest Speaker on Fraud and Abuse Update post PPACA
- + October 7, 2010, Case Management Society of America, ACA – Health Care Reform and its effect on Hospitals and Physicians.
- + July 27, 2010, Louisiana Hospital Association Annual Conference – Back to the Future? Hospital Physician integration models post health care reform – introduction to ACOs.
- + July 27, 2010, ABA Health Law Section – Moderator Advanced Peer Tactics Teleconference
- + March 24, 2010, Louisiana Hospital Associate Rural Hospital Leadership meeting – Hospital/Physician Integration Post Health Care Reform
- + November 5, 2009, Louisiana Hospital Association Baton Rouge Health Law Symposium – Hospitals Employment of Physicians/ Disruptive Practitioners New TJC Standards
- + August 12, 2009, Association Of Interventional Pain Physicians Seminar – Disruptive Practitioners/New TJC Standards and Defending Physicians from Malprescribing
- + March 26, 2009, – Louisiana Hospital Association New Orleans Health Law Symposium – Balance Billing Hospitals/Physicians – Analysis of Legal Trends
- + November 6, 2008 – Louisiana Hospital Association 19th Annual Health Law Symposium – Telemedicine – the technology is here – are hospitals and providers ready?
- + June 27, 2008 – Moderator ABA Teleconference on Peer Review Update – Post Poliner and Adkins – How to protect Peer Review materials and immunity from disclosure in Federal Court.



# CONRAD MEYER

## PARTNER

### SEMINARS (CONT.)

- + March 26, 2008 – University of Texas School of Law 20th Annual Health Law Conference – Hospital Standards of Care Post Katrina
- + November 9, 2007 – Louisiana Hospital Association – 9th Annual Health Law Symposium – Interdiction and Curator in Louisiana – an analysis from a facility perspective for incapacitated patients
- + June 28, 2007 – Louisiana Heart Hospital – Seminar of PRQI – Performance Reporting Quality Initiative – P4P
- + June 13, 2007 – Tulane School of Medicine – seminar regarding “medical malpractice avoidance techniques – how to keep yourself from getting bitten by the snakes” presented to the Tulane University Medical School pediatric residents
- + April 19, 2007 – Tulane School of Medicine – seminar on physician contracting 101 “don’t sign just yet” to the Tulane University Medical School pediatric residents
- + March 6, 2007 – Louisiana Hospital Association – Peer Review and Credentialing – Case analysis
- + March 1, 2007 – Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital (Medical Staff) – A review of peer review privilege in Louisiana and an Analysis of Kadlec v. LRMC
- + November 9, 2006 – Louisiana Hospital Association – 8th Annual Health Law Symposium – Peer review and credentialing litigation (current status of selected cases and their future impact to hospitals).
- + September 25, 2006 – Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital (Board of Governors) – A review of peer review privilege in Louisiana and an Analysis of Kadlec v. LRMC
- + August 15, 2006 – Louisiana Hospital Association – To Speak or not to Speak that is the Question? – A review of peer review privilege in Louisiana and an Analysis of Kadlec v. LRMC.
- + March 25, 2006 – Louisiana Heart Hospital – Seminar on release of PHI
- + February 22, 2006 – Seminar – ABA Emerging Issues Health Care Conference – Disaster Preparedness and Response for healthcare facilities in the wake of Hurricane Katrina
- + December 2, 2005 – Seminar – Louisiana Hospital Association – Protection of PHI and E-Discovery
- + January 17, 2005 – Seminar to HSLI – Electronic Discovery and the Protection of PHI







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Mr. Reso is a New Orleans native and graduated from the University of New Orleans with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law, where he was a member of the Loyola Law Review and Moot Court Staff. Before joining Chehardy Sherman Williams as a partner, Mr. Reso was an associate attorney at Baldwin & Haspel in New Orleans and a partner at Seale & Ross, P.L.C. in Hammond, Louisiana. He is a frequent lecturer to the public on estate planning topics, from federal estate taxes to Medicaid planning and special needs trusts, and teaches continuing education courses on other subjects such as asset protection planning and corporate law to other attorneys and CPAs.

Mr. Reso is actively involved in his community and has served on the board of directors of TARC in Hammond, as a Director of Northshore Families Helping Families, as a Director of Active Partners, and is a past President of the Northshore Estate Planning Council, an association of estate planning professionals, including lawyers, CPAs, Chartered Life Underwriters, Certified Financial Planners and bank trust officers.

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### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

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- + Best Lawyers in America (2013 – present)
- + Louisiana Super Lawyers (2008 – present)

### SEMINARS

- + 6/24/15 – Planning for Long Term Care
- + 4/16/14 – Practical Medicare and Medicaid Skills
- + 5/21/13 – Attorney's Guide to Financials & Business Valuation
- + 4/22/10 – Resolving Legal & Financial Issues in Elder Care
- + 12/17/09 – The Probate Process From Start to Finish
- + 3/17/08 – The Probate Process From Start to Finish
- + 12/12/06 – Estate Planning and Drafting Fundamentals
- + 11/29/04 – Louisiana Estate Planning & Drafting Fundamentals
- + 2/25/05 – Long Term Care Planning for the Elderly Client
- + Estate Planning, Successions & Long-Term Care Planning
- + Estate Planning for Persons With Special Needs: Preservation of Governmental Benefits & Legal Status
- + Asset Protection Planning
- + What a Will Can Do

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + TARC in Hammond
- + Northshore Families Helping Families
- + Active Partners







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Mr. Sherman has been inducted into the New Orleans CityBusiness "Hall of Fame" at the young age of 35 as a result of being named a CityBusiness "Leader in Law" in 2017, 2018, and 2019. He has also been recognized by New Orleans Magazine as a "Top Lawyer" in Commercial Litigation (2016), Products Liability Law (2015), and Appellate Practice (2017 and 2018).

Community involvement is also an important role in Mr. Sherman's success. He has served or is currently serving as a Member of Friends of City Park, The Development Chair for Friends of City Park, Co-chair of Lark in the Park, a Director for the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, the Chairman for Foundation Preparatory Charter School, a Member of the East Jefferson General Hospital Foundation's Annual Golf Classic Committee, a Member of the Metairie Park Country Day Alumni Board, a Member of the Audubon Institute's Scales and Ales Host Committee, the Second Vice-President of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association, and the Treasurer of the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District.

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### ADMISSIONS

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- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + Louisiana Association of Justice
- + Jefferson Parish Bar Association

# MATTHEW SHERMAN

## PARTNER

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- + 2017 – present – New Orleans CityBusiness “Leader in Law”
- + 2019 – present – New Orleans CityBusiness “Leader in Law” Hall of Fame Inductee
- + 2015 – New Orleans Magazine “Top Lawyer” in Products Liability Law
- + 2016 – New Orleans Magazine “Top Lawyer” in Commercial Litigation
- + 2017 – New Orleans Magazine “Top Lawyer” in Appellate Practice
- + 2018 – New Orleans Magazine “Top Lawyer” in Appellate Practice
- + 2019 – New Orleans Magazine “Top Lawyer” in Commercial Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation
- + 2020 – New Orleans Magazine “Top Lawyer” in Commercial Litigation
- + 2020 – Best Lawyers in America “Ones to Watch”

### PUBLICATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS

- + What to do Following an Auto Accident
- + Insurance Disputes & Bad Faith Claims

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + Member and Development Chair for Friends of City Park, Co-chair of Lark in the Park
- + Member, City Park Improvement Association, 2022-Present
- + Director, Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation
- + Member, Metairie Park Country Day Alumni Board
- + Member, Foundation Preparatory Charter School Founding Board
- + Member, East Jefferson General Hospital Foundation’s Annual Golf Classic Committee
- + Former 2nd Vice President, Lake Vista Property Owners Association
- + Former Treasurer, Lake Vista Crime Prevention District
- + Member, Audubon Institute’s Scales & Ales Host Committee





## JENNIFER A. LEE

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Ms. Lee represents clients ranging from non-profit organizations to small businesses to larger regional and national companies. These represent various industries such as environmental, engineering, construction, landscaping, drone, retail, real estate, marketing, photography, technology, education, and distribution companies. On the non-commercial side, Ms. Lee works closely with individuals on life planning matters such as wills, living wills, trusts, estate planning, and successions.

Before joining Chehardy Sherman Williams, Ms. Lee served for 12 years as in-house counsel at Neill Corporation, a national company based in Hammond, before joining a Northshore business law firm. The Neill Corporation and its affiliates focus on product distribution, furniture and fixture manufacture, service and retail sales, technical education, computer software, real estate, and non-profit activities. In her role as General Counsel, Ms. Lee provided counsel in a variety of areas such as human resources, intellectual property, contracts, corporate governance, project finance, tax incentives, real estate and construction, acquisitions and business start-ups, litigation management, international expansion, and non-profit organization.

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### EDUCATION

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- + Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center – J.D., 2001
- + Louisiana State University's E.J. Ourso College of Business – M.B.A., 2008

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana



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### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + 21st Judicial District Bar Association, Former President
- + Florida Parishes Inn of Court, Former Vice President
- + Northshore Estate Planning Council
- + BNI International

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + Child Advocacy Services, Former President of Board of Directors
- + Hammond Chamber of Commerce, Former Board Member
- + United Way for Southeast Louisiana, Former Leadership Council President
- + American Cancer Society for Tangipahoa Parish, Former Board Member
- + Hammond Ponchatoula Sunrisers Rotary Club, Former President
- + Pelican Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Former Secretary, and Founding Member







## INEMESIT O'BOYLE

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Ms. O'Boyle earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Tulsa and a Juris Doctorate from Tulane University Law School, where she was a student attorney in Tulane's Civil Litigation Clinic. She also received the trial advocacy award. A member of many local and national legal organizations, Ms. O'Boyle is most proud of having served as past president of the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Society, a professional organization with a rich history of supporting African American attorneys in the community. She also gives her time and talent as a board member and volunteer of New Orleans' Girl's First.

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### EDUCATION

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- + Certificate in Mass Tort and Multidistrict Litigation from Duke University School of Law

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Fifth Circuit District Court
- + United States Court of Federal Claim

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Federal Bar Association
- + National Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- + Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Society
- + Defense Research Institute





## DANIEL BURAS

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With a law clerk background at the United States Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit, Mr. Buras went on to build his own law firm and served as an intelligence officer with the US Navy. He served on active duty with US Central Command and the Joint Special Operations Command. Today, he serves as the Commanding Officer for CNMOC NAVO Intel, where he leads a Navy Reserve Information Warfare unit in providing oceanographic, environmental, and imagery intelligence analysis for naval and special operations forces.

Mr. Buras is an alumnus of Louisiana State University, where he earned his undergraduate degree, and Samford University, where he graduated magna cum laude and participated in the National Moot Court Team, Law Review articles, and the Cumberland Trial Team. He and his wife, Kelley, have been happily married for three decades and raised four children.

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- + Texas
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Southern District of Texas

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + 22nd JDC Bar Association



# DANIEL BURAS

## PARTNER

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- + Top Lawyers, New Orleans Magazine, 2015, 2016
- + US Information Dominance Corps Legal Officer for South East United States, 2014 – Present
- + Senior Ranking Officer, SERE School, 2015
- + Joint Targeting Certification, 2015
- + Husband of Year, St. Tammany Parish, 2012
- + Junior Officer of the Year, US Navy Reserves, NAVOINTEL (2008)
- + Joint Commendation Medal (2), US Central Command (2007), Defense Intelligence Agency (2016); Joint Achievement Medal, (2016); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (2006); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (2007); Naval Achievement Medal (3) (2005) (2009) (2012); Armed Forces Reserve Medal (2007);
- + Recognized by the US Navy for Volunteering over 200 hours per year of free legal assistance to military personnel and their families (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)
- + Awarded Navy Humanitarian Service Medal for Katrina Response
- + Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- + Volunteer Youth Soccer Coach (2008-2015)
- + Volunteer Youth Wrestling Coach
- + President, Woodlands Homeowners Association (2004-2005)

### NOTEWORTHY EXPERIENCE

- + U.S Southern Command, Executive Officer (2016 – present)
- + Joint Special Operations Command (2016)
- + Defense Intelligence Agency (2013 – 2016)
- + Navy Criminal Investigative Service (2011 – 2013)
- + V A Accreditation, 2010
- + Certified Security Manager, US Navy, 2009
- + Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Naval Security Manager Course, 2009
- + VFA-204, FA/18 Squadron (2008 – 2011)
- + U.S. Central Command, CCJ2 Targeting Officer (2006 – 2007)
- + Naval Oceanographic Intel 0182 (2003 – 2008)
- + Daigle Fisse & Kessenich, PLC, attorney (2005 – 2008)
- + Niles, Bourque & Fontana, attorney (2004 – 2005)
- + Jones Walker, attorney (2000-2004)
- + U.S. Court of Appeals for Eleventh Circuit, law clerk (1999-2000)
- + Certified Centcom Targeteer
- + Chief Legal Officer – Information Dominance Corps – SE US



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Mr. Jordan has represented out of state clients regarding federal criminal charges and has been admitted Pro Hac Vice to the United States District Courts in Delaware, Kentucky, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and New Jersey.

Mr. Jordan was previously certified as Lead Trial Counsel in capital cases by the Louisiana Public Defender Board. He is a current member of the Louisiana Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the National Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and former board member for the 21st Judicial District. He is also a member of the Criminal Justice Act Panel in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the 21st Judicial District Court Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Louisiana.

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### EDUCATION

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### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- + Pro Hac Vice to the United States District Courts in Delaware, Kentucky, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, and New Jersey

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
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- + National Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
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## PATRICK FOLLETTE

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Mr. Follette has been named a "Top Lawyer" by New Orleans Magazine every year since 2015 and he was recently selected as a "One to Watch" in the Best Lawyers in America 2021 publication.

Mr. Follette received his Bachelor of Science in finance from Louisiana State University, and his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Before joining Chehardy Sherman Williams, Mr. Follette interned for the Honorable Jerry A. Brown of the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

In his spare time, Mr. Follette is actively involved in his community. Currently, Mr. Follette serves as the Vice President of IDEA Public Schools New Orleans, Inc. He also serves on the board of directors for Angel's Place, Inc., a local non-profit providing support services to children with life threatening illnesses and their families. Additionally, Mr. Follette serves as a board member for the St. Catherine of Siena Men's Club.

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### EDUCATION

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- + Loyola University College of Law – J.D.

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana

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- + Jefferson Bar Association



## ADAM M. STUMPF

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In addition to his work for small businesses, Mr. Stumpf has developed an extensive medical provider litigation background, representing hospitals, doctors and surgical facilities, and has recovered more than \$1 million for his healthcare provider clients who have been underpaid for their services.

Mr. Stumpf has been named a New Orleans CityBusiness "Money Maker" and a New Orleans CityBusiness Top Lawyer for multiple years. Mr. Stumpf has also been recognized by his peers with an AV Preeminent Rating for Professional Excellence by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

Mr. Stumpf has served as an Appellate Clerk to the Honorable Henry N. Brown of the Second Circuit Court of Appeal in the State of Louisiana and as a Judicial Intern to the Honorable Robert "Bob" Murphy of the Twenty-fourth Judicial District Court in the State of Louisiana.

In conjunction with his legal practice, Mr. Stumpf is actively engaged in the Greater New Orleans community holding leadership positions with several civic organizations. He serves as Chairperson of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority's Board of Commissioners, Chairperson of Crimestoppers of Greater New Orleans, and a board member of the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association.

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### EDUCATION

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- + Loyola University — J.D.

### ADMISSIONS

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- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + Louisiana State Bar Association
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# ADAM M. STUMPF

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- + Loyola Institute of Politics, Fellow
- + Civic Leadership Academy (CLA), Graduate
- + SCORE New Orleans, Subject Matter Expert
- + New Orleans Redevelopment Authority, Commissioner (2016 – present)
- + Crimestoppers of Greater New Orleans, Member (2020 – present)
- + Emerging Philanthropist of New Orleans, Advisory Board Member (past board member)
- + Lakeview Civic Improvement Association Zoning Committee, Member (2014 – 2017)
- + Lakeview Civic Improvement Association, Member (2020 – present)
- + Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation, Director (2012 – present)
- + Southern Yacht Club, Member (2011 – present)





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### ADMISSIONS

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- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
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- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
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- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
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- + Louisiana

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### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

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### COMMUNITY & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

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- + Board of Directors of the Louisiana Children's Discovery Center, President
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- + Former Board of Directors of the Tangipahoa Economic Development Foundation
- + Former Board of Directors of the Hammond Regional Arts Center
- + Former Vice President of the Board of Directors of Child Advocacy Services
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### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + Louisiana State Bar Association
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### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

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### ADMISSIONS

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- + United States Tax Court
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- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
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- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
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#### MEMBERSHIPS

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Eastern District of Louisiana
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### MEMBERSHIPS

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Eastern District of Louisiana
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- + Louisiana
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
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- + Business and Corporate
- + Personal Injury
- + The Trial Team

#### EDUCATION

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#### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
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Mr. Gettes earned his Juris Doctor degree from Tulane University Law School. While earning his law degree, he worked as a judicial extern for the Louisiana Supreme Court and served as the senior business editor for the Tulane Maritime Law Journal.

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- + Personal Injury

### EDUCATION

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- + Tulane University Law School, J.D.

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
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- + Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, J.D.

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- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
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### ADMISSIONS

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- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + Louisiana Supreme Court





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Fred served with his brother Russ as regional litigation counsel for a major Life and Health Insurance company and with brother Maury as litigation and business counsel for the automobile dealerships and banking interests of Tom Benson.

"Working with family was easily the best experience of my career," recalls Fred. "I gained a great understanding of the client attorney relationship from my father Harry. I handled everything from misdemeanor cases in Municipal Court to major Construction litigation and everything in between."

He began to put his extensive and varied experience to work building the Fred L. Herman Law Firm. He has been recognized by his peers and the Judiciary, including SUPER LAWYERS, BEST LAWYERS AND MARTINDALE HUBBEL for having the highest ethical standards and outstanding legal ability.

His litigation and appellate practices have taken him to almost every Parish and Judicial District in Louisiana and to Federal Courts in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, New York and Washington, D.C. Highlights of business practice include serving as Chief Negotiator to help Tom Benson acquire the New Orleans Saints, and was part of the original ownership group of the Saints put together by Mr. Benson. Thereafter, he represented Rob Couhig in the sale of his interest in the New Orleans Zephyrs, which later became the Baby Cakes, the city's AAA minor league baseball team. Fred also handled all aspects of a regional highway safety and traffic control business for a New York Stock Exchange multi-national company. He had the pleasure of representing the Sewell Automotive Group and Carl Sewell's New Orleans interests.

During the last 30 years, the need for experienced counsel to address insurance coverage issues has led a number of prominent businesses to seek Fred's advice and litigation skills where necessary to enforce policyholder rights in serious property damage and injury claims. Fred has taught and lectured at Loyola University School of Law Skills Curriculum and the Tulane School of Law Trial Advocacy seminar. With extensive experience in government administration, he has represented the City Council and the Office of Mayor for the City of New Orleans, the Orleans Parish Board of Assessors, the Orleans Parish District Attorney and the Clerk of Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. He is recognized for his consummate skills in crisis management, which served his clients well in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

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- + Real Estate

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- + Loyola University School of Law, J.D., 1975

### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Supreme Court
- + United States Court Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana

### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
- + Federal Bar Association
- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + American Association for Justice
- + Louisiana Association for Justice
- + Louisiana Banker's Association – Bank Lawyer's section
- + New Orleans Bar Association
- + Jefferson Parish Bar Association





## FRED HERMAN

### OF COUNSEL

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## ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Supreme Court
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- + United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- + United States Tax Court
- + United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
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## MEMBERSHIPS

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#### EDUCATION

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- + Tulane University School of Law, J.D.

#### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana

#### MEMBERSHIPS

- + American Bar Association
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Dr. Warden has served in many medical leadership positions on the local, state, and national level including Medical Director of Southern Surgical Hospital, Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Chief of Staff of Singing River Hospital, the American College of Surgeons Cancer Liaison Physician for the state of Mississippi, President of the Mississippi State Medical Association Young Physicians Section and delegate to the AMA Young Physicians Section. He also served as the Chairman of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

As an experienced surgeon, Dr. Warden has also been recognized by his peers and in multiple publications for excellence in surgery, including Best Doctors in America, Guide to America's Top Surgeons and New Orleans Magazine Top Doctors in Surgery. In 2017, Dr. Warden was admitted as a Fellow of the American College of Legal Medicine.

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### EDUCATION

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### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana
- + United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
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- + United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- + Medical Board of Louisiana
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- + Louisiana State Bar Association
- + New Orleans Bar Association
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- + American College of Legal Medicine
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- + Louisiana State Medical Society
- + American Medical Association
- + American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- + Best Doctors in America (since 1996)
- + Guide to America's Top Surgeons (since 2003)
- + Guide to America's Top Physicians (since 2003)
- + New Orleans Magazine "Top Doctors"
- + Louisiana Life Magazine, "Top Doctors in Surgery"
- + Northshore Living Magazine "Top Doctors" – Bariatric Surgery
- + Designated as ASMBS Center of Excellence Surgeon, July 2007

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### ADMISSIONS

- + Louisiana

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