When I was five, I dreamed of being a football player; my father wanted me to be a lawyer. When I was ten, I aspired to be an astronaut; my father suggested I become a lawyer. When I was sixteen, I had decided I would become a veterinarian; my father told me I should become a lawyer. When I was twenty, I had finally settled on the idea of becoming a college history professor; my father urged me to become a lawyer. Ultimately, we compromised – and I became a lawyer. My father was not a lawyer – in fact he never went to college – but he knew a few things very well, and he was right: I should have become a lawyer, and I’m glad I did. More importantly, I became a fan and an admirer of my lawyer colleagues.

I have learned many things from my fellow lawyers. While I was in practice, I’ve had the luxury of being around some outstanding lawyers, all expert practitioners of the law. But I learned so much more from them. First, in addition to being a good lawyer, you must also have excellent business acumen, in order to run a law firm, handle employees, supervise bookkeeping, perform all of the administrative tasks that go with leasing and maintaining office space, and, of course, watch the bottom line in order to make certain that a profit can be made.

Lawyers have also taught me a lot about analytical thinking. Let’s face it, this is not a job where emotion will carry you in each and every case; in fact emotion will carry you through very few cases. Thus, the ability to analyze facts and research and apply the law is not only critical, it is essential.

Good lawyers have also taught me a lot about psychology and human motivation. This applies not only to your own clients, but also, more importantly, to the opposing client. Whether you are attempting to settle a case, or to litigate it in the courtroom, you must be able to see the case through the eyes, and with the mind, of your opponents. You must also understand what motivates people. Excellent lawyers also have demonstrated to me the value of patience (a very short commodity these days) and the ability to anticipate and seize opportunities. Of course, both of these factors are based upon the fundamental concept of thorough preparation. Contrary to some of the anecdotal stories you may have heard in your law firms, no fine lawyer has ever waltzed through a career “wining it.” Every excellent lawyer I have had the pleasure of working with or against (or seen from the bench) exhibited both patience and the ability to capitalize on each opportunity presented during the course of a case.

Preparation brings me to the issue of diligence and hard work. In order to be fully prepared, there quite simply is no substitute for the hard work you do at your desk, with your clients, in preparing your written submissions, and in your presentations in court. There’s no doubt: this profession requires a work ethic like no other, given the adversarial process in which we toil. Frequently, someone is attempting to undo what you are trying to do!

Most important, all of the finest lawyers I have ever been around have consistently taught me that there is no substitute for honesty and integrity. Now, as a judge, I have seen the best lawyers candidly concede important facts, discard good arguments, and reluctantly but fairly settle cases, because their honesty and integrity in their communications with opposing counsel and the court dictated as much. Trust me: the small losses you may incur as a result of your honesty will return to you as profit tenfold. There is great value having credibility with the court and credibility with your fellow lawyers – and it takes a long time to develop such a reputation, but only a
single day to lose it. Honesty and integrity are, quite simply, the gold standard in this profession. All of these you should aspire to be. As the English writer Douglas Jerrold once said: “The sharp employ the sharp; verily a man may be known by his lawyer.”

Now, since I have been a judge, I’ve had the great honor to come into contact with not only some of the finest lawyers but also some very bright young lawyers, whom I enjoy tremendously. First of all, although it is sometimes popular to criticize new lawyers for being motivated solely by money, let me remind you that, after his graduation from the College of William and Mary, future Chief Justice John Marshall became a successful young lawyer in Richmond, Virginia, handling trials, wills, contracts, appeals, and any other business that walked through the front door. “A client is just come in,” Marshall wrote a friend in 1789, “pray heaven he may have money.” Thus, there is no shame in seeking to make a living practicing law.

But more than the money is the altruistic purpose: to help people. Looking back on my years in practice, I found that the best, most satisfying cases I handled are the disputes that were resolved without a lawsuit ever being filed. And the satisfied client, who paid a small fee, often thereafter sent other clients with bigger cases. It is my hope that young lawyers learn fast that practicing law requires the ability to respect one another while being adversarial, and zealously so – all to serve the cause of resolving conflict.

I frequently tell my wife and others that, as a judge, I have the best seat in the house to watch great lawyering take place. It is like having fifty yardline seats for the Super Bowl. But always, when I see lawyers practice their trade during trial, I am reminded of Teddy Roosevelt’s description of the man – or woman – in the arena, “who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” Indeed, there is nothing quite as gallant as the well-prepared lawyer who loses his or her case, as did Atticus Finch in “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

Those who have been in my courtroom during Eastern District admissions know how much I enjoy saying that this is the largest FBA Chapter in the country, a fact which constantly amazes me, and which is a credit to you, the membership. This is a great organization: members of it exemplify the professionalism of federal practitioners locally and nationally, and enhance the role of dispute resolution, including through trial, in America today. It is my hope to continue the fine tradition of exciting CLE programs, perhaps with a few new twists, and to follow in the footsteps of the many former Chapter presidents who have made this organization as great as it is today. I hope to be able to uphold the fine standards they have set.

Before concluding, I wish to state a few words about my predecessor, Barry Ashe. I have had the pleasure of working with Barry for many years on FBA and other matters. His remarkable organizational skills, imagination, integrity and dedication have made many things possible that otherwise would not have occurred. I specifically cite to all of his hard work in bringing the FBA National Convention to New Orleans last September, and making it a grand slam success. Barry is a true leader – he leads from the top by creating the vision; he leads from the bottom in his willingness to do virtually any of the hard “grunt” work required; and he leads from the middle, in the sense that he is sensitive to the needs of the membership, regardless of length of practice, age of lawyer, or area of practice. His year at the helm of this organization will surely be a hard act to follow, and if I can even come close to fit the role he did, I’ll be surprised and satisfied.

I am humble to serve as President for the next year. Thank you again.

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Federal Judges’ Reception
November 8, 2011
Great Hall of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
600 Camp Street – 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Malcolm W. Monroe Federal Practice Seminar
November 16, 2011
W Hotel
1:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Last Chance CLE
December 7, 2011
Judge Lemelle’s Courtroom

Lunch with Judge Helen Berrigan
November 16, 2011
Noon

YLD Holiday Party
November 16, 2011
W Hotel – 5:30 p.m.

Lunch with Judge Stanwood Duval
December 15, 2011–Noon

Be sure to check future issues of the Advocate and monitor our website, www.nofba.org, for exact dates.
Prior to her nomination, Judge Jane Margaret Triche-Milazzo was a District Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial District, which covers Ascension, St. James and Assumption parishes. Judge Triche-Milazzo has been a state-court judge since 2008. Judge Triche-Milazzo’s experience on the bench has exposed her to a vast array of legal matters including civil, criminal, and juvenile cases. Prior to her election to the bench in 2008, Judge Triche-Milazzo worked at the Law Office of Risley Triche, LLC, as a paralegal from 1986 to 1989, as a law clerk from 1989 to 1992, as an associate from 1992 to 1998, and as a partner from 1998 to 2008. Judge Triche-Milazzo received her J.D. in 1992 from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center and her B.A., magna cum laude, in 1977 from Nicholls State University.

The Chapter congratulates Judges Jolivette-Brown and Triche-Milazzo on their confirmations and looks forward to their service on the Eastern District bench.

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On September 8th through the 10th, the Federal Bar Association conducted its Annual Meeting and Convention at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Chicago. During the event, New Orleans Chapter board member, Ashley Belleau, concluded her term as National President of the FBA. Ms. Belleau was joined by several current and former New Orleans Chapter board members including Matthew Moreland, former Chapter president and candidate for national treasurer, Virginia Schlueter, former Chapter president and national award recipient, Patrick O’Keefe, former Chapter president and current Circuit Vice President, Kelly Scalise, National YLD representative, Barry Ashe, the Chapter’s immediate past president and National Council Delegate, Eric Nowak, National Council Delegate and Chapter president-elect, and Andrew Lilly current Board member.

One of the highlights of the event was the awards ceremony where the New Orleans Chapter was bestowed the Presidential Excellence Award and the Outstanding Newsletter Award for The Advocate. However, these awards, while significant, were shadowed by the presentation of the Earl W. Kintner Award which was received by former Chapter President Virginia Schlueter.

Congratulations to all.
Virginia Laughlin Schlueter was appointed federal public defender for the Eastern District of Louisiana in February 1997. She was previously deputy federal public defender and has been associated with the office for over 30 years. The office is comprised of eight lawyers and an equal number of support staff. As the federal public defender, Schlueter has been responsible for the administration of the 100-attorney Criminal Justice Act Panel for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She has personally handled over 1,500 felony cases in her career. Schlueter is a graduate of Louisiana State University Law Center and previously clerked for the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court. She is very active in the Federal Bar Association and has also served on the board of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. Schlueter assisted in the briefing and argument in the U.S. Supreme Court case Zadvydas v. Davis. She also represented Robert Lee Willie, whose case is now memorialized in Sister Helen Prejean’s book Dead Man Walking.

In 2003, Schlueter was the recipient of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ Criminal Justice Act Award. She is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been named as one of the top 25 lawyers in the state. Schlueter served as president of the New Orleans Chapter of the FBA during the 2007-2008 term. Under her leadership, the chapter continued its tradition of providing excellent programming and networking opportunities for its membership and other federal practitioners, including the Malcolm Monroe Federal Practice Seminar, the Judge Alvin B. Rubin Symposium on Ethics and Professionalism, the Federal Judges Reception, the Holiday Party, and the Lunch with the Court series. In addition, during her tenure, Schlueter led the chapter to provide new programming such as a CLE (“The Infamous Scottsboro Boys Trials”) commemorating the 75th anniversary of the path-breaking decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in Powell v. Alabama, the Habitat for Humanity Bench and Bar House Project, involving attorneys and judges in the construction of a house for a needy family over an eight-week period, hosting the visit of past national FBA presidents to the city to witness firsthand the rebuilding of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, sponsoring a winter coat and sweater drive for the needy, sponsoring local students’ attendance at a naturalization ceremony, and arranging for the award of an Honorary Fellowship in the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association to be presented to Associate Justice Antonin Scalia at a luncheon in New Orleans. In the years since her term as president of the chapter, Schlueter has remained active in chapter activities, and she was instrumental in the effort of the New Orleans Chapter to plan and host the 2010 FBA Annual Meeting and Convention. Schlueter has also been a leader in the FBA’s Criminal Law Section, serving as its chair. She was instrumental in having New Orleans host several conferences of the Criminal Justice Act Panel, including twice during her tenure as president of the New Orleans Chapter. In addition, she was key in leading over 500 assistant federal public defenders to attend a conference in New Orleans in the year following her term as president.

Through these positions of leadership, Schlueter has been a tireless champion of the city of New Orleans and a vigorous leader in focusing attention on the needs and concerns of the federal criminal justice system. Emblematic of her commitment in these areas has been her behind-the-scenes, pro bono representation of a local attorney whose post-Katrina actions have placed his career, reputation, and very liberty at risk – not because she was required to, nor because she has some personal stake or pre-existing relationship, but to serve the cause of justice as she has done throughout her career and throughout the discharge of her responsibilities in the positions she has held with the Federal Bar Association. Her dedication and service has been a tribute to the FBA and the New Orleans Chapter.
On August 31, 2011, the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association held its Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Plimsoll Club in the Westin Hotel in the French Quarter. The attendees were treated to lunch, chapter business, and an enlightening talk by Dr. Anna Pou.

Barry Ashe, now immediate Past President, welcomed our members to the event with a short update on the state of the chapter, which remains the largest FBA chapter in the nation.

In addition to chapter business, Mr. Ashe presented the President’s Award, an annual award that recognizes a lawyer for community leadership outside the practice of law. This year’s recipient was Kim Boyle of Phelps Dunbar.

Next, the Honorable Sarah S. Vance, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, presented the John R. “Jack” Martzell Professionalism Award for outstanding professionalism in the practice of law to Phil Wittmann of the Stone Pigman firm.

The final award, the Camille F. Gravel, Jr. Pro Bono Award, was presented to Louisiana Appleseed’s Executive Director, Christy Kane. The Award is given by the Federal Bar Association of New Orleans to honor an attorney who has done substantial pro bono legal work in keeping with the spirit and values exemplified by the late Camille Gravel.

Following the awards and the election of officers and directors, the Hon. Kurt Engelhardt was passed the gavel from Barry Ashe and assumed the role of our Chapter’s new President. Other officers elected were Eric R. Nowak, President-Elect, Wendy Hickok Robinson, Treasurer, Christopher J. Alfieri, Recording Secretary, and Kelly T. Scalise, Membership Chair.

The annual meeting’s formal business activities were followed by an informative and entertaining keynote speech by Dr. Anna Pou. Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned and another busy year begins for our Chapter.
Kim Boyle receives the President’s Award

Phil Wittmann receives the Jack Martzell Professionalism Award

Christy Kane receives the Camille Gravel Award

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Phil Wittmann, Barry Ashe, Patrick and the Hon. Sarah Vance, and the Hon. Kurt D. Engelhardt
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Federal Bar Association
Each year the Younger Lawyers Division of the Federal Bar Association’s New Orleans Chapter hosts the Malcolm W. Monroe Federal Practice Seminar. Malcolm W. Monroe was president of both the national Federal Bar Association and the New Orleans Chapter and a leader in the New Orleans legal community. It is in his honor that we present this seminar each year.

The Malcolm W. Monroe Federal Practice Seminar offers attorneys a unique opportunity to fulfill continuing legal education requirements and, at the same time, obtain admission to all federal courts in Louisiana, including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, in a joint admission ceremony held at the end of the seminar.

In addition, by registering for the seminar, attendees become members of the Federal Bar Association, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of practice in federal courts and facilitating interaction and communication between the bar and the judiciary. The many benefits of Federal Bar Association membership include invitations to Federal Bar Association activities and functions, such as our popular Lunch with the Court program and our annual Federal Judges’ Reception, special member rates for CLE programs, complimentary subscriptions to national and local Federal Bar Association publications and numerous opportunities to interact with members of the federal bench and bar.

Speakers for this year’s seminar will include members of the Federal bench, including Chapter president, Judge Kurt D. Engelhardt, as well as esteemed practitioners Brian Capitelli of Capitelli and Wicker, and Larry J. Centola of Martzell and Bickford. Presentations will focus on ethics, professionalism, law office management, and federal practice.

The registration deadline for those applying for admission to any of the courts is October 31st at 4:00 p.m. Those attending for CLE credit can register up until December 10th.

If you are interested in attending this year’s Malcolm Monroe Federal Practice Seminar, please contact Camille Zeller at the Attorney Conference Center (589-7990), or visit the website at: www.nofba.org. The packet of district court enrollment forms must be completed and received at the ATTORNEY CONFERENCE CENTER NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

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Since our last edition, the YLD has hosted Lunches with the Court with Judge Lance Africk of the District Court, Judge James L. Dennis of the Fifth Circuit, and Judge Elizabeth Magner of the Bankruptcy Court. The Lunches with the Court program provides attendees the opportunity to sit down with a member of the federal judiciary and learn about the inner-workings of court. During his luncheon, Judge Dennis provided an informative discussion about the interactions between the circuit judges and their clerks in considering cases, pointers for writing effective briefs on appeal, and tips for oral argument. During her lunch, Judge Magner discussed the general practice of law in the bankruptcy court and gave tips for young lawyers just starting out in the profession.

**Upcoming Lunches with the Court are as follows:**

- Judge Helen “Ginger” Berrigan  
  November 16, 2011
- Judge Stanwood Duval  
  December 15, 2011

Seats are limited, so sign up soon by contacting Camille Zeller at the Attorney Conference Center at (504) 589-7990 or by email at fbano@bellsouth.net.
The Younger Lawyers’ Division of the New Orleans Federal Bar Association hosted another successful “Cocktails with the Court” happy hour on September 29, 2011, at Twist Bar at Mike’s on the Avenue. Turnout was terrific among lawyers, judges, and judicial staff alike. Look for the next “Cocktails with the Court” date in future editions of the Advocate.
CIVIL RIGHTS

Racial and Gender Discrimination

In Dennis Barnes v. K&B La. Corp. d/b/a Rite Aid, the plaintiff, an African American man who worked as an hourly shift pharmacist at several Rite Aid stores in the New Orleans metro area, sued the pharmacy, alleging that he was denied promotion to a permanent position as a staff pharmacist because of his race and gender. He also maintained that the company refused to assign him to staff pharmacist positions at stores having a majority white customer base.

The defendant denied any racial or gender considerations for its decisions not to assign plaintiff to the requested stores, and noted that the positions were filled by minority (African American and Asian) men and women. Moreover, the defendant asserted that it had offered the plaintiff two staff pharmacist positions at other stores.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

Docket No.: 09-6629, Section B (Jury trial held September 26, 2011)
PERSONAL INJURY

Torts

In Corey K. Roberts v. Illinois Central Railroad Company, et al., the plaintiff, part of a crew renovating an elevated railway bridge, was struck by a railroad timber which partly crushed his lower right leg. Surgical repair of his leg required implantation of a rod and plate. The plaintiff complained that he suffered from chronic pain and was required to work a sedentary job.

The plaintiff’s employer, the railroad, and the construction company and its insurer admitted liability for the incident, but maintained that the plaintiff had failed to mitigate his damages and that the damages were overstated.

The plaintiff claimed lost wages and future pain and suffering.

The jury awarded the plaintiff $679,862.00 in economic damages and $835,920.00 in general damages, for a total award of $1,515,782.00.

Docket No.: 10-2063, Section B (Jury trial held August 29, 2011)

Jones Act

In Willie G. Lee v. Omega Protein, Inc., the defendant employed the plaintiff as a seasonal fisherman. The plaintiff claimed that while working, he fell into a net filled with an array of sea creatures and injured his back. The plaintiff sued the defendant, alleging Jones Act negligence, unseaworthiness, and maintenance and cure. Because the plaintiff never reported the accident, the defendant disputed all facts in the case, including whether an accident occurred.

After approximately three hours of deliberations and one question from the jury, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant on Jones Act negligence and unseaworthiness. The maintenance and cure issues did not reach the jury.

Docket No.: 10-387, Section F (Jury trial held July 25-26, 2011)

CRIMINAL

Conspiracy to Violate RICO

In United States of America v. Renee Gill Pratt, the Government alleged that the defendant, using her political positions as state legislator and city councilmember, conspired with members of the Jefferson family to defraud several federal and state government agencies by misappropriating funds and other property for their own financial and political benefit.

The jury found the defendant guilty. The jury also rendered a forfeiture verdict in the amount of $1,094,418.00.

Docket No.: 08-140, Section B (Jury trial held July 11-25, 2011)

Drug Distribution

In United States v. Kenric Rodney and Derrick Fleming, the defendants were charged with conspiring to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine hydrochloride, cocaine base, heroin, and marijuana (Count 1); distribution of cocaine base (Count 2); distribution of cocaine base (Count 3); and distribution of cocaine hydrochloride (Count 4).

One defendant, who did not take the stand, was found guilty on Counts 1, 2, and 3, and not guilty on Count 4.

The other defendant, who did take the stand, was found not guilty on all counts.

Docket No.: 10-102, Section S (Jury trial held 9/12/2011 – 9/15/2011)
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NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER CO-SPONSORS CLE ON ARTWORK LOOTED BY THE NAZIS

On Thursday, October 20, 2011, the New Orleans Chapter along with the FBA’s Federal Litigation Section, co-sponsored a CLE entitled: “Nazi Looted Art in the Federal Courts: Recent Developments and the Case of Schiele’s Dead City.” The CLE was conducted by Raymond Dowd, an attorney at Dunnington, Bartholow, & Miller, LLP in New York City and one of the preeminent legal authorities on looted artwork. Mr. Dowd provided an entertaining and informative presentation about the claims in our federal courts from owners of Nazi looted art. Mr. Dowd drew upon his experience as attorney for the heirs of Fritz Grunbaum, a Jewish cabaret performer who owned Dead City. Through a lively visual presentation, Mr. Dowd explained the fascinating tale of Dead City’s provenance, the battles to recover art stolen from Jewish Holocaust victims, the undisclosed role of the Swiss in laundering looted art for the Nazis, and the implications for U.S. museums holding artworks of European origin.

The co-sponsor of this event, the FBA’s Federal Litigation Section, exists to further the purposes of the FBA as stated in its Constitution and to concentrate on the fundamental practice of law in the federal courts. Federal Litigation Section committees monitor federal rules of procedure, trial and appellate practice, the federal tort laws and the practice of law relating to the military service.
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