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## **Professional Legal Services Questionnaire Instructions**

- The Professional Legal Services Questionnaire shall be used for outside legal services.
- **The Professional Legal Services Questionnaire must be completely filled out. Complete ALL sections. Insert “N/A” or “None” if a section does not apply or if there is no information to provide.**
- Questionnaire must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Firm.
- All subcontractors must be listed in the appropriate section of the Questionnaire. All subcontractors must provide a fully completed copy of this questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement.
- If additional pages are needed, attach them to the questionnaire and include all applicable information that is required by the questionnaire.
- Failure to properly complete this Professional Legal Services Questionnaire will result in the proposal being deemed not qualified pursuant with Section 2-928(a) of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, and the proposal will not be evaluated or scored.

## Professional Legal Services Questionnaire

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

Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith  
701 Poydras Street, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70139

### **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:**

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### **C. Location of the principal office where work will be performed:**

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New Orleans, Louisiana 70139

### **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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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bond Services (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elections (Years: _____)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative &amp; Regulatory (Years: 5)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law (Years: _____)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Law (Years: 34)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice (Years: _____)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution (Years: 34)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental, Energy &amp; Resources (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Health Law (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Law (Years: _____)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labor &amp; Employment Law (Years: 34)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Contract Law (Years: _____)</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Science &amp; Technology Law (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State &amp; Local Government Law (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Taxation (Years: _____)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tort Trial &amp; Insurance Practices (Years: 34)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation)(Years: 34)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Securities (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ethics Law (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Matters (Years: _____)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights &amp; the Constitution (Years: _____)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Representation (including liability &amp; intergovernmental conflicts) (Years: 34)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement Matters (Years: 5)_____</p> |
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___ Public Utilities Law (Years: _____) ___ Communications Law (Years: _____) ✓ Transportation Law (Years: 34) ✓ Property (Years: 34) ___ Trust & Estate Law (Years: _____) ___ Other/specific project as required by the advertisement (Years: _____)	___ Oil Spill Litigation (Years: _____) ___ Public Finance (Years: _____) ✓ Land Use, Planning & Zoning Law (Years: 34) ___ Economic Development (Years: _____) ✓ Construction Law (Years: 34)
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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. N/A		
2. N/A		
3. N/A		
4. N/A		

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

With offices in seven states, Galloway protects companies and helps them achieve their business goals using a proven strategy of proactive representation, efficiency, and responsiveness.

Since our founding, value has been our hallmark. It's in our DNA. In every practice and every office, our value heritage means having responsive attorneys who approach each matter proactively, with a bespoke plan to achieve your business goals. We are well-equipped to exceed your expectations, whether your desired resolution is in a boardroom or a courtroom.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT**

Client service excellence is a cornerstone of our practice. Jefferson Parish can expect:

**Efficiency:** We understand the importance of resolving claims as quickly and cost-efficiently as possible. It's the way we have practiced for over 30 years in thousands of cases across multiple practice areas, industries, and geographies. It is also what our clients have come to expect from us. Through early case assessments, litigation plans, cost-containment strategies, and risk transfer, we provide solutions that meet our clients' objectives.

**Aggressiveness:** Galloway's core purpose is to ensure our clients' business goals and best interests are being aggressively represented and protected. Our proactive strategies – from initial investigation through early resolution, dispositive motion, or trial – have proven successful for our clients time and time again. In fact, relentlessness, and the strong results it produces, have driven our growth from one office with five lawyers into a premier litigation firm with over 100 attorneys in offices across seven states.

**Accessibility & Responsiveness:** Galloway has built a stellar reputation by consistently exceeding client expectations. We partner with our clients to create relationships that are deliberately responsive and results-oriented. We endeavor to treat each client and matter as if they were our only one. Frequent and prompt client communication of good and bad news (and of thoughtful solutions) is a cornerstone of our approach, always with a sense of urgency.

**Value:** Value isn't just about dollars and cents. For us, it's our mindset and our time-honed processes, which together allow us to achieve great outcomes efficiently. Because we understand how important results and cost effectiveness are to our clients, we optimize our resources to develop tailored plans for each client to meet their business objectives. Key to our approach is our experienced team of attorneys and staff immersed in each client's company, legal needs, risk preferences, and guidelines. Our deep industry knowledge, strategically focused practice areas, and strategic geographic footprint, with offices in seven states, including the entire Gulf South, Georgia and Missouri, position us to best serve our clients now and in the future.

Our success is evidenced by both the multiple long-term relationships developed with clients over more than thirty years and the growth of our offices across the South based on the needs of our clients in jurisdictions from Texas to Florida, and now Georgia and Missouri. As result of this success, Galloway has been recognized as a Top 10-rated insurance defense firm by Martindale-Hubbell, rated an Index Value 5 of 5 by the ACC, and included among A.M. Best's Recommended Insurance Attorneys 2011-2021.

#### **RELEVANT PRACTICE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Corporate Transactions:** Galloway regularly counsels corporations and businesses of all sizes on many types of corporate transactions, from the initial organization of a business entity through final winding down and

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dissolution, merger, or conversion. Our business attorneys also have in-depth knowledge of the local community in which they practice, and the unique issues and dynamics that affect business interests in their local area. That insight, combined with our personal commitment to the communities in which we practice, inspires our clients with confidence because they know they are hiring a law firm that understands their business and the local issues they will face.

Our transactional work includes creating and analyzing master service agreements, bareboat charter agreements, master time charter agreements, and stock repurchases, and the creation of corporations, limited liability companies, and other business entities, along with by-laws, articles of organization, operating agreements, plans of merger and conversion, and other corporate documents. From short-term goals to larger and more complex projects, our corporate attorneys are keenly focused on the needs of our corporate and business clients.

**Litigation:** Litigating cases always has been at the center of every area and industry in which our attorneys practice. In construction, for example, we have accomplished litigators in each of our offices for whom construction litigation is a principal focus of their practice. And we have served as panel counsel to several of the leading insurers in the construction market for decades.

Our team of trucking and transportation lawyers represent some of the largest trucking and transportation companies and serve as trusted counsel to many of their insurers. And our Emergency and Rapid Response Team is poised to quickly respond when an accident or catastrophic claim occurs.

The mass tort and class action attorneys at Galloway have represented local, national, and international corporations, insurers, and state agencies in complex, multi-party claims and class actions involving thousands of claimants. As a sign of the confidence that our clients and co-counsel have in our ability to handle complex litigation, we have been appointed liaison counsel and steering committee members on behalf of various joint-defense groups in complex class actions.

From maritime and personal injury cases, to insurance coverage disputes and complex commercial litigation, Galloway's litigation attorneys are focused, experienced, and prepared. And we have the resources and experience to respond quickly and effectively, whether locally or across multiple jurisdictions.

**Employment Law:** From the founding of our firm over 30 years ago, Galloway has defended employers and insurers in a wide variety of civil rights and employment litigation. Our representation of employers often begins during the investigative phase by various administrative bodies and continues through any potential litigation and resolution of the claim. From cases involving single claimants to multiple claimants and class actions, we have successfully defended civil rights claims under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1991; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Fair Labor Standards Act; the Family Medical Leave Act; the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act; the Defense Base Act; the Jones Act; and state worker's compensation laws.

Galloway also offers a variety of employment law services, including evaluating our clients' internal human resources policies and advising employers on proactive practices to prevent future employment litigation. Additionally, our firm has created employment handbooks for a variety of businesses, helped employers create and implement internal record keeping policies that prove to be useful in defending future employment litigation, assisted employers with internal investigations of employee misconduct, and created separation agreements and releases in the event of employee termination.

Our experienced attorneys also offer seminars on a multitude of civil rights and employment topics, including sexual harassment in the workplace; employee rights in the workplace; preventing and defending employment

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litigation; effective human resources policies; record keeping and document retention; and labor and wage issues. In doing so, we keep our clients well apprised of the recent civil rights and employment laws, issues, and changes. This has served our clients well in preventing and defending their businesses against employment liability in multiple jurisdictions.

**Environmental & Toxic Tort:** Environmental law is arguably one of the most complex areas of modern legal practice. There are courts and administrative proceedings at the local, state and federal levels, with overlapping legal and regulatory jurisdictions. The science underlying the legal issues is both technically difficult and rapidly changing, placing extraordinary demands on legal professionals.

Fortunately, our environmental and toxic tort attorneys have both the credentials and the experience to master the scientific and legal challenges in these cases. The firm has built an outstanding record of aggressively defending these cases, including toxic torts, mold claims, chemical exposures, the Oil Pollution Act, and every level of regulatory compliance. Our attorneys have helped clients with emergency response phases of cases, helping clients to properly investigate accidents immediately. We also have been fortunate to accumulate a number of notable and precedent-setting verdicts on behalf of our clients.

**Insurance Defense & Coverage:** For over 30 years, Galloway has represented national and international insurance companies on a wide variety of insurance matters in both state and federal courts across the country. Our attorneys are recognized as aggressive trial lawyers who have prepared and tried cases in all areas of insurance defense:

- Property, fire and casualty claims
- Construction litigation
- Trucking and inland marine claims
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Insured liability disputes
- Insurance coverage disputes
- Bad-faith litigation
- Toxic tort and environmental claims
- Employment litigation
- Premises liability
- General liability
- Excess coverage
- Products liability
- Subrogation claims

We also are recognized as one of the premier bad faith and extra-contractual litigation defense firms in the Gulf South. Our attorneys who litigate bad faith matters have handled hundreds of commercial and personal lines claims and lawsuits for the firm's insurance clients. And we have the experience of handling a high volume of claims and lawsuits following devastating hurricanes and other catastrophes.

Our experienced insurance coverage and trial attorneys, with the assistance of trained support staff, deliver professional and cost-effective legal services to our clients. We are committed to seeing that our clients receive the services to which they are entitled in a prompt and diligent manner.

**Commercial Litigation:** When a company is faced with a commercial dispute, we recognize that the dispute is often the most critical litigation matter for that client. Resolving that dispute requires an in-depth understanding of our client's business and industry in which that business is operating, while recognizing the challenges that a

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business faces when these disputes arise. That is why Galloway is routinely retained to represent companies in what is often their most complex, urgent and important litigation.

From multi-million dollar litigation to smaller cases on open account, we regularly represent corporations, businesses, banks, and credit unions in commercial litigation matters across a wide spectrum of commercial disputes: breaches of contract, indemnity claims, employment agreements, mineral liens, collections, shareholder issues, oil and gas litigation, injunctions, fraud, ERISA litigation, and everything in between. Our commercial litigation attorneys are dedicated to helping our business litigation clients solve problems and resolve disputes. And our focus has always been cost-effective and aggressive representation in the most expeditious manner possible. We also have the necessary experience to bring complex commercial litigation cases to trial.

**Transportation:** Galloway's team of trucking and transportation lawyers understands that trucking accidents require immediate attention and that the claims require aggressive, relentless, and precise representation. We have dedicated transportation trial attorneys across multiple offices, each with extensive experience in investigating, handling, and litigating trucking and catastrophic claims. Our team is knowledgeable in governmental requirements and short deadlines for drug and alcohol test administration, and is experienced in evidence preservation, investigations, and early evaluation of potential exposure. As a result, we represent some of the largest trucking and transportation companies and serve as trusted counsel to many of their insurers. And the depth of practice within each of our firm's offices allows for a thorough and unique multi-disciplinary approach to each claim that we handle.

We also routinely seek ways to proactively add value to our client relationships as well. We present seminars as part of employee training programs and at industry conferences, present seminars for insurance carriers and their insureds, and publish articles and risk management guidelines. The range of our experience includes litigation trends, insurance coverage, indemnity, implementing and maintaining a culture of safety, incident investigation, substantive areas of law, risk management, mock trials, trial practice, depositions, government regulations, and industry standards. Our attorneys also are active members and presenters in local and national trucking organizations and industry conferences, including the Transportation Lawyer's Association, Defense Research Institute's Trucking Law Committee, and the Trucking Industry Defense Association.

**Premises Liability:** From restaurants, hotels, and convenience stores, to shopping malls, hospitals and medical clinics, property owners face exposure to premises liability claims. Galloway has been protecting the rights of property owners for many years with experienced attorneys who know how to properly investigate claims at an early stage and know how to defend a premises case in litigation.

We regularly represent property owners and their insurers in cases involving general liability, premises liability, products liability, and industrial accidents in a wide variety of claims: slips and falls, building code violations, defective conditions, inadequate security, equipment malfunctions, liquor liability, and defective construction. And in each of these cases, we have found that a proactive approach—from initial investigation through early resolution, dispositive motion, or trial—is the most effective approach to defending these claims. It's the approach that we have successfully used for many years and is the approach that our clients have come to expect.

**Construction:** Since our founding over 30 years ago, a primary focus of our firm has been construction litigation, representing general contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers, developers, owners, product manufacturers and suppliers, and the companies that insure those businesses. We recognize that businesses and insurance carriers in the construction industry face distinct challenges, which require attorneys with specific experience in construction litigation, along with experience in negotiation and resolution of often complex construction defect disputes. To that end, we have accomplished construction litigators in each of our offices for whom construction litigation is a principal focus of their practice.



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For decades, we have also served as panel counsel to several of the leading insurers in the construction market. Consequently, we have defended many complex, multi-party construction cases with millions of dollars at stake. With that experience, our clients have realized success in the courtroom, arbitration, and mediation.

Whether a dispute involves public or private properties, including hotels, schools, port facilities, government buildings, medical offices, condominiums, and residential properties, we know that construction litigation often involves substantial defense costs involving numerous depositions, multiple experts, and extensive motion practice, in addition to insurance coverage issues that frequently accompany the underlying suit. Construction litigation attorneys must be focused and precise, aggressive and deliberate—all with a constant eye toward containing costs and effecting a timely resolution of the dispute. Galloway's construction litigation attorneys are dedicated to these core principals.



**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.**

There are currently 126 attorneys at Galloway, firmwide. Our attorneys are acutely focused on delivering value to the clients we represent through early case assessments, cost-containment strategies, risk transfer, and implementing the most efficient handling of any matter through early dismissal, targeted motion practice, timely dispute resolution, or trial.

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- i. Please specify the total number of support staff that may assist in the completion of a matter for each area of the law selected above: We currently employ 30 support staff and 13 paralegals in the New Orleans area.**
- ii. List any attorneys that may assist in the completion of a matter for each area of the law selected above. If necessary, please attach additional documentation that demonstrates the employment history and experience of the Firm's attorneys that may assist in the completion of this Project (i.e. resume). Please attach additional pages if necessary.**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Legal Field:</b>	<b>Years of Experience in Legal Field:</b>
<b>1. Christopher A. Meeks</b>	Administrative & Regulatory; Business Law; Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Code Enforcement Matters; Transportation Law; Property Law; Land Use, Planning & Zoning Law; Construction Law	8
<b>2. Doris T. Bobadilla</b>	Dispute Resolution; Labor & Employment Law; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Transportation Law; Property Law	25
<b>3. Jennifer K. Buckingham</b>	Business Law; Dispute Resolution; Employment Law; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Municipal Representation; Transportation Law; Property Law; Construction Law	10
<b>4. Richard G. Duplantier</b>	Business Law, Dispute Resolution, Tort Trial & Insurance Practices, Property Law; Complex Litigation; Municipal Representation; Transportation Law; Construction Law	33
<b>5. Campbell Bowman Fetzer</b>	Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Transportation Law; Property Law; Construction Law	8

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<b>6. Timothy W. Hassinger</b>	Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Municipal Representation; Transportation Law; Property Law	20
<b>7. John F. McCormick</b>	Business Law; Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Transportation Law; Property Law; Construction Law	9
<b>8. David M. Moragas</b>	Business Law; Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Transportation Law; Property Law; Construction Law	15
<b>9. Mark R. Pharr</b>	Business Law; Labor & Employment Law; Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Transportation Law; Property Law; Construction Law	31
<b>10. James A. Prather</b>	Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices, Complex Litigation; Municipal Representation; Transportation Law; Property Law; Construction Law	30
<b>11. Jason M. Freas</b>	Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Transportation Law; Property Law; Construction Law	7

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<b>12. Wendell Hall</b>	Dispute Resolution; Labor & Employment Law; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Transportation Law; Property Law	25
<b>13. Mia Lewis</b>	Dispute Resolution; Tort Trial & Insurance Practices; Complex Litigation; Transportation Law; Property Law; Construction Law	6



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

N/A

### **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.**

- ***Parish of Jefferson v. Gail Guerra Couvillion wife of/and Barry E. Couvillion and TreeCo Tree Service, LLC, Docket No. 681-424***  
This suit was filed on December 17, 2008 in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court by Jefferson Parish. Jefferson Parish sought to recover damages resulting from the cutting down of certain trees that were on a Parish right of way near 138 Moss Lane in River Ridge, Louisiana. The suit was settled in or around April 2013. Attorneys from Galloway represented TreeCo Tree Service, LLC in this litigation.
- ***Kristen, wife of/and Brian Baker, et al v. BLD Services, LLC, et al, Docket No. 747-097***  
The plaintiffs filed this suit on February 25, 2015 in the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court against BLD Services, LLC; Jefferson Parish; and ABC Insurance Company. Plaintiffs asserted claims for damages to their immovable property resulting from pile driving activities in relation to certain drainage improvements along Jefferson Highway. Attorneys from Galloway represented BLD Services, LLC, who was the contractor on the project, and Jefferson Parish filed a cross claim against BLD Services, LLC. Galloway withdrew from this matter before it was concluded and is, thus, unaware of the final outcome.
- ***Parish of Jefferson v. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Case # EPMZ-17-000213***  
This was a Code Violation issued by the Administrative Adjudication Bureau of Jefferson Parish on

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February 24, 2017 against Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. The code violation involved maintenance issues on a property located at 11101 Jefferson Highway in River Ridge, Louisiana. Attorneys for Galloway represented Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. A Consent Order was entered on March 14, 2017.



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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. Tort Liability and Litigation**

In a security and premises liability case that garnered significant media attention, the Louisiana Supreme Court has recently denied plaintiff Kimi Seymour's writ of certiorari, choosing to uphold the trial court's dismissal of Seymour's case against our client, a local live music venue. The case centered on the death of Seymour's daughter, Brittany Seymour, who was fatally stabbed a block away from the popular venue by Dannisha Green. The stabbing followed a skirmish between the woman and their friends on the premises of the House of Blues. The venue staggered the ejection of the two groups to ensure their safety, but unbeknownst to the venue, the group initially ejected waited down the street and out of sight until the second group appeared. A deadly brawl then ensued.

Richard G. Duplantier, Jr. of Galloway defended the venue against Seymour's allegations that they owed a duty to Brittany to protect her from the criminal activities of Green and had breached this duty by failing to call the police. Galloway filed a motion for summary judgment to dismiss Seymour's wrongful death and survival claims, arguing that the live music venue's duty to protect its patrons does not extend to unforeseeable criminal activities that occur off its premises. The trial court granted the motion and dismissed the case. On appeal, in a published opinion, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the trial court's decision, finding that the actions taken by the venue's security officers to intervene and handle the disturbance "went beyond any duty it owed to call the police." The appellate court further rejected Seymour's argument that the incident on the venue's premises gave rise to an ongoing duty on the part of the venue to protect Brittany from harm that occurred off the premises. Rather, based on the "extra security measures" taken by the venue's security officers to ensure the safety of the women and all its patrons, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals held that the subsequent, deadly brawl that occurred more than a block away from the venue and outside the presence of the their security officers was not reasonably foreseeable. The appellate court upheld the trial court's decision on the grounds that the venue had no duty to protect a former patron from an unforeseeable criminal act by a third party on the street a block away from its premises.

#### **REFERENCE**

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#### **2. Transportation Law / Tort Law**

*Rashad Turner v. Landwerlin Trucking et al*

Orleans Civil District Court, Docket No. 2018-03383, Div. A-16

Plaintiff filed this suit on April 6, 2018, in the Civil District Court for Orleans Parish asserting he was injured in a motor vehicle accident that occurred on I-10 East near Exit 246A. Plaintiff alleged he was travelling as a passenger in a vehicle owned by another individual east bound on I-10 when a 2006 Freightliner tractor swerved into the middle lane of traffic and side swiped the vehicle he was in. Attorneys from Galloway inherited the case from a prior law firm only three months before trial and suspected that the accident was staged and tied to a larger trucking scandal that had plagued the New Orleans area within the time frame of the accident. Galloway's attorneys sought a continuance of the trial to further develop evidence pertaining to the connection to the fraud ring, but the District Court refused to continue the trial. The appellate court also denied writs on the motion to continue. With less than

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two months before trial, Galloway's attorneys were able, through their own independent investigation, to uncover enough evidence to show that the accident was likely staged and to cast doubt as to whether the plaintiff was even in the vehicle at the time of the accident. The case was tried on November 17, 2020. The District Court found that the plaintiff's testimony was not credible and, therefore, rendered judgment in favor of Galloway's clients, dismissing the claims with prejudice.

### REFERENCE

Doug Aime  
Vice President of Claims  
Claims Direct Access  
Phone: (801) 304-5586

### **3. Construction Law**

*Art Garage, LLC et al v. Stirling Properties, LLC*  
Orleans Civil District Court, Docket No. 2016-4566

Plaintiffs filed suit on in the Civil District Court for Orleans Parish against the City of New Orleans and various contractors, architects, and design professionals asserting claims for water damages to their property. Plaintiffs claimed that the faulty construction and design of the Mid-City Market in New Orleans created flooding and drainage problems, which caused flooding on their property. After asserting a peremptory exception of no right of action, Galloway's attorneys were able to obtain a voluntary dismissal with prejudice from the plaintiffs of the claims against the engineering firm who did work on the project.

### REFERENCE

Duplantis Design Group, PC  
314 East Bayou Road  
Thibodaux, LA 70301  
Phone 985.447.0090  
Fax 985.447.7009

### **4. Land Use, Planning & Zoning Laws, Code Enforcement, Municipal Representation**

Galloway's attorneys have represented multiple municipalities and political subdivisions in litigation, and they also have extensive experience in the consulting public officials in the interpretation and application of Louisiana's Lawrason Act, which governs Louisiana's municipalities. In particular, Christopher Meeks formerly served the City of Harahan's Planning & Zoning Board until January 2021 when he was appointed to serve as the Hearing Officer of Harahan's Regulatory Court, which adjudicates violations of Harahan's nuisance ordinances. As a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, Mr. Meeks assisted in the revision of Harahan's ordinances to create a regulatory court and the procedure for enforcing the nuisance ordinances and building codes. Mr. Meeks played a significant role in researching and drafting Ordinance No. 2019-31 which passed in November 2019 and ultimately led to his appointment in January 2021 to serve as the Hearing Officer of the regulatory court.

### REFERENCES

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### **5. Employment Law**

Following a miscarriage, Plaintiff—Black female—took twelve weeks of maternity leave. The week before her slated return to work, she tells her supervisor—White Female—that she was still not feeling well and, because of medical issues unrelated to her pregnancy, she would need to limit her hours to half days only for her first week back. Plaintiff's supervisor approved the request to work half days for Plaintiff's first week back. Then, two days after her return, Plaintiff says her doctor had increased her medicine and that she would need to work an additional week at half days only. Employer refused to accommodate the request, because the position was a full-time position that required the employee to work full-time. Plaintiff resigned.

Plaintiff filed EEOC charge for race and sex/pregnancy discrimination and retaliation. After administrative remedies ran their course, Plaintiff filed a lawsuit claiming: 1) sex/gender discrimination; 2) pregnancy discrimination; 3) race discrimination; 4) disability discrimination; 5) wrongful termination; 6) intentional infliction of emotional distress and 7) negligent infliction of emotional distress.

#### **REFERENCE**

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### **6. Employment Law**

Plaintiff—White male over the age of 40—claims that his termination was unlawfully based on his age, as one of the older or oldest store managers, and that the “new” Black female, regional manager made negative comments about his age. For failure to properly train his supervisees, Plaintiff was placed on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). Then, the Employer/owner, Black male, learns that Plaintiff did not handle a sexual harassment complaint against another white male employee according to the Employer’s policy. The Employer terminates Plaintiff. Plaintiff files EEOC Charge. Then, Plaintiff sues for 1) Race discrimination, 2) ADEA, and 3) Tortious interference with his employment relationship.

#### **REFERENCE**

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### **7. Employment Law**

After disagreement with supervisor, white female under 40, over a new hire’s pay, Plaintiff—white female over 40—was terminated for insubordination. Subsequently, Plaintiff claimed she was discriminated on the basis of race, claiming other employees, Black females, were not terminated for similar or worse actions.

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In 1987, the original founding partners began a new law firm based on a core set of principles: precise, aggressive, and relentless representation of their clients to achieve a more effective and efficient resolution of cases. These principles have been the foundation for everything Galloway stands for today.

From the first office in New Orleans, the firm has grown to include 12 offices and more than 125 lawyers, with locations across the Gulf South and Midwest. Our attorneys excel in multiple practice areas: insurance defense and coverage; bad faith; maritime and admiralty; energy; amusement, sports, and recreation; hospitality, entertainment, and leisure; construction; corporate transactions; employer's liability; environmental and toxic torts; mass torts and class actions; products liability; professional liability; property insurance; public entity and civil rights; railroad litigation; real property and banking litigation; retail and restaurant litigation; subrogation; title litigation; and trucking and transportation. The growth of Galloway over the last thirty years is a testament to the fact that our clients' interests are being aggressively represented and properly protected.

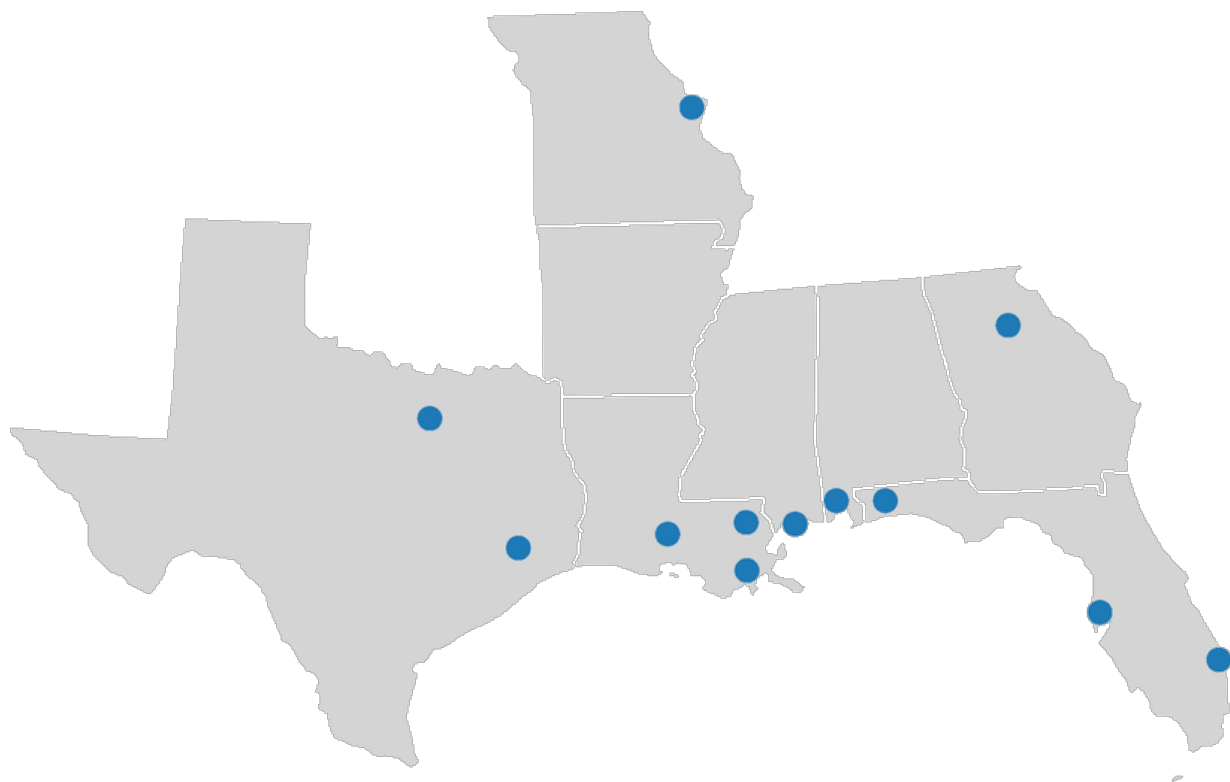
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# Christopher A. Meeks , Associate

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## Overview



Christopher Meeks is an associate attorney in Galloway's New Orleans office. As a native New Orleanian, Chris is a proud graduate of Brother Martin High School and a life-long fan of the LSU Fighting Tigers and the New Orleans Saints. As an undergraduate, Chris attended Louisiana State University and earned a Bachelor of

Arts in 2009 in International Studies and History with a concentration in European Studies and minors in Spanish, Economics, and Anthropology. At LSU, Chris and his wife, Jamie, were also LSU Cheerleaders, and the couple served as the team's Captains from 2008 to 2009. After college, Chris attended LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center where he earned his juris doctorate and a graduate diploma in Comparative Law.

Chris' practice is focused primarily on commercial litigation, construction defects, and insurance coverage disputes. Chris also has significant experience in litigating claims under Louisiana's Recreational Use Immunity Statutes, which provide special statutory immunity to landowners, lessees, and occupiers of land dedicated to recreational use. Before joining Galloway, Chris practiced primarily as a plaintiff attorney, litigating cases involving property disputes, servitudes, personal injury claims, and contractual disputes. Having served both the plaintiff and defense bar, Chris gained valuable experience and insight into the mindset and strategies used by both sides in litigation, and he uses that experience and insight to craft practical and innovative solutions to difficult legal problems.

In addition to practicing law, Chris also serves on the City of Harahan's Planning & Zoning Board. He was nominated to the Board by Councilman Jason Asbill in 2019, and his nomination was approved by unanimous vote of the Harahan City Council. As a member of the Board, Chris works closely with citizens and local government officials in evaluating land use applications submitted to the Board. As a member of the Board, Chris has gained substantial experience in the application of Louisiana's Lawrason Act, which is the law that governs the administration of Louisiana's municipalities. As a result, Chris now advises both public officials and private citizens in the interpretation and application of the Act, and he recently assisted in the creation of a regulatory court for the City of Harahan and the revision of Harahan's nuisance ordinances.

Chris was named a Rising Star in 2018 by Super Lawyers. He is currently a member of Associated Builders and Contractors and serves on both the Outreach Committee and the Executive Committee of the Young Professionals Group in ABC's Bayou Chapter.

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## Practices

Commercial Litigation  
Construction  
Insurance Defense & Coverage  
Mass Tort & Class Action

## Industries

Construction  
Insurance

## Education

- Louisiana State University, J.D., 2013
- Louisiana State University, Graduate Degree in Comparative Law, 2013
- Louisiana State University, B.A., 2009

## Admissions

- Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana

## Associations

- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Associated Builders and Contractors – Bayou Chapter

# Doris T. Bobadilla, Director

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## Overview



Doris T. Bobadilla embraces the guiding principle that consistent excellence produces results. She maintains a regional litigation practice across Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Florida. Doris represents clients in the areas of employment law, employment practices liability, insurance coverage, and workers'

compensation. Doris' experience involves general insurance defense, including construction defect, automobile and premises liability.

Doris holds an extensive background in civil and workers' compensation litigation. She represents clients before state, federal, and administrative courts. She began her career as an Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, where she tried numerous jury and judge trials. With Galloway, Doris bolstered her trial experience and has tried civil cases and administrative matters. Doris presents seminars on the topics of employer's liability, workers' compensation, and insurance coverage law.

Currently, Doris serves as the Managing Director of Galloway's Mississippi office. She holds membership in the Louisiana Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, Texas Bar Association, Florida Bar Association, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute (DRI), and the International Amusement and Leisure Defense Association. As evidence of her legal ability and ethical standards, Doris received an AV-Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell. In further recognition of Doris' career and community achievements, the New Orleans CityBusiness Board selected her as a Leader in Law and the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association honored Doris with the Camille Gravel Public Service Award. She also received the Executive Women International, New Orleans Chapter's Representative of the Year Award.

Throughout her career, Doris has fostered diversity in the legal profession. As the first Hispanic woman on record to be admitted to practice law in the state of Mississippi, Doris embodies the business benefits of encouraging ideas from a diverse team.



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Leisure  
Insurance Defense & Coverage  
Subrogation  
Employment Law  
Litigation  
Premises Liability  
Professional Liability  
Retail & Restaurant  
Workers' Compensation  
Immigration

## Industries

Health Care  
Insurance  
Amusements, Sports, and  
Recreation



Hospitality, Entertainment, and  
Leisure  
Retail & Restaurant

## Education

- Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, J.D., 1995
- Loyola University, New Orleans, B.A., Political Science, 1991

## Admissions

- State of Louisiana, 1996
- State of Mississippi, 2000
- State Bar of Texas, 2011
- State Bar of Florida, 2014
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2000
- Supreme Court of the United States, 2003
- United States District Court: Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana
- United States District Court: Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi

## Associations

- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel (LADC) – Board Member, Employment Law Practice Group
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- International Amusement and Leisure Defense Association (IALDA)
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- Louisiana Bar Association
- Mississippi Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)



# Jennifer K. Buckingham, Director

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## Overview



Jennifer Buckingham focuses on insurance coverage, immigration, premises liability, professional malpractice, contractual liability, and personal injury defense.

Jennifer received the B.A. and J.D. degrees from Tulane University in New Orleans. As an undergraduate, she

studied political science, Latin American studies, and Spanish, with a special interest in Southern Cone political history. In law school, she focused on international trade, civil procedure, and maritime law, earning the Certificate in International and Comparative Law. She represented Tulane at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna and served as research assistant to the director of the Admiralty Law Institute.

After college Jennifer worked in real estate development; subsequently, she moved to Kiev, Ukraine, where she worked for an NGO analyzing trade and economic policy. Following law school, she practiced as a plaintiffs' attorney in New Orleans, litigating cases involving personal injury, multiple district litigation, and workers' compensation. Jennifer subsequently practiced in Chicago for two years, representing a predominantly Spanish-speaking clientele primarily in personal injury claims and immigration.

Jennifer is fluent in Spanish, Ukrainian, and Polish and is admitted to practice in all state courts in Louisiana, Illinois, and New York, as well as the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Middle District of Louisiana.

## Education

Tulane University, B.A.

Tulane University Law School, J.D.

## Admissions

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- New York
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Trucking & Transportation

Immigration

## Industries

Insurance

Trucking & Transportation

Retail & Restaurant

- NOBA
- LSBA
- National Lawyers Guild

# Richard G. Duplantier, Director

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## Overview



Richard G. Duplantier, Jr. is one of Galloway's senior partners and a respected trial lawyer engaged in a general commercial litigation practice and more specifically in products liability, construction, environmental and all facets of professional liability, including medical, accounting, and legal malpractice defense. Rick's varied

practice further involves general insurance defense and coverage litigation. Rick's experience also includes the immediate response, assessment and defense of catastrophic incidents and explosions. Rick has an extensive history of trials to verdict, with a trial success rate of over eighty percent. In addition to his litigation practice, Rick has also represented numerous clients in the entertainment business in litigation and in the areas of contracts, trademark, residuals, and other general entertainment law practice concerns. He has handled and resolved matters for promoters, record labels, production companies and individual performers and their representatives, both in the United States and Europe.

For many years, Rick has conducted seminars around the country with a focus on risk management, in effort to educate, heighten awareness, and assist clients in avoiding malpractice pitfalls. As a consultant in the business arena, Rick has assisted clients in the initial creation and implementation of business development and strategic planning.

Rick received an undergraduate degree in communications and political science from Marquette University and a law degree from Loyola University, New Orleans where he was the Managing Editor of the Loyola Law Review, a member of the Moot Court Team, and elected to represent the Loyola Law School at the American Bar Association. From 1991 to 1996, Rick was a member of the National Board of Editors for the Federal Bar & News Journal. In 2008, Rick was selected by City Business magazine as one of the Leaders in Law in the state of Louisiana.

Rick currently serves as the Managing Partner of Galloway's New Orleans office. For over twelve years, Rick served on the Board of Directors of the ASI Federal Credit Union, volunteering his time and energy to reinvigorate the New Orleans community in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and giving families an economic lift as they persevered through their personal and professional hardships. He has volunteered with the Beacon of Hope in efforts to fight blight in New Orleans and rebuild the communities hardest hit by the flood. Currently, he is a member of the National Legal Industry Council of the NGLCC and is President of the Gulf South Chamber, the New Orleans regional affiliate of the NGLCC.

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## Industries

Amusements, Sports, and  
Recreation  
Hospitality, Entertainment, and  
Leisure  
Insurance  
Construction



## Education

- Loyola University, J.D
- Marquette University, undergraduate degrees in communications and political science

## Admissions

- Louisiana
- U.S. District Courts – Eastern Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C.
- United States Supreme Court

## Associations

- New Orleans Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

# Campbell Bowman Fetzer, Director

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## Overview



After completing his undergraduate studies at Georgia State University in 2005, Campbell “Bowman” Fetzer returned to his home state of Louisiana to work for his family’s construction company in Baton Rouge. During his time in the construction industry, Bowman handled large-scale commercial renovation projects and

various new residential and commercial projects.

He went on to attend the Southern University Law Center, where he graduated with honors-Cum Laude, ranking within the top ten of his class. During law school, Bowman became a senior editor of the Law Review where he published his article entitled “Inverse Condemnation in Louisiana” which addressed controversial regulations affecting private landowners and their right to access public roadways. After earning his law degree he was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 2012 and thereafter began practicing maritime and personal injury litigation in New Orleans. At Galloway Johnson, he now practices in the areas of construction, maritime and insurance coverage and defense.

Bowman is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and is a member of the New Orleans and Federal Bar Associations.

## Education

- Southern University Law Center, J.D.
- Georgia State University, B.A. (Double Major: History & Psychology)

## 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

## Associations

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

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Litigation  
Premises Liability  
Products Liability  
Trucking & Transportation

## Industries

Construction  
Insurance  
Trucking & Transportation

- Federal Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association
- American Inns of Court
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Young Insurance Professionals of Louisiana

# Timothy W. Hassinger, Director

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## Overview



For over twenty years, Tim Hassinger has represented companies and insurers in personal injury, commercial and insurance coverage litigation. He has cross-examined hundreds of fact, medical and expert witnesses, becoming versed in the technical aspects of his clients' operations and the medical nuances of claims when

personal injuries are involved. He understands that a targeted approach is the most effective means of both controlling and efficiently resolving litigation for his clients, be it through early case assessments, targeted motion practice to dismiss unsubstantiated claims, timely dispute resolution, or trial.

As evidence of the trust of his clients and his peers, Tim has received an AV-Preeminent rating and the Client Distinction Award from Martindale-Hubbell, and has been appointed Liaison Counsel in complex class action litigation. He also has been named a *Top Lawyer* by *New Orleans Magazine* and to the list of *Louisiana Super Lawyers®*. He also currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School in New Orleans, teaching Admiralty, and as an Instructor at the Oil & Gas School in Houston and London, teaching personal injury and contractual claims to industry professionals from across the United States and overseas.

Whether analyzing issues for a client or briefing complex issues to a trial or appellate court, a core focus of Tim's practice throughout his career has been improving the clarity and quality of legal writing. He is an Advisory Editor of the *Loyola Maritime Law Journal* and a Life Member of Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers, which was founded in 1953 to promote better legal writing. Tim also served on the Editorial Board of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* for three years and as Editor of *Briefly Speaking*, the quarterly publication of the New Orleans Bar Association, for nine. He is the Managing Director of the firm's Mandeville office and is admitted to practice before courts throughout Louisiana and Texas.



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Maritime & Admiralty  
Products Liability  
Trucking & Transportation  
Mass Tort & Class Action  
Commercial Litigation

## Industries

Insurance  
Maritime & Admiralty  
Oil & Gas / Energy  
Trucking & Transportation  
Construction



#### PUBLICATIONS, ARTICLES AND LECTURES

- Adjunct Professor, Loyola Law School, New Orleans, 2011-present
- Instructor, Oil & Gas School, Houston, 2012-present; London, 2013-present
- Instructor, Trial Academy, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, 2013-present
- Author, *"The Collateral Source Rule: A Compendium of State Law,"* State Author-Louisiana, The DRI Defense Library Series, 2012
- Author/Contributor, *"Recent Developments in Admiralty and Maritime Law,"* Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal, Seaman's Claims and Damages, Winter 2011
- Author, *"Offshore Exposure Claims: Lessons in Removal, Jurisdiction and Class Certification,"* DRI's The Voice, Vol. 10, Issue 22, 2011
- Lecturer, *"Exposing and Defeating Fraudulent Claims,"* NRRDA Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas, 2010
- Author, *"Fulbright Scholar Energizes Bar Association as President,"* Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2010
- Author, *"The Voice of Rebuilding and Recovery,"* Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2009
- Author, *"A Vision for Rebuilding and Recovery in an Uncertain Time,"* Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2009
- Author, *"Bar President Rights an Unsteady Ship in the Wake of the Storm,"* Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2007
- Author, *"NOBA Reels in Prominent Attorney as President,"* Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2004
- Author, *"New President Energizes Bar Association,"* Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2003
- Author, *"From Baltic Avenue to Boardwalk: Real Estate Expert Assumes Bar Foundation Presidency,"* Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2002
- Author, *"Chivalry Lives on in the Practice of Law,"* Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2002
- Author, *"Louisiana Supreme Court Slams Doerr on Summary Judgments under Total Pollution Exclusion Clause,"* 49 La.B.J. 30, 2001
- Lecturer, *"The Accidental Fax and Misdirected Communication,"* July 1999, New Orleans Bar Association Inn of Court
- Author, *"Joseph Stahl's Paintings Represent a Diary of His Life,"* 47 La.B.J. 196, 1999



## Education

- Loyola University Institute of Politics, Fellow, 2002
- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, J.D., 1997
- Loyola University, B.A., 1994

## Admissions

- Louisiana
- Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States District Courts: Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana
- United States District Court: Southern District of Texas
- Supreme Court of the United States

## Associations

- President, St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association, 2012-2015
- Board Member, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, 2011-2013
- Editor, Briefly Speaking, New Orleans Bar Association, 2003-2011
- Executive Board, Young Lawyers Section, New Orleans Bar Association, 2002-2005
- Editorial Board, Louisiana Bar Journal, Louisiana State Bar Association, 1999-2003
- Life Member, Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers
- Chair, Publications Committee, New Orleans Bar Association, 2002-2005
- Chair, Approach the Bench Committee, New Orleans Bar Association, 2003-2005
- Board Member, New Orleans Bar Association, 2010-2012
- New Orleans Bar Association Inn of Court
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- Legal Writing Institute
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- State Bar of Texas
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

# John F. McCormick, Director

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## Overview



John "Trip" McCormick's practice is focused primarily in the areas of construction, energy, environmental and toxic tort, medical malpractice and insurance defense. Trip skillfully balances the aggressive pursuit of each client's legal interests with the parallel interest of growing and developing that client's business. The legal advice Trip

provides is therefore based not only on the best potential outcome of the legal matter at hand, but also with an eye toward the preservation of valuable business relationships and the client's hard-earned reputation in the community.

Trip represents a broad spectrum of clients in the construction industry ranging from architects and engineers to general contractors and subs to land surveyors and vendors. Trip has litigated cases arising from a variety of public and private endeavors including small-scale residential projects and major public works projects such as hospitals, schools, and pumping stations crucial to New Orleans' hurricane defense systems. Trip prides himself not only in his knowledge of the intricate legal needs of his construction clients, but also in understanding the larger business interests of those who compete in the crowded but thriving New Orleans and greater Louisiana construction industry.

Trip's work in the energy industry includes general advice to oil and gas clients regarding various transactional issues such as production, exploration and royalty agreements; surface and mineral lease negotiation and execution; and the legal impact of pre-existing servitude and easement agreements. Trip's litigation experience includes all of the above, as well as defending clients involved in offshore production against Jones Act and third-party personal injury claims.

Trip has also represented major players in the energy and chemical production industries against claims of both property damage and personal injury allegedly resulting from soil, groundwater and/or air contamination. Trip's work in the environmental/toxic tort arena includes extensive experience litigating Louisiana "Legacy" cases, as well as cases requiring immediate 24-hour incident response management and the rapid development of working relationships with state and local law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

Trip represents several in-patient care facilities in medical malpractice, general negligence and premises liability contexts. Trip approaches such matters with a necessary mixture of

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Insurance Defense & Coverage  
Litigation  
Maritime & Admiralty  
Oil & Gas

## Industries

Construction  
Insurance  
Oil & Gas / Energy  
Trucking & Transportation

both constant vigilance for the client's interests as well as compassion for the client's residents whose safety and well-being is the client's ultimate objective.

Trip's insurance defense practice covers a wide variety of casualty scenarios, but focuses on specialty, excess and underinsured/uninsured coverage concerns.

Trip is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and moved to his adopted home of New Orleans in 2001. He is a former high school English teacher and freelance writer and editor. Trip currently serves as the Director of Coach and Player Development for the New Orleans Rugby Club, where he has played and coached rugby for nearly 15 years.

## Education

- Colorado College, B.A., English
- University of New Orleans, M.F.A., Creative Writing
- LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, J.D./D.C.L.

## Admissions

- Louisiana

## Associations

- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

# David M. Moragas, Director

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## Overview



As a result of defending countless lawsuits arising out of Hurricane Katrina and its aftereffects, David possesses intimate knowledge, not only of the law related to property damage, business interruption, and construction defect claims, but also of the ways that catastrophic events shape the landscape of the law.

David's experience is not limited, however, to property damage, business interruption, and construction defect claims. Prior to joining the New Orleans office of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr & Smith in 2005, David began his study of the law while working as an in-patient rehabilitation case manager where he coordinated a team of medical professionals in shaping the ever changing treatment plans of patients recovering from a variety of neurological and orthopedic impairments. David utilizes his life experiences to provide strategic counsel for businesses and insurance companies in wrongful death and catastrophic injury litigation; insurance defense and coverage; professional liability; construction litigation; toxic tort litigation; trucking and auto liability; residential property damage; commercial property damage and business interruption litigation; products liability; lease disputes; builder's risk and subrogation litigation.

David's skill and dedication has earned him recognition by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star for 2013 and 2014, and as a Louisiana Super Lawyer for 2015. David serves as a member of the Executive Board for PIA's Northshore Chapter and is active in his local condominium and homeowners associations where he contributes to the growth, development, and management of the associations.



## Education

- Loyola University School of Law, J.D. (2004)
- Louisiana State University Medical Center, School of Allied Health Professions, B.S., Rehabilitation Services (1997)

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Products Liability  
Subrogation  
Commercial Litigation  
Construction  
Employment Law  
Litigation  
Mass Tort & Class Action  
Premises Liability  
Professional Liability  
Trucking & Transportation  
Workers' Compensation

## Industries

Construction  
Insurance  
Trucking & Transportation

## Admissions

- Louisiana
- U.S. District Courts, All Districts in Louisiana
- Coushatta Tribal Court for the Coushatta Indian Nation, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

## Associations

- Professional Insurance Agents ("PIA") Northshore Chapter Executive Board Member
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

# Mark R. "Tiger" Pharr, Director

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## Overview



Tiger believes that the most important attribute of a lawyer is good communication: the ability to listen to the client, understand their expectations, counsel them honestly, keep them informed, and resolve their case with the best possible outcome. Over the last 27 years, Tiger has litigated close to 50 jury, bench and

administrative trials. This experience provides him with not only the ability to try a matter to verdict or obtain a resolution prior to trial, but to advise his clients on the benefits and risks of each option.

Tiger's practice is centered around general casualty defense with an emphasis in automobile/trucking, construction defect, premises liability, employment law, contract disputes, maritime personal injury, professional liability, hospitality, entertainment and leisure, and environmental/toxic tort liability. He also serves as outside corporate counsel for various small businesses where his responsibilities include but are not limited to the drafting and review of Asset Purchase Agreements, Stock Purchases and Sales, Master Service Agreements, Time Charters, Bareboat Charter Agreements, Vessel Purchase Agreements, and Teaming Agreements.

Tiger's practice takes him across Louisiana and Texas, having practiced in Galloway's Houston office for 10 years and managing the Firm's Lafayette, Louisiana office since its opening in April 2001. For over 20 years he has maintained an AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell. An AV rating is a designation attained by only 2 percent of attorneys in the country and is attained through an indication of very high to preeminent legal ability, an exemplary reputation and a well-established practice.

Tiger is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association, Texas Bar Association, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel (LADC), Federal Bar Association, Maritime Law Association, and the Lafayette Parish Bar Association. He is licensed to practice in the States of Louisiana and Texas and all of the U.S. District Courts in Louisiana and Texas as well as the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Tiger is an avid cross fitter and maintains a private pilot's license with multi-engine and instrument ratings that allow him to access all cities in the Gulf Coast region in a cost

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Trucking & Transportation  
Mass Tort & Class Action  
Professional Liability  
Commercial Litigation  
Construction  
Employment Law  
Environmental & Toxic Tort  
Litigation  
Premises Liability  
Cyber Liability  
E-Commerce

## Industries

efficient and timely manner. Tiger's first love is his family. He is married to Allyson Fox Pharr and is the proud father of two beautiful daughters.



## Education

- Southern Methodist School of Law, J.D., 1990
- Louisiana State University, B.S., Accounting 1986, Finance 1987

## Admissions

- State of Texas, 1990
- State of Louisiana, 1991
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Southern, Northern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals

## Associations

- Louisiana Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- National Ocean Industries Association
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

Construction  
Insurance  
Maritime & Admiralty  
Hospitality, Entertainment, and  
Leisure  
Oil & Gas / Energy  
Trucking & Transportation  
Banking

# James A. Prather, Director

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## Overview



James A. Prather is a partner (director) at Galloway. James earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. After receiving his Juris Doctorate degree in 1990, James began his career in New Orleans practicing property and casualty defense litigation. His practice areas

grew to include insurance coverage litigation, construction defect litigation, maritime defense litigation, and defense of the transportation industry. James works with clients to develop policy forms for commercial and property lines for both property and liability policies. He represents insurers in first and third-party insurance disputes concerning commercial and personal lines property claims. James is admitted to practice before all Louisiana trial and appellate courts, as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

James serves as General Counsel for the Louisiana Surplus Lines Association and is a member of the Louisiana Surplus Lines Advisory Council, Legislative Affairs Committee for WSIA (Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association), the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the Louisiana Claims Association, the Louisiana Bar Association, the Defense Research Institute, the Maritime Law Association of the United States, and the American Trucking Association. James is also a former member of the AAMGA Governmental Affairs Committee before its recent merger with NAPSLO. James has devoted his practice to the representation of business and insurance interests in Louisiana. He has been honored by his colleagues in the Bar and members of the Bench with an ("AV") rating from Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest rating available to practicing attorneys. James was also recognized in the 2019, 2020 and 2021 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.



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Construction  
Maritime & Admiralty  
Trucking & Transportation  
Environmental & Toxic Tort  
Retail & Restaurant

## Industries

Amusements, Sports, and  
Recreation  
Construction  
Insurance  
Maritime & Admiralty  
Retail & Restaurant  
Trucking & Transportation





## Education

- Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana, J.D, 1990
- Northeast Louisiana University, Bachelor of Arts degree, 1986

## Admissions

- All Louisiana trial and appellate courts
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

## Associations

- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association (WSIA)
- Louisiana Bar Association
- Louisiana Surplus Lines Advisory Council
- Louisiana Surplus Lines Association (LSLA)
- Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana (PIA)
- Louisiana Claims Association – New Orleans and North Shore Chapters
- American Trucking Association
- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

# Jason M. Freas, Associate

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## Overview



Jason is with Galloway Law Firm, which has offices in seven states throughout the Gulf South including three offices in Louisiana. Jason earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. After receiving his Juris Doctorate degree, Jason developed a litigation practice focused

on property and casualty defense, trucking and transportation, insurance coverage litigation, and professional liability defense of realtors and brokers. Jason is admitted to practice before all Louisiana trial and appellate courts, as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

Jason routinely presents for the Louisiana Realtor's Association and is a member of the Inns of Court, the Louisiana Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, and 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC (St. Tammany) Bar Association. Jason resides with his wife, Marli, who teaches religious education at St. Scholastica Academy in Covington. They have three children Julia, Gabriel and Giavanna and are active members of Our Lady of the Lake in Mandeville.

Most recently, Jason was recognized in the 2021 edition of "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch."

## Education

- Southeastern Louisiana University, B.A., 2009
- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, J.D., 2014
- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Certificate of International Law Legal Studies, 2014

## Admissions

- All Louisiana State and Federal Courts
- United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana
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## Associations

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## Industries

Trucking & Transportation  
Insurance

- 22nd JDC (St. Tammany) Bar Association
- Louisiana Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association

# Wendell Hall, Associate

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## Overview



Wendell concentrates her practice in all aspects of labor and employment law, product liability and casualty claims. Wendell's employment practice focuses on representing employers, management, and employees in discrimination and retaliation lawsuits, administrative charges of discrimination and harassment, wage

claims, suits for breach of contract and other employment-related actions. In addition, Wendell regularly advises businesses on proactive measures to mitigate risk and comply with employment laws.

Wendell has tried cases in California and has extensive experience in federal court and before various administrative bodies. She is also highly experienced in defending clients against claims of premises liability, personal injury, breach of contract, general negligence, product liability, breach of warranty and claims for express and implied indemnity.

Her experience includes representing clients in a broad range of industries, including hospitality and restaurants, building management, private security companies, parking lot operators, elevator manufacturers and maintenance providers, as well as private colleges, temporary staffing organizations and health care providers.



## Education

- Florida State University, Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Whittier College School of Law, J.D.

## Admissions

- Louisiana
- California

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## Industries

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# Mia Lewis, Associate

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## Overview



Mia J. Lewis is a life-long New Orleanian and an associate attorney in the New Orleans office. Mia earned her juris doctorate from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. While at Loyola, Mia was a member of Moot Court and a Student Practitioner in the Children's Rights Clinic of the Loyola Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic. Mia holds a

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication- Journalism from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA and a Masters of Public Administration from Bellevue University in Bellevue, NE. Mia is admitted to practice law in all Louisiana state courts and is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, The Martinet Legal Society, St. Thomas More Inns of Court and A.P. Tureaud Inns of Court.

Upon graduating law school, Mia served as a judicial law clerk in Orleans Parish Criminal and Civil District Courts. Prior to joining the firm, Mia served as a Staff Attorney at the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal where she handled both criminal and civil matters. Mia is an ambitious attorney with an infectious personality.

Mia focuses her practice primarily on insurance coverage, property damage, premises liability, construction defect, complex litigation, contractual liability, and personal injury defense. Outside of work Mia enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with her teenage son, Mekhi.

## Education

- Southeastern Louisiana University, B. A.
- Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, J. D.

## Admissions

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- Louisiana State Bar Association

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Construction  
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## Industries

Construction  
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- A.P. Tureaud Inns of Court