

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
OF
GAUDRY, RANSON, HIGGINS & GREMILLION, L.L.C.
TO PROVIDE VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES

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Professional Legal Services Questionnaire

Professional Legal Services Questionnaire Instructions

- The Professional Legal Services Questionnaire shall be used for outside legal services.
- **The Professional Legal Services Questionnaire should be completely filled out. Complete and attach ALL sections. Insert “N/A” or “None” if a section does not apply or if there is no information to provide.**
- Questionnaire must be signed by an authorized representative of the Firm. Failure to sign the questionnaire shall result in disqualification of proposer pursuant to J.P. Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-928.
- All subcontractors must be listed in the appropriate section of the Questionnaire. Each subcontractor must provide a complete copy of the Professional Legal Services Questionnaire, applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement. Failure to provide the subcontractors' complete questionnaire(s), applicable licenses, and any other information required by the advertisement shall result in disqualification of proposer pursuant to J.P. Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-928.
- If additional pages are needed, attach them to the questionnaire and include all applicable information that is required by the questionnaire.

Professional Legal Services Questionnaire

A. Person or Firm Name & Principal Address:

Gaudry, Ranson, Higgins & Gremillion, L.L.C.
401 Whitney Ave., Suite 500
Gretna, LA 70056

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:

Wade A. Langlois III, Member
(504) 362-2466
Email: wlanglois@grhg.net

C. Location of the principal:

401 Whitney Ave., Suite 500
Gretna, LA 70056

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Services (Years: <u>N/A</u>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Science & Technology Law (Years: <u>N/A</u>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Elections (Years: <u>N/A</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State & Local Government Law (Years: <u>41</u>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative & Regulatory (Years: <u>35</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taxation (Years: <u>41</u>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust Law (Years: <u>N/A</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tort Trial & Insurance Practices (Years: <u>41</u>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Law (Years: <u>41</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation) (Years: <u>41</u>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice (Years: <u>N/A</u>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Securities (Years: <u>N/A</u>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution (Years: <u>41</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ethics Law (Years: <u>41</u>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental, Energy & Resources (Years: <u> </u>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Matters (Years: <u>N/A</u>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Law (Years: <u>41</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights & the Constitution (Years: <u>41</u>)
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property (Years: <u>N/A</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Representation (including liability & intergovernmental conflicts) (Years: <u>41</u>)
<input type="checkbox"/> International Law (Years: <u>N/A</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Code Enforcement Matters (Years: <u>41</u>)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment Law (Years: <u>41</u>)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Contract Law (Years: <u>41</u>)	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Law (Years: <u>N/A</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Law (Years: <u>N/A</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Law (Years: <u>N/A</u>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property (Years: <u>41</u>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust & Estate Law (Years: <u>41</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Other/specific project as required by the advertisement (Years: <u>N/A</u>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Spill Litigation (Years: <u>41</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Finance (Years: <u>N/A</u>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use, Planning & Zoning Law (Years: <u>41</u>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development (Years: <u>41</u>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction Law (Years: <u>41</u>)
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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.		
3.		
4.		

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

Our firm has handled hundreds of jury and bench trials in both federal and state court systems. We have represented public and private entities, Fortune 500 companies and insurance companies involving a broad range of casualty and insurance litigation including trucking, construction, automobile, premises, product liability, medical malpractice, including physician, hospital, nursing homes, and intermediate care facilities, property damage, municipal law, admiralty, Jones Act, maritime, occupational lung disease, environmental law, and state and federal workers compensation litigation and insurance coverage issues.

Eight of the firm's lawyers are "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell which is the highest professional and ethical rating possible.

The firm's most senior partners have been together as a partnership for over 35 years. Consistent, dependable, legally sound advice has been our firm's commitment to our clients, accounting for our firm's longevity and success.



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.

Our firm consists of 24 individuals (five partners, six associates, two Of Counsel, three paralegals, legal assistants and support staff).

The type of services required are stated to be injunctive, declaratory and other actions as necessary to ensure compliance with coastal zone laws, statutes and regulations for the Parish of Jefferson. The general nature of such work requires quick response and turnaround time with respect to the preparation and filing of pleadings.

The firm's partners all are experienced in handling injunctive, declaratory and similar actions, and on a routine basis provide backup to each other when circumstances require an immediate action to protect the interests of the client. The firm's secretarial staff is cross-trained to assist all attorneys on matters of this nature. Associates are not assigned to specific attorneys but rather are assigned projects on as-needed priority basis, so they may be seamlessly shifted to a newly opened file.

As a general rule, the firm's business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. When appropriate, partners, associates and secretarial staff work past 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends in order to timely provide legal services in matters where there is a short timeframe.

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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: <u>3-5</u>		
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.		
Name:	Legal Field:	Years of Experience in Legal Field:
1. Daniel A. Ranson Michael D. Peytavin Steven D. Oliver Ryan C. Higgins	Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, Business Law, Dispute Resolution, Health Law, Labor and Employment Law, Public Contract Law, Property Law, State and Local Government Law, Ethics Law, Civil Rights Law and Constitution Law, Municipal Representation, Code Enforcement Matters, Economic Development, Construction Law, Trust and Estate Law	45 40 37 14
2. Daniel A. Ranson Wade A. Langlois, III	Environmental, Energy and Resources Law, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice, Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation), Oil Spill Litigation	45 38
3. Michael D. Peytavin Steven D. Oliver Ryan C. Higgins	Environmental, Energy and Resources Law, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice, Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation), Oil Spill Litigation	40 37 14
4. John J. Danna, Jr. Gino R. Forte	Environmental, Energy and Resources Law, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice, Complex Litigation (including asbestos litigation), Oil Spill Litigation	21 20
5. Daniel A. Ranson Steven D. Oliver Ryan C. Higgins	Taxation Law, Land Use, Planning and Zoning Law	45 37 14

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

See exhibit attached.

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

None.

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

1.

Parish of Jefferson, et al vs. British Petroleum, et al

The firm represented the Parish of Jefferson against BP, and others, for damages incurred as a result of the British Petroleum, Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill that occurred in December, 2012. Our firm successfully represented the Parish in collecting over \$53,000,000 in damages on behalf of the Parish – one of the largest recoveries of any municipality affected by the spill.

2.

Magee v Jefferson Parish, et al

Counsel for Jefferson Parish
Jefferson Parish – levee liability pre-WJLD 2002. Our Firm defended Jefferson Parish and obtained Summary Judgment in favor of Parish.

3.

CCP Properties, LLC v. The Parish of Jefferson, et al

Counsel for Jefferson Parish
Jefferson Parish – defense of suit based on property damage caused from SELA Project.
Parish paid \$425,000. Total settlement was \$460,000
No trial.

4.

Parish of Jefferson v. SFS

Counsel for Jefferson Parish
Jefferson Parish – declaratory judgment on Fire Training Center contract 2004. Our Firm defended Jefferson Parish which resulted in a successful declaratory judgment on contract termination by Parish.

5.

LEAN v. Evans Cooperage

Counsel for Evans Cooperage
NDPES permit and Clean Water Act claims 2004 against Evans Cooperage – NDPES permit and CWA claims. Negotiated settlement for 1/10th of claimed amount.

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6.

Berry v. Parish of Jefferson

Counsel for Jefferson Parish

Jefferson Parish defense of suit(s) based on rezoning of property 2014 – Successfully defended Parish against claims on rezoning ordinance affecting post-Katrina property use.

7.

Willow, Inc. v. Jefferson Parish

Counsel for Jefferson Parish

Jefferson Parish – defense of suit based on denial of resubdivision ordinance – alleged “taking.” Successfully defended claims based on resubdivision ordinance – taking

8.

Vicari, Inc. v. Jefferson Parish

Counsel for Jefferson Parish

Jefferson Parish – defense of suit based on demolition of blighted property 1998
Successfully defended Parish through U.S. Supreme Court against “takings.”

9.

Village Green v. Jefferson Parish, et al
Counsel for Jefferson Parish

Jefferson Parish – defense of suit based on subdivision and permitting issues – approvals 2012
Successfully obtained judgment for Parish dismissing “negligence” claims arising out of settlement of streets and driveways in a new subdivision.

10.

Palmer v. UV Logistics, et al

Counsel for American Guaranty and Liability Insurance Company

Personal injury claim – 2018. Defense of insured and insurer - \$0 jury verdict.

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

We are familiar with the hydrology of the West Bank of Jefferson Parish having successfully represented the Parish in a series of lawsuits involving storm surge flooding over "back" levees prior to assumption of responsibility for levees by the WJLD. Firm is a property owner in Barataria and counsel are intimately familiar with the coastal regions of Jefferson Parish from Lake Salvador through Bayou Perot and Bayou Rigolets to Little Lake and Hackbury Bay to Grand Isle.

We have successfully represented the Parish in multiple cases involving Parish zoning, resubdivision, land use and blighted property ordinances, which included requests for injunctive relief and declaratory judgments. We are intimately familiar with state and federal procedural laws on injunctions and declaratory judgments. We have successfully handled environmental cases involving CERCLA claims, RCRA claims, Clean Water Act claims, NPDES permit issues, and NORM contamination.

We have represented contractors, engineers and owners in a variety of cases involving construction issues, and are intimately familiar with construction means and methods for buildings and appurtenances, including houses, docks, piers, boathouses, wells, pipelines and industrial facilities which may be subject to coastal use laws and permits depending on location.

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

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Wade A. Langlois III

Title: _____

Member

Date: _____

2/6/2025

Exhibit F

**Firm Resume of
Gaudry, Ranson, Higgins & Gremillion, LLC**



**GAUDRY, RANSON
HIGGINS & GREMILLION, LLC.**
A T T O R N E Y S A T L A W

FIRM RÉSUMÉ

The law firm of **Gaudry, Ranson, Higgins & Gremillion, LLC** has provided our business community, national and international insurers and corporations with a full range of quality legal services by experienced lawyers from an established professional organization for over 40 years. Visit the firm's website at www.grhg.net.

OUR COMMITMENT

The firm is committed to providing aggressive and cost effective legal representation to our clients. This is accomplished to a great degree with a combination of extensive experience and stability. We are client focused. All files are handled in a professional and efficient manner. The goal in handling each and every case is a successful resolution to the satisfaction of the client with a view toward full risk and cost assessment.

We work to build the best defense for every case. There is no cookie cutter law practiced here. Our focus is the creative and successful resolution of difficult litigation.

EXPERIENCE

Our firm has handled hundreds of jury and bench trials in both federal and state court systems. We have represented public and private entities, Fortune 500 companies and insurance companies involving a broad range of casualty and insurance litigation including hurricane litigation, trucking, construction, automobile, premises, product liability, medical malpractice, including physician, hospital, nursing homes, and intermediate care facilities, property damage, municipal law, admiralty, Jones Act, maritime, occupational lung disease, environmental law, and state and federal workers compensation litigation and insurance coverage issues.

Eight of the firm's lawyers are "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell which is the highest professional and ethical rating possible.

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STABILITY

The firm's most senior partners have been together as a partnership for over 30 years. Consistent, timely, responsive, legally sound advice has been our firm's commitment to our clients, accounting for our firm's longevity and success.

OVERVIEW

Gaudry Ranson is located in the Metropolitan New Orleans Area at 401 Whitney Avenue, Suite 500, in Gretna, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The firm successfully represents clients throughout the State of Louisiana.

Gaudry Ranson also has a Baton Rouge office located at 2223 Quail Run Dr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BUSINESS SECTION

Our business section handles all types of business and commercial practice including banking, real estate, estate and will practice, commercial law, construction litigation, hospital and health care law, employment law, environmental law, administrative law, and public contracts law.

INSURANCE/CASUALTY SECTION

We represent insurance companies, self-insured corporations, adjusting companies, including major subsidiaries of national and international corporations. A sample listing of these clients is as follows:

Acme Truck Line, Inc.
American Modern Home Ins. Co.
AmGUARD Insurance Company
AmTrust Group
Archdiocese of New Orleans
Argo Group (Colony Specialty)
AT&T d/b/a BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Atomic Burger LLC
Barriere Construction Co., LLC
Berkley National Insurance Company
Berkley Oil and Gas

Berkshire Hathaway Guard Insurance Companies
Broadspire Services, Inc.
Catholic Mutual Relief Society of America
Cincinnati Financial Corporation
Clear Blue Specialty Insurance Company
CorVel Corporation
Creative Risk Solutions
Empire Fire and Marine Ins. Co.
Federated Department Stores, Inc.
Federated Mutual Insurance Company
Gallagher Basset Services
Gaubert Oil Company, Inc.
Great American Insurance Company
Greenwich Insurance Company
Hancock/Whitney Bank
Hiscox USA
Hudson Insurance Company
Kenner Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board
L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Homes
Lancer Insurance Company
LCMC Health
Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association
Louisiana Funeral Directors Association
LUBA Casualty Insurance Company
Macy's Retail Holdings, Inc.
Mid-South Control Line, LLC
Mothe Funeral Homes, LLC
Napa River Insurance
Nautilus Insurance Group
Oil States International
Parish of Jefferson
Penn National Gaming, Inc.
Pride Mobility Products Corporation
Risk Management Services, Inc.
Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.
Sedgwick Claims Management
Select Energy Services, LLC
Steadfast Insurance Company
Technical Engineering Consultants, LLC
The McDonnell Group, LLC

Touro Infirmary
Trisura Insurance Company
Westlawn Cemeteries, LLC
Zurich-American Insurance Company & subsidiaries

All of the lawyers are qualified and admitted to practice in Federal Courts of Louisiana, as well as all courts of the State of Louisiana.

The law firm has been engaged in defense trial practice for over 40 years.

PARTNERS

WADE A. LANGLOIS, III (born New Orleans, Louisiana, May 21, 1961) graduated from Loyola University Law School in 1986, and was recipient of American Jurisprudence Award in torts.

Prior to entering private practice, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Judge George C. Connolly, Jr. of Civil District Court in Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana.

Wade is an active member of the legal community. He is a partner with the firm in the litigation section with a practice concentration in construction and casualty litigation, insurance defense and coverage, and worker's compensation defense. Mr. Langlois, in his 35 years of practice, has handled a full range of litigation for the firm's clients. He has extensive experience in State and Federal court.

Wade is a proud member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, one of the leading Defense Organizations in the country.

He is a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), New Orleans, Jefferson and Louisiana State Bar Associations, the New Orleans Claims Association, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry and the Louisiana Association of Self Insured Employers. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute.

Mr. Langlois is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

STEVEN D. OLIVER (born New Orleans, Louisiana, May 22, 1961) graduated from Loyola University Law School in 1987.

He is presently a partner with the firm in the litigation section.

Mr. Oliver is a member of the Louisiana and American Bar Associations and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

RYAN C. HIGGINS (born New Orleans, Louisiana, February 6, 1985) graduated in 2007 from LSU with a B.A. in History and from Loyola Law School in 2010.

He was the Print Editor of the Loyola Journal of Public Interest Law from 2009-2010. At Loyola Law School, he was an award-winning member of the Trial Advocacy Team.

Mr. Higgins is a member of the Louisiana, Jefferson and American Bar Associations. He is currently a Director of the Jefferson Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division.

He is presently a partner in the litigation section of the firm, with concentration on commercial litigation, employment law, insurance defense, and collections.

Mr. Higgins is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

GINO R. FORTE (born July 10, 1979 in New Orleans, Louisiana) graduated in May 2004 from Tulane University School of Law. Mr. Forte graduated from Louisiana State University in 2001 with B.S. Degree with dual majors in Accounting and Finance.

Mr. Forte has worked in the defense of personal injury actions, flood insurance (NFIP) claims, hurricane, first party/bad faith claims, business interruption claims, mass torts, and class action matters.

Mr. Forte is licensed to practice in all Courts of the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana and before the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.

He is presently a partner in the litigation section of the firm.

JOHN J. DANNA, JR. (born November 10, 1976, in New Orleans, Louisiana) graduated in May 2003 from Loyola University New Orleans, School of Law. Mr. Danna graduated as Valedictorian from Our Lady of Holy Cross College with a B.A. in History in 1998. In 2000 he earned an M.A. in Theological Studies from Notre Dame Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

Mr. Danna has worked in the areas of insurance coverage, insurer bad faith defense, personal injury defense, workers' compensation defense, and products liability defense.

Mr. Danna has also served as an adjunct instructor, teaching undergraduate courses at Our Lady of Holy Cross College and Elaine P. Nunez Community College.

Mr. Danna is licensed to practice in all Courts of the State of Louisiana and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, as well as the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Danna is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Jefferson Bar Association and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. He is presently an associate in the litigation section of the firm.

OF COUNSEL

DANIEL A. RANSON (born New Orleans, Louisiana, November 28, 1954) graduated cum laude from Loyola University Law School in 1979, where he served as a member of the Loyola Law Review and authored "Louisiana Workmen's Compensation Death Action" 25 Loyola Law Review 341 (1979). Mr. Ranson was recipient of American Jurisprudence Award in Insurance Law and the Faculty Award for Louisiana Civil Code Obligations (Contract Law).

Since admission to Bar, he has been associated and a partner with the firm.

Mr. Ranson is a member of the Jefferson, Louisiana, Federal and American Bar Associations.

Mr. Ranson is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

MICHAEL D. PEYTAVIN (born New Orleans, Louisiana, August 16, 1958) graduated from Loyola University Law School in 1984.

Prior to entering private practice, he was an Assistant Parish Attorney with Jefferson Parish and Staff Attorney with the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal.

He is presently a partner with the firm in the business litigation section with a practice concentration in insurance defense, all areas of insurance coverage defense and litigation, and construction law.

Mr. Peytavin is a member of the Jefferson and Louisiana State Bar Associations.

Mr. Peytavin is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

ASSOCIATES

KAYLYN B. HANDY, (born April 10, 1994 in New Orleans, Louisiana). Ms. Blosser graduated Paul M. Hebert Law Center – Louisiana State University in 2019.

Mrs. Handy joined the firm after gaining valuable judicial experience from her clerkship with the Hon. Marilyn C. Castle of the Louisiana 15th Judicial District Court. After earning her BA in Mass Communication from Louisiana State University, Kaylyn attended LSU Law and graduated Order of the Barristers obtaining her J.D. and Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law. While at LSU Law, Mrs. Handy competed in moot court and trial advocacy competitions and served as director of internal trial advocacy competitions on the Board of Advocates.

Mrs. Handy is presently an associate in the areas of insurance coverage, insurance defense, hurricane claims, personal injury defense, workers' compensation defense, and products liability defense.

Mrs. Handy is admitted to practice in the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana as well as in the United States Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit and is a member of the Jefferson Bar and Louisiana State Bar Associations.

JEVAN S. FLEMING, (born December 12, 1966 in New Orleans, Louisiana). Ms. Fleming graduated Southern University Law Center in 1996.

While attending law school Ms. Fleming served as Law Clerk to the Dean of the Law School and Student Practitioner in the Family Law Clinic. She joined the firm in 2024, after gaining a wide variety of legal experience, primarily in the areas of insurance defense and toxic tort defense. She has also practiced for many years as a Plaintiff's attorney, representing clients in claims involving, personal injury, maritime, toxic torts, and class actions.

Ms. Fleming is licensed to practice in all Court of the State of Louisiana and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, as well as the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ms. Fleming is presently an associate with the firm in the litigation section, with a concentration in insurance defense and coverage. She is a member of the New Orleans, Jefferson, and Louisiana State Bar Associations.

ALLIE A. HINGLE, (born January 23, 1998 in New Orleans, Louisiana). Ms. Hingle graduated Tulane University School of Law in 2023.

After graduating Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Sociology from Louisiana State University, Ms. Hingle attended Tulane Law School obtaining her J.D. and Certificate in Environmental Law. While at Tulane Law, Ms. Hingle was a student attorney for the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic and a research assistant for the Tulane Criminal Justice Clinic. She was a member of the Tulane Civil Law Society and Environmental Law Society.

ASHLEY A. HOLTZMAN, (born December 19, 1996 in Lake Charles, LA). Ms. Holtzman graduated from Loyola University College of Law New Orleans in 2023. Ms. Holtzman joined the firm immediately after graduating and is presently an associate in the areas of insurance coverage, insurance defense, hurricane claims, and personal injury defense.

ELIZABETH S. RAMBIN, (born Mineola, New York, 1960). Beth Rambin is a seasoned and skilled litigator with 39 years of experience. Beth has represented corporate and insurance clients in Louisiana state and federal district courts and as pro hac vice counsel in out of state district courts in the areas of automobile liability, employer's liability, premises liability, environmental, toxic tort and class action litigation, products liability, Louisiana workmen's compensation claims and Longshore and Harbor

Worker's Compensation Act (LHWCA) claims. Additionally, Beth has defended claims involving the Americans with Disability Act, as well as suits arising under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended and the Louisiana Anti-Discrimination Act involving claims of hostile work environment and quid pro quo sex harassment, race, sex and pregnancy discrimination. Beth also has experience with the analysis and defense of insurance coverage claims and suits. Beth's appellate experience is also long and varied. Beth has orally argued cases before all Louisiana Courts of Appeal, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal and the Bureau of Immigration Appeals.

DAVID A. SAFRANEK, (born December 26, 1985 in Houston, TX) An experienced litigator, David Safranek has over 10 years of experience in the fields of insurance defense, personal injury, commercial litigation and toxic torts. After obtaining a degree with Special Honors from the University of Texas at Austin, David graduated from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he was a published member of the Louisiana Law Review. Mr. Safranek is licensed to practice in all Court of the State of Louisiana and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana. When he is not practicing law, David enjoys cooking and spending time with his wife and four children.

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Exhibit H

Past performance by person or firm on Parish contracts

**EXHIBIT TO
PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES QUESTIONNAIRE**

H. Past Performance by person or Firm on Parish contracts

The firm has successfully completed projects involving legal services of the type and nature defined in the Request for Statements of Qualifications. Many of these projects involved representation of the Parish of Jefferson or its Special Districts.

In *Parish of Jefferson, et al vs. British Petroleum, et al* (USDC), the firm represented the Parish of Jefferson against BP, and others, for damages incurred as a result of the British Petroleum, Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill that occurred in December, 2012. Our firm successfully represented the Parish in collecting over \$53,000,000 in damages on behalf of the Parish – one of the largest recoveries of any municipality affected by the spill.

In *Magee v. Jefferson Parish* (24th JDC) the firm represented the Parish of Jefferson and the Jefferson Parish Drainage District with respect to liability arising out of storm surge flooding of back levees on the west bank of Jefferson Parish, prior to the turnover of the levees to the West Jefferson Levee District. The hydrology of the west bank of Jefferson Parish and the sufficiency of the levee and drainage systems were major issues in the case. We obtained dismissal of the claims against the Parish of Jefferson.

In *CCP Properties, LLC v. The Parish of Jefferson, et al*, we represented the Parish of Jefferson in a claim brought by a land owner who alleged his property suffered extensive damage exceeding \$500,000, and sought attorney and expert fees due to construction work undertaken to complete the Harahan Pump to the River Drainage Project. Specifically, plaintiff complained that through the use of sheet piles and excavation of land near its property, the buildings and concrete surfaces of their property began to separate and crack. Ultimately the case was settled, for payment of \$425,000 by the parish, which amount was credited by the Corps against the local contribution owed for the drainage project.

In *Parish of Jefferson v. SFS* (24th JDC) we filed a declaratory judgment action on behalf of the Parish against a private operator of the Parish Fire Training Center with respect to the right of the Parish to terminate the contract under a non-appropriations clause, at no additional cost or expense to the Parish. We successfully obtained a declaratory judgment in favor of the Parish. We also obtained the dismissal of damage claims by SFS against the Parish arising out of termination of the contract pursuant to the non-appropriations clause.

In *Berry v. Parish of Jefferson* (24th JDC) we successfully represented the Parish of Jefferson through trial and on appeal against a suit for injunctive relief against a proposed rezoning of the property, and for damages arising out of rezoning of property by the Parish of Jefferson in accordance with Jefferson Parish zoning ordinances and land use ordinances. The case also included unsuccessful attempts by the plaintiffs to enjoin the Parish from conducting a zoning and land use study of the property, and from rezoning the property to a more restrictive use. The

remaining portion of the case involved claims for alleged damages arising out of the rezoning of the property to a more restrictive use.

In *Willow, Inc. v. Jefferson Parish* (24th JDC) we represented the Parish of Jefferson in a suit by a developer who wished to force the Parish to approve a proposed re-subdivision plan submitted by the developer, and a claim for damages allegedly suffered by the developer as a result of the Parish's refusal to approve the re-subdivision plan. We obtained a dismissal of the suit against the Parish. The decision denying the re-subdivision request was affirmed.

In *Vicari v. Jefferson Parish* (24th JDC) we defended the Parish of Jefferson in a suit for a property owner whose property was demolished pursuant to the Parish's blighted property program. We were successful in enforcing the right of the Parish to demolish the property in accordance with the blighted property ordinances of the Parish. After trial the claims against the Parish were dismissed. Writs were denied by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In *L4 v. Parish of Jefferson, Jefferson Parish Council and Organic Waste Technologies* (24th JDC) the firm represented the Parish in a suit by an unsuccessful proposer on a request for proposals to provide methane gas collection services at the Parish Landfill. The suit included a request for injunctive relief and for damages arising out of alleged violation of public bid laws and contractors' licensing laws. The matter was resolved in favor of the Parish of Jefferson.

In *Waste Management v. The Parish of Jefferson*, the firm represented the Parish in a suit by the then landfill operator, seeking to stop the Parish from terminating the contract, and seeking damages arising out of the alleged breaches of contract by the Parish. The matter was settled on terms favorable to the Parish.

Exhibit I

Verification of absence of adversarial legal proceedings



**GAUDRY, RANSON
HIGGINS & GREMILLION, LLC.**
A T T O R N E Y S A T L A W

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VERIFICATION OF ABSENCE OF ADVERSARIAL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

I, the undersigned, in connection with the Statement of Qualifications for attorney's or Firm's Interest in providing legal services related to the investigation, preparation, filing and handling of injunction, declaratory and other actions as necessary to ensure compliance with coastal zoning laws, statutes and regulations for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, verify that there are no adversarial legal proceedings between the Parish of Jefferson and Gaudry, Ranson, Higgins & Gremillion, L.L.C., in which the Parish prevailed. I further verify that there are no presently pending legal proceedings between the Parish of Jefferson and Gaudry, Ranson, Higgins & Gremillion, L.L.C.


Wade A. Langlois III, AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME,
THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.


NOTARY PUBLIC

MEAGAN MICHELE BOUDREAUX
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Jefferson Parish, State of Louisiana
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My Commission is issued for Life.



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2.

Statement of Qualifications Affidavit

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF JEFFERSON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared: Wade A. Langlois III, (Affiant) who after being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he is the fully authorized partner of Gaudry, Ranson, Higgins & Gremillion, L.L.C., the party who submitted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to provide various professional legal services, to the Parish of Jefferson.

Affiant further said:

Campaign Contribution Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A _____

Attached hereto is a list of all campaign contributions, including the date and amount of each contribution, made to current or former elected officials of the Parish of Jefferson by Entity, Affiant, and/or officers, directors and owners, including employees, owning 25% or more of the Entity during the two-year period immediately preceding the date of this affidavit or the current term of the elected official, whichever is greater. Further, Entity, Affiant, and/or Entity Owners have not made any contributions to or in support of current or former members of the Jefferson Parish Council or the Jefferson Parish President through or in the name of another person or legal entity, either directly or indirectly.

Choice B X

There are **NO** campaign contributions made which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Debt Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A _____ Attached hereto is a list of all debts owed by the affiant to any elected or appointed official of the Parish of Jefferson, and any and all debts owed by any elected or appointed official of the Parish to the Affiant.

Choice B X There are **NO** debts which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Solicitation of Campaign Contribution Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A _____ Attached hereto is a list of all elected officials of the Parish of Jefferson, whether still holding office at the time of the affidavit or not, where the elected official, individually, either by **telephone or by personal contact**, solicited a campaign contribution or other monetary consideration from the Entity, including the Entity's officers, directors and owners, and employees owning twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the Entity, during the two-year period immediately preceding the date the affidavit is signed. Further, to the extent known to the Affiant, the date of any such solicitation is included on the attached list.

Choice B X There are **NO** solicitations for campaign contributions which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

Subcontractor Disclosures

(Choose A or B, if option A is indicated please include the required attachment):

Choice A ☐ Affiant further said that attached is a listing of all subcontractors, excluding full time employees, who may assist in providing professional services for the aforementioned SOQ.

Choice B ☒ There are NO subcontractors which would require disclosure under Choice A of this section.

Affiant further said:

That Affiant has employed no person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization, either directly or indirectly, to secure the public contract under which he received payment, other than persons regularly employed by the Affiant whose services in connection with the construction, alteration or demolition of the public building or project or in securing the public contract were in the regular course of their duties for Affiant; and

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That no part of the contract price received by Affiant was paid or will be paid to any person, corporation, firm, association, or other organization for soliciting the contract, other than the payment of their normal compensation to persons regularly employed by the Affiant whose services in connection with the construction, alteration or demolition of the public building or project were in the regular course of their duties for Affiant.

Signature of Affiant


Wade A. Langlois III

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME

ON THE ^{6th} DAY OF ~~MAY~~ ^{FEBRUARY}, 2024.


Notary Public

Meagan Boudreaux
Printed Name of Notary

#154751
Notary/Bar Roll Number
My commission is for life.

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