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education

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (J.D., 1982)

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admissions

Louisiana

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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

honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell*™ AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Commercial Litigation), 2013–2023
- *Chambers USA* Louisiana, General Commercial Litigation, 2008–2023

Now that my focus has shifted towards my role as general counsel for the firm, I appreciate the diversity of issues that arise. I talk to several of our lawyers every day about a multitude of tasks and topics, both internal and external to the firm. When my practice was centered on commercial litigation, I enjoyed working with my clients to find creative solutions to even their trickiest problems, and as a general counsel I continue to help resolve issues in innovative ways. The job keeps me on my toes – and I like that.

Christine Lipsey serves as McGlinchey’s general counsel, implementing policies and procedures to address and ameliorate conflicts and risks in the firm’s nationwide network. Viewing her general counsel position as a way to manage and optimize the relationship between the clients and the law firm, Christine believes that the role helps her to help other attorneys better represent their clients. In this capacity, she handles a range of issues including due diligence, the client intake process, firm contracts, and general liability matters.

- *Louisiana Super Lawyers* (Business Litigation, Insurance Coverage), 2008–2024
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers* “Top 25: Women Louisiana Super Lawyers,” 2009, 2015
- Louisiana Bar Foundation’s Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award Recipient, 2016
- LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Distinguished Achievement Honoree, 2019

affiliations

Professional

- American Bar Association, Business Torts Committee; Commercial & Business Litigation Committee; and Professional Liability Litigation Committee
- Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit
- Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (former member)
- Louisiana Bar Foundation
- Louisiana State University Law Center, Board of Trustees and Adjunct Faculty Member
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, Past President and Pro Bono Panel
- Louisiana State Bar Association, Rules of Professional Conduct Committee, and Practice Assistance & Improvement Committee, Co-Chair; Board of Governors, Disciplinary Board, and House of Delegates (former member)
- LA Center for Law & Civic Education, Lawyers/Judges in the Classroom
- Louisiana Public Defender Board (former member)

Christine collaborates with and advises firm management, provides ethics opinions and counsel for professional liability issues, represents the firm in disputes, and reviews the often stringent outside counsel guidelines that many large institution clients present. Additionally, she trains attorneys and staff to identify, prevent, and monitor risk management issues.

After more than 35 years in commercial litigation, Christine continues to draw on her extensive experience representing small and large businesses, insurance companies, state agencies, lenders, and corporate and limited liability company constituents. She guides clients in resolving their challenges in areas including breach of contract, unfair competition, RICO, antitrust, corporate fiduciary, and class and mass action matters.

Christine spends a great deal of time sharing the substantial depth and breadth of her knowledge with the larger legal community. For many years she has served as an adjunct professor at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, teaching a class on business torts that she created, as well as courses on ethics and professionalism. She has published and presented on a number of business litigation topics, including consumer credit and privacy, corporate officer and director liability, borrower/lender litigation and unfair trade practices. Christine served as the first female President of the Baton Rouge Bar Association, and she has been involved for many years with the Louisiana State Bar Association, particularly in the area of professional issues.

presentations

"Ethics School," Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA), March 8, 2024

"Ethics: The Tension Between Fundamental Client Protections and Cooperation with Regulators," 2023 Consumer Finance Legal Conference, October 13, 2023

"Attorney-Client Relationship, Formation to Termination," Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics School, June 22, 2023

"Protecting the Business Client's Attorney-Client Privilege & Avoiding Conflicts of Interest," McGlinchey Jazz Fest CLE, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 28, 2023

"Attorney-Client Relationship, Formation to Termination." Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) Ethics School, New Orleans, LA, January 13, 2023

"Ethics & Professionalism," Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys (ACFA) Continuing Legal Education Weekend (CLEW) 2022, New Orleans, LA, June 5, 2022

"Ethics – What is COVID-19 Teaching Us About Professional Responsibility and Liability?" - Topsy-Turvy: How the COVID-19 Pandemic is Upending the Lives of Louisiana Lawyers and their Clients, Louisiana State Bar Association, November 10, 2020

"What is COVID-19 Teaching Us About Professional Responsibility and Liability?" Ethics & Professionalism, Louisiana State Bar Association and Gilsbar, September 22, 2020

"Attorney-Client Relationship, Formation to Termination," Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics School, January 31, 2020; September 18, 2020

"Attorney-Client Relationship, Formation to Termination," Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics School, January 25, 2019

"In-house Counsel and the Attorney-Client Privilege," Ethics and Professionalism Specific to In-House Attorneys, ACC CLE Event, Baton Rouge, LA, December 6, 2017

"Understanding and Navigating Conflicts of Interest," LSU Law School, Baton Rouge, LA, September 29, 2017

"Negotiation Bootcamp: Developing Skills and Strategies," McGlinchey Women's Initiative Network Event, August 3, 2017

"Attorney-Client Relationship, Formation to Termination," Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics School, January 13, 2017

"The Amended Federal Rules: Life-Changing or Not?" Louisiana State Bar Association, Multi-Topic CLE, New York, NY, November 19, 2016

"Traps for the Unwary: Waiving the Attorney-Client Privilege by Placing Legal Advice at Issue," Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel 2014 Sizzlin' Summer Seminar, August 15, 2014

"Litigating in Class: The Current State of Class Action Law," Louisiana Judicial College 2013 Torts Seminar, December 13, 2013

"Litigating in Class: The Current State of Class Action Law," Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel 2013 Defense Lawyers' Seminar, December 13, 2013

"Lawyer Discipline - Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX and Common Ethical Pitfalls," Louisiana State Bar Association Ethics School, June 2013

"Searching for Clear Balance: The Professional Ethics Case for Diversity," Louisiana State Bar Association's Sixth Annual Conclave on Diversity in the Legal Profession, March 2013

"Internet Defamation Law," The LSBA Uncorked: A CLE Adventure in California's Wine Country, March 2012

"Making Threats to Gain Advantage in Litigation: A Case Study in Advocacy, Ethics, & Professionalism," Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers Mid-Year Meeting, February 2012

"Closing Arguments that Help the Jury," Louisiana State Bar Association 2010 Voodoo Fest Seminar, October 2010

"Legal Ethics Update," Young Lawyers Section, Baton Rouge Bar Association, July 2010, July 2006

"The Intersection of Ethics and Malpractice," Baton Rouge Bar Association Bench Bar Conference and Louisiana State Bar Association Multi-Topic CLE Seminar, April 2010, November 2009

"Louisiana Ethics Update," Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project, Inc. Continuing Legal Education Seminar, December 2008

"Professionalism," Young Lawyers Section, Baton Rouge Bar Association, July 2008

"Professionalism," Public Utility Law Section, Louisiana State Bar Association, October 2007

"Professionalism," 2007 LSU Law Alumni Seminar, September 2007

"The Paper Lawyer's Guide to Electronic Discovery: Learn What There Is, How to Ask for It and What You Have to Produce," American Bar Association, Section of Litigation Annual Conference, April 2007

"The Basics: Fiduciary Duties of Officers and Directors of Non-Profit Entities," Associated Builders and Contractors, Pelican Chapter, January 2007

"Professionalism: Can We Get There from Here?" Baton Rouge Bar Association, December 2006

"Document Retention, Electronic Documents, New Federal E-Discovery Rules, and Company Exposure," Association of Corporate Counsel, Louisiana Chapter, November 2006

"Document Retention, Electronic Documents, New Federal E-Discovery Rules and Company Exposure," Society of Louisiana CPAs, Litigation Services Workshop, October 2006

"Advanced Commercial Litigation Seminar Borrower/Lender Litigation," LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, September 2006

"Documentation and Electronic Communications," Risk Management Association, Baton Rouge Chapter, March 2006

"2005 Corporate Officer & Director Seminar," October 2005

"Electronic Information and Records Management," September 2005

"Your Company and Electronic Information and Records Management," Greater Baton Rouge Society of Human Resource Management, September 2005

"Ethics In and Out of Medical Malpractice," Negotiating the Labyrinth
Louisiana State Bar Association Medical Malpractice Seminar,
November 2004

"Update: Do Not Call; Truth in Lending; Fair Credit Reporting,"
Louisiana Insurers' Conference Annual Meeting, August 2004

"Business and Consumer Privacy: GLBA, HIPAA, and the FACT Act,"
Louisiana Business and Industry Conference, Society of Louisiana
Certified Public Accountants, August 2004

"Pre-Trial Discovery and Pleadings - Reminders and Recent
Developments," The Litigation Process in Louisiana State Courts,
Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Center of
Continuing Professional Development, April 2004

"Corporate/Fiduciary Law Update - Trends: New sources of liability
for officers, directors, and their advisors," 2004 Corporate Officer &
Director Fiduciary Forum, April 2004

"GLBA Meets HIPAA - Do You Have Privacy Issues and Not Know It?"
Institute of Internal Auditors, Baton Rouge Chapter, January 2004

"Professionalism: Can We Get There From Here?" Recent
Developments in Legislation and Jurisprudence Louisiana State
University Paul M. Hebert Law Center Center of Continuing
Professional Development, September 2003, November 2003

"GLBA Meets HIPAA - Do You Have Privacy Issues and Not Know It?"
Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants, Baton Rouge
Chapter, April 2003