

Sam A. Bacot



in memoriam
baton rouge

education

Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center (LL.M, 1973)

Louisiana State University (B.S., 1969)

admissions

Louisiana

honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell™* AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated Lawyer
- *Louisiana Super Lawyers* (Real Estate), 2007–2014
- *Chambers USA*, Louisiana Real Estate
- *The Best Lawyers in America®* (Litigation – Real Estate, Real Estate Law, Land Use and Zoning Law), 2005–2023
- *Best Lawyers Baton Rouge* Litigation – Real Estate “Lawyer of the Year,” 2017, 2021, 2024
- *Best Lawyers Baton Rouge* Real Estate Law “Lawyer of the Year,” 2014, 2018, 2023

affiliations

Professional

- American Bar Association

Sam Bacot passed away on December 22, 2023.

With deep roots in Louisiana, Samuel “Sam” A. Bacot focused his practice on representing clients with real estate interests, handling matters in the areas of commercial and industrial real estate, multi-family leasing, related land use and zoning law, corporate, and business law. Sam had special experience in large property assemblages, resubdivision, and site plan approvals of all sizes. His clients covered a wide range of industries including gaming, race tracks, petrochemical, residential subdivision development, shipping, commercial retail, and office real estate.

Sam practiced law in informal and very communicative ways, which he learned to do through many years of high-pressure practice. He kept clients informed at all times, talking to them as peers. He and his team paid close attention to detail and took responsibility for seeing a deal all the way through. They not only met deadlines, they made a conscious effort to come in ahead of schedule. This was important to him in the business of finding and solving problems: building flexibility into the calendar afforded them time to do that. He avoided any last-minute panic, which gave clients comfort. Over his

- Baton Rouge Bar Association
- Baton Rouge Growth Coalition Incorporated
- International Council of Shopping Centers
- Louisiana Bar Foundation
- Louisiana District Attorney's Association

many years of practice, Sam was proud to say that most of his clients became friends.

In Louisiana, attorneys are title insurance agents. As a licensed Louisiana title insurance agent for all major title insurance companies, Sam offered clients a wealth of experience by issuing policies to owners, lenders, purchasers, and lessees of Louisiana property. For the years 2017–2018, for example, he issued over \$790,000,000 in title policies.

Sam and his team could take any real estate project from conception to reality. He moved his clients' deals across the finish line, making sure all the knots were untied and all potential problems had been identified and unraveled. He particularly enjoyed the challenge of shepherding and closing highly complex transactions.

Because Louisiana has a unique set of property laws, outside law firms and title insurance companies frequently called upon Sam to guide transactions for out-of-state companies in the state's real estate market.

Sam served as an instructor on real estate and contract law and taught at more than 40 seminars statewide. Additionally, he taught business law at Louisiana State University and was a certified instructor for the Louisiana Real Estate Licensing Board.

Sam was well regarded by his clients for his "fantastic wealth of real estate law knowledge."

Any inquiries related to Sam's work can be directed to [J-P Perrault](#).

presentations

"Recent Developments in Real Estate and Title Issues," Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University Law School, 2003, 2006

"18th Institute on Real Estate Law," Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University Law School, 2004

"Mastering Real Estate Titles and Title Insurance in Louisiana," Louisiana Real Estate Commission and the National Business Institute, 2001

"Recent Developments in Security Devices and Legislative Acts,"
Recent Developments in Legislation and Jurisprudence, 2001
"Hot Topics and Cold Comfort: Trends in Real Estate," Louisiana
Baton Rouge Association CLE Seminar, Boston, MA, 2001

published articles

"Comments on the Bicentenary of the French Civil Code" Loyola Law
Review Publication, 2005