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senior partner*Jones Walker LLP*

As president-elect for the Jefferson Bar Association board of governors, Judith Windhorst will serve as president of the JBA for 2018. She is a member of Jones Walker's business and commercial litigation practice group where she focuses on complex regulatory, environmental and business litigation. Her clients include real estate and energy companies as well as local government entities.

Windhorst is a strong supporter of musical theater in the New Orleans area, serving as a patron of the Tulane Summer Lyric Theatre program and as a past member of the board of directors of the Jefferson Performing Arts Society. She received her juris doctorate from Harvard Law School and her bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame where she received the John Weber Award for Economics.

Sean Toomey
shareholder*Liskow & Lewis, APLC*

Sean Toomey is an experienced trial lawyer with over 10 years in the courtroom as a federal prosecutor who represents clients in high-stakes civil and criminal proceedings, as well as internal and government investigations. He draws on his experience of over a decade in the Department of Justice as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of Louisiana, where he focused on trying cases, arguing motions and appearing before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in high-profile cases. Toomey also handles commercial litigation, building on his earlier years of civil practice at two international law firms in New York, focused on securities, regulatory and general commercial disputes involving a broad spectrum of legal practice, including fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, reinsurance, health care and federal securities law.

Toomey is on the board of directors for the New

Orleans Police and Justice Foundation. He received the 2004 Burton Award for Excellence in Legal Writing. He received his juris doctor from Tulane Law School and was a member of the Order of the Coif, and he was the notes and comments editor for the Tulane Law Review. He received his bachelor of arts degree from the College of the Holy Cross.

Stephen Myers
member*Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC*

Stephen Myers has extensive experience defending manufacturers against product liability claims, both in Louisiana and in jurisdictions across the country. He has handled matters involving consumer products, commercial products, prescription drugs and medical devices from beginning to end. In the mass-tort realm, Myers has developed teams of experts in litigation-relevant scientific disciplines and then prepared team members for deposition and trial testimony. He has monitored both pre- and post-recall investigations into product complaints. Myers has worked with national trial teams to prepare electronic and demonstrative evidence for use at trial and in jury exercises, and he has supervised the efforts needed to fully prepare company witness for deposition and trial testimony in nationwide litigation.

Myers was awarded the AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell rating Louisiana Super Lawyer; The Best Lawyers in America: litigation - labor and employment; Tulane Moot Court Board and Best Oralist Team, Saul Lefkowitz National Appellate Moot Court Competition. He is a member of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter board member, past chair of Younger Lawyers Division Trial Attorneys of America and New Orleans Bar Association, products liability committee. Myers received his juris doctorate from Tulane Law School, his bachelor of science in engineering, science and philosophy from Tulane and attended the International Association of Defense Counsel's Trial Academy, Stanford Law School.

Jason Franco
partner*Deutsch Kerrigan LLP*

Jason Franco has extensive experience in property and casualty litigation, including wrongful death and asbestos exposure.

He also defends clients in Jones Act and Worker's Compensation lawsuits and engages in coverage analysis/disputes for clients. From settlement evaluation to motion practice to pre-trial preparation, he strives to achieve optimal results for clients, and his approach has garnered him several litigation achievements. In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana and Ike in Texas, Franco litigated and resolved several hundred claims for multiple insurance clients. He has obtained a zero verdict in a \$2 million wrongful death case and was part of the trial team that recently obtained a zero verdict in a living mesothelioma case in Orleans Parish where the plaintiff was seeking \$15 million in damages.

Franco is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association and the Louisiana Claims Association. He also has a AV Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating. Franco received his juris doctorate from Loyola University School of Law, where he was a Moot Court staff member, TA and executive board member, alumni chairman. He also received his bachelor of arts degree from LSU.

Steven Griffith Jr.
shareholder*Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC*

Steven Griffith currently serves on Baker Donelson's board of directors, and he maintains a national litigation practice assisting clients in various industries, including affordable housing, construction, hospitality and marine. He also manages relationships with several clients that entrust the firm with disputes throughout the Southeast or nationwide. He has represented or advised clients

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regarding matters in over 35 states.

Prior to practicing, Griffith served as judicial clerk for Chief Justice Pascal Calogero Jr., in the Louisiana Supreme Court from 2000 to 2001.

Griffith is a member of the Federal Bar Association and has held numerous roles in the New Orleans chapter, including serving as board member, treasurer, recording secretary, membership chair and National Government liaison. He is also a member of the American, Louisiana and New Orleans Bar Associations, the Fifth Circuit Bar Association, Thomas More Inn of Court and the Society for Human Resource Management. He is also a fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation and a member of the grants committee. Griffith serves with the New Orleans Pro Bono Project and is a volunteer and firm liaison with Habitat for Humanity. He is a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society, Save Our Cemeteries and the Hurstville Neighborhood Association, and is former president of the St. Martin's Episcopal School Alumni Association. Griffith has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America in Labor and Employment Litigation (since 2012), Construction Litigation (since 2013), Employment Law - Management (since 2015); in Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers as a leading Labor & Employment lawyer since 2010, and in Louisiana Super Lawyers in Civil Litigation: Defense (2014 - 2017). Louisiana Super Lawyers has also recognized him among the top 50 attorneys in Louisiana (2016, 2017) and the top 50 attorneys in New Orleans (2016, 2017). He was also named the Baker Donelson Louisiana Pro Bono Attorney of the Year in 2007. He received his juris doctorate from Loyola University School of Law and his bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, from Rhodes College.

Richard Aguilar
managing member

McGlinchey Stafford PLLC

Richard Aguilar represents clients in matters relating to nearly every aspect of operations, sale or restructuring/recapitalization. He serves as outside counsel and trusted advisor for a wide variety of businesses, such as major banks, other lenders, shipyards, financial institutions, casinos, leasing companies and heavy construction companies, ranging from medium-sized businesses in Louisiana to corporations with a national footprint. He has assisted clients with drafting leases and other commercial real estate contracts, lease disputes, negotiating multimillion-dollar contracts, employment matters, litigation of noncompete agreements, trademark enforcement, bonds, contractual and unfair trade practices claims, shareholder's rights issues and litigation, lender liability lawsuits, claims against officers and directors and derivative actions. He also has more than 30 years of experience with bankruptcy matters such as creditor's rights, enforcement of loan and lease obligations, foreclosures, reorganization, bond debt restructuring, loan recovery, workouts, indentures and high-stakes litigation. He has represented clients in restructuring matters involving a diverse range of businesses and asset classes.

Aguilar has been recognized by clients and peers in Chambers USA - America's Leading Lawyers for Business, The Best Lawyers in America, and Louisiana Super Lawyers. He received his juris doctorate from LSU.

James Moffett III
associate

Adams and Reese LLP

James Moffett joined Adams and Reese in 2015 as an associate in the firm's New Orleans office and

as a member of the transactions practice group. He has been practicing law since 2009 and focuses his practice on public finance law, economic development and government relations, in which he assists local governments, political subdivisions and private companies access the capital markets through the execution of tax exempt and taxable bond transactions, as well as New Market Tax Credit transactions. Since joining Adams and Reese, Moffett has become a registered lobbyist and assists in maintaining the legislative agenda for a diverse range of clients.

Prior to joining Adams and Reese, Moffett was an economic developer, focusing on the attraction and retention of private sector companies throughout the southeastern region of Louisiana, and led job creation efforts within advanced manufacturing, energy, international trade, digital media, biosciences and emerging environmental industries. He has a background in investment banking, having worked prior to entering law school as an analyst at a Wall Street investment banking firm.

Moffett is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Mississippi Bar, National Association of Bond Lawyers, Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, Martinet Legal Society and New Orleans Bar Association. He is also a member of the Young Leadership Council and an alumni of the Loyola Institute of Politics. In addition, he served a two-year stint on the GNO, Inc., NexGen Council. Moffett was accepted into the 2015 Political Leadership Book Camp of the Congressional Black Caucus Leadership Institute. He received his juris doctorate from Howard University School of Law, and he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance from Morehouse College. As a law student he won the Cali Award-Broker Dealer and was SGA Attorney General.

David Rieveschl
special counsel

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann LLC

David Rieveschl concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate, mergers and acquisitions and securities law. His practice includes structuring public and private sales of equity and debt instruments and advising clients on compliance with federal and state securities laws. In addition, he regularly counsels established and emerging enterprises on issues affecting legal structure, intellectual property rights and venture capital financing, with particular focus on technology, life sciences, natural resources and energy companies. Rieveschl also represents publicly traded and privately held clients in complex merger, stock and asset purchase transactions. A portion of his practice is also devoted to the representation of nonprofits.

Rieveschl is the immediate past president and a board member of the Louisiana Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth; board member of the Tulane Association of Business Alumni; member of the Advisory Board of the New Orleans BioInnovation Center; member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the New York Bar Association; the State Bar of Georgia; the Bar Association of the District of Columbia and the American Bar Association. Rieveschl is also active within numerous civic and community organizations, including the alumni associations of Tulane Law School, Tulane Business School, Duke University and Lawrenceville School. He has been named to Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business in corporate/M&A law since 2012. He is listed in the Best Lawyers in America in corporate law and Louisiana Super Lawyers in securities/corporate finance law. He is AV Preeminent Peer Review

Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Rieveschl received his juris doctorate, magna cum laude, from Tulane Law School in 1997, where he served as managing editor of the Tulane Law Review, his MBA from Tulane and his bachelor of arts degree from Duke University.

Joseph Briggett
attorney

Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard

Joseph Briggett focuses on several practice areas including commercial litigation; bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights; admiralty and maritime; corporate and commercial law; and international and cross-border law. He is a consistent contributor to the Lugenebuhl blog and an active member of the Louisiana State Bar Association. He also devotes his time to assisting veterans with their legal problems on a pro bono basis with the HELP Legal Consultation and Notary Services program. Briggett has also written and made presentations on bankruptcy and commercial law issues, including serving as a contributor for the Louisiana chapter of the 2017 Business Torts: A Fifty State Guide, which provides a comprehensive resource on the most recent statutory and case law developments on business torts law nationwide.

Briggett is on the boards of several community organizations, including Girls on the Run New Orleans, the National World War II Museum Young Beneficiaries committee, Louisiana's Turnaround Management Association and Tulane Law School American Inn of Court. In recognition of his professional achievements, Briggett has been named to the Louisiana Super Lawyers' Rising Stars list for the past three years in the field of business litigation. He received his juris doctorate from Tulane Law School and his bachelor of arts degree from Tulane.

Tyler Rench
associate

Jones Walker LLP

Tyler Rench is in the business and commercial litigation practice group and handles commercial litigation with a focus on defending class actions and civil RICO cases. He also handles oil and gas and banking litigation before federal and state courts, and in alternative dispute resolution. Before joining Jones Walker in 2011, Rench worked at the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana as an extern to Judge Sarah Vance.

Rench has volunteered with organizations such as the Young Leadership Council, The Pro Bono Project, and Project H.E.L.P. He has also participated in the Committee for a Better New Orleans Bryan Bell Leadership Forum and the Junior League Non-Profit Training Program. Additionally, Rench is the vice chairman of the board for Mélange Dance Company and a member of the American Bar Association, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association and the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, among other affiliations. Rench earned his juris doctor degree from the Loyola University College of Law. He was a member of the Loyola Law Review and was an oralist on Loyola's National Moot Court Team. Additionally, he collaborated with the Loyola College of Law interim dean to update the Louisiana Civil Law Treatise on Successions and Donations. He also received his bachelor of arts degree in history and Spanish from Tulane University.

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