

# Grace Barry

*Director of Legal Research & Writing; Associate Professor of Professional Practice*

Grace H. Barry is the Director of the Legal Writing Program which oversees all freshman legal writing courses and the advanced appellate advocacy program. Before coming to the Law Center in 1998, Barry was senior staff attorney for the Louisiana House of Representatives Committee on Judiciary. She currently serves as a research consultant to the Judicial Administrator's Office of the Louisiana Supreme Court's Distinct Court Rules Committee. She also works part-time as a social worker with Baton Rouge City Court's diversion program. Before her academic career, Barry was a trial lawyer in Baton Rouge specializing in maritime law. Throughout much of her legal career she was an adjunct instructor of appellate advocacy at the Law Center. Barry received her J.D. from the Law Center where she was a member of the Moot Court Board and the Robert Lee Tullis Moot Court Competition and served on the Law Center's Ethics Committee.

# David Coale

David Coale's far-reaching litigation experience supports his consistent recognition as one of the top appellate practitioners in Texas. The only known graduate of both Harvard College and Allen High School (at the time, a small town on the far northern edge of the Dallas metro area), David approaches law in a practical way that respects history and tradition. His varied practice has taken him across Texas and the world; for example, he has organized an international mediation in London, taken depositions in Mexico City, tried a case for a month in Nueces County, and defended a pay phone operator before a Tarrant County Justice of the Peace. He has been fictionalized in the "Reapers Motorcycle Club" romance novels as "Dobie Coales," the "brilliant" attorney for the cyclists.

# Honorable Gregg Jeffrey Costa

Born 1972 in Baltimore, MD

## **Federal Judicial Service:**

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Nominated by Barack Obama on September 8, 2011, to a seat vacated by John David Rainey. Confirmed by the Senate on April 26, 2012, and received commission on April 26, 2012. Service terminated on June 2, 2014, due to appointment to another judicial position.

Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Nominated by Barack Obama on January 6, 2014, to a seat vacated by Fortunado Pedro Benavides. Confirmed by the Senate on May 20, 2014, and received commission on June 2, 2014.

## **Education:**

Dartmouth College, B.A., 1994

University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1999

## **Professional Career:**

Law clerk, Hon. A. Raymond Randolph, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1999-2000

Bristow fellow, Office of the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2000-2001

Law clerk, Hon. William H. Rehnquist, Supreme Court of the United States, 2001-2002

Private practice, Houston, Texas, 2002-2005

Assistant U.S. attorney, Southern District of Texas, 2005-2012

## **Other Nominations/Recess Appointments:**

Nominated to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, December 19, 2013; no Senate vote

# Timothy Crooks

Tim Crooks graduated with a B.S. (summa cum laude) from Tulane University, and received his J.D. (magna cum laude) from Tulane Law School. Immediately after graduating from law school, he clerked for Associate Justice Walter F. Marcus, Jr., of the Louisiana Supreme Court. After stints in private practice and as a staff

attorney at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Mr. Crooks joined the office of the Federal Public Defender, Northern District of Texas, where he served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender from 1990 to June of 2001, and the Chief of Appeals from 1993 to 2001. In July of 2001, he joined the office of the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Texas, where he served as the Chief of the Appellate Section in Houston, Texas, until his retirement in 2017.

In 1999, Mr. Crooks was named an Outstanding Assistant Federal Public Defender. He served as the President of the National Association of Federal Defenders from 2005 until 2007. In 2014, he was awarded the Gregory S. Coleman Outstanding Appellate Lawyer Award by the Texas Bar Foundation. He is a Governor Emeritus of the Board of Governors of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit.

Mr. Crooks briefed and argued the federal death penalty case of *Louis Jones v United States* before the United States Supreme Court in October Term 1998, and he assisted in the United States Supreme Court briefing and oral argument preparation for *AlmendarezTorres v United States* in October Term 1997. He was also lead counsel in *Reymundo Toledo-Flores v. United States*, U.S. Sup. Ct. No. 05-7664, argued before the Supreme Court in October Term 2006, and *Saul Molina-Martinez v. United States*, U.S. Sup. Ct. No. 14-8913, argued before the Supreme Court in October Term 2015.

## **Honorable W. Eugene Davis**

Judge Davis is a graduate of Tulane Law School, receiving an L.L.B. Degree in 1960. He received his undergraduate degree from Samford University and also attended the University of Alabama.

Judge Davis is married to the former Celia Chalaron. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Maritime Law Association of the United States and the Louisiana Bar Association.

Judge Davis served as a United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, 1976-1983. He was appointed United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit on November 16, 1983 and entered on duty December 9, 1983.

Judge Davis was appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules on October 1, 1995. He became Chairman of this Committee on October 1, 1997 and served as Chairman until October 2001 when his term of service ended.

Judge Davis received the prestigious 2014 American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Fifth Circuit at the American Inns of Court Celebration of Excellence held at the Supreme Court of the United States in October of 2014. Judge Davis was inducted into the Tulane Law School Hall of Fame in March of 2015.

## **Winston G. DeCuir, Jr.**

Is a partner of law firm DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P. Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; admitted to the bar October, 1998, Louisiana, U.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. Middle, Eastern and Western Districts of Louisiana.

## **Jeffery T. Green**

is a partner in Sidley's Washington, D.C. office and a member of the Appellate and White Collar Practice Groups. He is Firmwide Chair of Sidley's Pro Bono Practice and co-founded Sidley's pro bono Supreme Court and Appellate Practice - with a substantial boost from Lucien Campbell, the former defender in the Western District of Texas, in 1994. Lucien's efforts began a long and successful collaboration with the Federal Defenders that included Apprendi, Booker and Gall. Jeff also teaches appellate advocacy as part of his duties as Co-Director of Northwestern Law School's Supreme Court Clinic, now in its 11th year. In addition to numerous court of appeals arguments at the state and federal level, Jeff has presented argument at the Supreme Court five times, including twice in one day in the October 16 Term. Most recently, Jeff was a guest lecturer at Cambridge University in the U.K.

## **Derek T. Ho**

Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick, PLLC Mr. Ho is a partner in the firm specializing in appellate and complex commercial litigation. He has served as lead

appellate counsel in cases in seven of the 12 federal circuits, as well as in several state appellate courts. He has been the principal drafter of more than 25 merits and amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court. He joined Kellogg Hansen after clerking for Chief Judge Michael Boudin on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and then for Associate Justice David H. Souter on the U.S. Supreme Court. He graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, both magna cum laude.

## **Allison A. Jones**

Ms. Jones has settled, mediated and litigated hundreds of employment law cases. Several of her cases have been featured on 60 Minutes, CNN and other national news networks. Significant cases include, but are not limited to the following: Represented plaintiff in gender discrimination action jury trial, resulting in largest jury verdict awarded in the State of Louisiana for gender discrimination (\$3,279,000.00), which was affirmed on appeal. *Melody Olson v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.*, No. 91-0392, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana.

Represented parent plaintiff group in Title IX gender equity lawsuit against Caddo Parish School Board, which resulted in several million dollars being allocated to bring public school system into compliance with Title IX. *Merritt v. Caddo Parish School Board*, No. 96-2701, United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana.

Ms. Jones has served as counsel for several debtors in Chapter 11 reorganizations in the bankruptcy court for the Western District of Louisiana serving as lead counsel in prosecuting claims on behalf of the reorganized bankrupt estate of Whitaker Construction, Inc. against the City of Shreveport for work done on the Independence Stadium, resulting in a jury verdict of \$764,265.00, which jury verdict was also affirmed on appeal.

Represented female members seeking access to public accommodation restaurant facilities at Southern Trace Country Club in Shreveport, Louisiana, resulting in the Louisiana Supreme Court's first ruling that gender-segregated dining facilities in public accommodations are unconstitutional. *Albright v. Southern Trace Country Club of Shreveport, Inc.*, No. 449,372, First Judicial District Court, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Ms. Jones has also tried numerous jury trials dealing with commercial business transactions and oil and gas lease issues.

Ms. Jones is also a frequent speaker at seminars and has numerous publications in local and state bar journals. She has presented at the Judicial Conference, hosted by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for the years of 2014,

2015 and 2016. In addition to these bar association seminars, she is a frequent speaker for Sterling Education Services and local organizations. Ms. Jones has been invited to join the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and she is currently a Senior Fellow with the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation only trial lawyer honorary society representing less than one half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellows are selected and invited into the Fellowship after being evaluated for effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation and trial work, along with ethical reputation.

## **Marlene Krousel**

*Assistant Professor of Professional Practice*

Marlene Krousel Allgood received her J.D. from LSU in 1982. During law school, she was an Associate Editor of the *Louisiana Law Review*, received the American Jurisprudence Award for Agency and Partnership, and was a research assistant for Professor P. Raymond Lamonica.

After law school, she clerked for Judge Melvin A. Shortess at the First Circuit Court of Appeal for the State of Louisiana and for Judge Frank Foil at the 19th Judicial District Court for the State of Louisiana. Following the clerkships, she practiced law for 13 years with Walter R. Krousel, Jr. and Associates in Baton Rouge.

During her years of private practice, she served as President of the Family Law Section of the Baton Rouge Bar Association. She also coached the Baton Rouge High School Mock Trial Team. During the three years that she coached, her team won the state competition.

She is a certified Attorney Mediator, she is also a member of the Wex Malone Inn of Court.

She came to the LSU Law Center in 1998. In 2005, she received an award for outstanding contributions to the creation and preparation of course-wide appellate advocacy materials.

# Torrence Lewis

Torrence Lewis is a federal appellate practitioner who handles complex commercial and criminal appeals in the federal circuits. He is admitted in and has practiced in the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and DC Circuits and the United States Supreme Court. Over 90% of his cases have resulted in published opinions. For much of his first decade as a practitioner he worked with Sidney Powell, former President and long-time member of the Board of Governors of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association.

Mr. Lewis is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana. He also served as Executive Articles Editor of Volume 80 of the Indiana Law Journal. During law school, Mr. Lewis was co-counsel, as student practitioner, in over thirty felony criminal appeals, including direct appeals and habeas litigation in death penalty cases, before the Indiana Court of Appeals, Indiana Supreme Court, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Lewis is Author of the Chapter *Evaluating an Appeal—Strategic Thinking Before and During The Appeal* in the book *Appellate Practice in Federal and State Courts* (Law Journal Press, September 2016).

# Deborah Pearce

Deborah Pearce practices law in New Orleans, Louisiana, focusing primarily on trial development, preservation of error, and appellate practice and procedure. She handles and consults in trial and appellate litigation involving complex commercial transactions, health care and pharmacy law, white collar crimes, contract claims, environmental issues, and oil and gas matters. Ms. Pearce also serves as a Criminal Justice Act panelist representing indigent defendants, and has written numerous *amicus curiae* briefs, including on behalf of the disabled, such as former Saints player and ALS champion, Steve Gleason, and children of same-sex marriages. Ms. Pearce currently serves on the Board of Governors for the Fifth Circuit Bar Association and formerly served on the Board of Directors for the New Orleans Federal Bar Association. She assumed the Presidency of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association for the years 2004-2006 and served as the National Chairpersonship for the Appellate Section of the Federal Bar Association in 2002. For more than ten

years, she was the Reporter of Appellate Jurisdiction and Procedure for the Fifth Circuit Bar Association and, for almost twenty years, she has taught Appellate Law and Advocacy as an adjunct professor at Tulane Law School. Ms. Pearce graduated *summa cum laude* from Tulane Law School and was voted the Top Civil Law Graduate by the State Bar Association. After clerking for the Honorable Henry A. Politz, Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit, she worked for Stone, Pigman, Walther, Wittmann and Hutchinson before forming her appellate firm. Ms. Pearce is admitted to practice before the Federal Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, all Louisiana Federal District Courts, and the Federal District Courts of Colorado and Texas.

## **Thomas B. Plunkett, III**

*Chief Deputy Clerk  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit*

Tom Plunkett has been the Chief Deputy for the Fifth Circuit since September 27, 2010. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Louisiana State University and later was awarded a Master of Science in Health Care Administration and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies. Prior to joining the judiciary, Tom served for thirty years in the United States Army, including combat tours in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and Combat Infantryman Badge. He is also the recipient of the Legionnaire and Centurion Award of the Order of St. Maurice (National Infantry Association) and the Order of St. George

(National Armor and Cavalry Association).

## **Sidney Powell**

Sidney Powell was a federal prosecutor in three districts under nine U.S. Attorneys from both political parties, then in private practice for more than 20 years. She is past-president of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit and of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. A veteran of 500 federal appeals, she

published [\*Licensed To Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice\*](#), the true inside story of the corrupted prosecutions of Ted Stevens, Arthur Andersen LLP, Merrill Lynch executives, and many others. The book focusses on abusive prosecutors—all of whom rose to very powerful positions in the government. The book continues to be relevant, as its most prominent villain now leads Robert Mueller’s task force investigation the 2106 presidential election. It has recently been discussed by former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich on Cavuto, Hannity, Fox & Friends, with Bill Hemmer, on MSNBC, and on NPR. The book was also featured by John Stossel in a segment of one of his shows on Washington Overlords. United States Senator Orrin Hatch held the book up to Loretta Lynch during her senate confirmation hearing and told her to “clean up the Department of Justice.” Omega Advisors’ Lee Cooperman encouraged all his investors to read it. Fabled trial lawyer Brendan Sullivan said it’s better than any criminal law school course in schools today, and “it would be malpractice to litigate against the Department of Justice without reading it.”

An accomplished federal practitioner, Sidney speaks frequently, and she has written news-breaking articles on prosecutorial and government misconduct for the [New York Observer](#), the National Review Online, [Fox News](#), [Big League Politics](#), and others. She has spoken with Judge Alex Kozinski to a Harvard Law School class, and at the CATO Institute, filmed for [C-SPAN Book TV](#), and she has appeared on NewsMax TV, [Cavuto](#), and many stations—television and radio. Ms. Powell is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers for which she served in 2001-2002 as President. She has long been a member of the Board of Governors of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association for which she also served as President, as Editor of the Fifth Circuit Reporter, and as program director for the annual appellate practice conference for 20 years.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina, where she also attended law school, Ms. Powell was the youngest Assistant United States Attorney in the country when she began with the United States Attorney’s Office in the Western District of Texas. She later chaired its Appellate Section. Thereafter, she began an Appellate Section for the Northern District of Texas. She also served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia where she obtained the conviction of a local attorney for bankruptcy fraud.

## Honorable Edward Charles Prado

Born 1947 in San Antonio, TX

### **Federal Judicial Service:**

Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Nominated by Ronald Reagan on March 6, 1984, to a seat vacated by C. Frederick

Shannon, Jr. Confirmed by the Senate on March 30, 1984, and received commission on March 30, 1984. Service terminated on May 13, 2003, due to appointment to another judicial position.

Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit  
Nominated by George W. Bush on February 6, 2003, to a seat vacated by Robert M. Parker. Confirmed by the Senate on May 1, 2003, and received commission on May 5, 2003.

**Education:**

San Antonio College, A.A., 1967  
University of Texas, B.A., 1969  
University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1972

**Professional Career:**

U.S. Army Reserve, 1972-1987  
Assistant district attorney, Bexar County, Texas, 1972-1976  
Assistant federal public defender, Western District of Texas, 1976-1980  
Judge, Bexar County [Texas] One Hundred and Eighty-Seventh District Court, 1980  
U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas, 1981-1984  
Board member, Federal Judicial Center, 2010-2014

## Don M. Richard

Don M. Richard is a partner with Kinney Ellinghausen. He is primarily a litigator with experience in antitrust, commercial litigation, personal injury, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, criminal law, and appellate practice. Mr. Richard has been lead counsel in over 180 jury trials.

Mr. Richard was law clerk to United States District Chief Judge Frederick J.R. Heebe from 1968-1970. Thereafter he served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the criminal division from 1970-1977. In 1977, he entered private law practice as a partner with Lemle Kelleher and subsequently at two other firms. Mr. Richard has extensive trial and appellate experience in all of Louisiana's courts, including the Louisiana Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeal for the Fifth Circuit as well as the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Richard is a frequent lecturer at the Bar Association for the Fifth Federal Circuit Appellate Advocacy Seminar. He is also the recipient of the highest ranking awarded by the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory (AV).

Mr. Richard received his undergraduate degree from St. Joseph Seminary College in 1963 and his law degree from Loyola University in 1968. At Loyola, he was an Associate Editor of the Loyola Law Review.

## Michael H. Rubin

Mike Rubin is one of the leaders of the multi-state law firm of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC and handles commercial litigation and transactions as well as real estate, finance, and banking matters. He heads his firm's appellate practice team and is a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. He has presented over 400 major papers in the U.S., Canada, and England on ethics, professionalism, finance, appellate law, real estate, and legal writing. He is a past-President of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the Louisiana State Bar Association, and the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents. He serves as a Life Member of the American Law Institute and is a Commissioner on the Uniform Law Institute (the organization that writes the UCC and other uniform laws). For four decades, he also served as an Adjunct Professor teaching courses in finance, real estate, and advanced legal ethics at the law schools at LSU, Tulane, and Southern University. He is an author of, co-author of, and contributing writer to more than a dozen legal books and over forty articles; his works are used in law schools and have been cited as authoritative by state and federal trial and appellate courts, including the U.S. First and Fifth Circuits. He has been honored as the Distinguished Alumnus by the LSU Law School and as the Distinguished Attorney of Louisiana by the Louisiana State Bar Foundation.

His latest legal book, on Louisiana finance and real estate, now in its second edition, is THE LOUISIANA LAW OF SECURITY DEVICES, A PRÉCIS (Carolina Academic Press). He also is a novelist. At the American Library Association's annual meeting in San Francisco in 2015, his debut novel, a legal thriller entitled THE COTTONCREST CURSE, received the IndieFab Gold Award Winner as the best thriller/suspense novel published by a university or independent press. Publishers Weekly calls it a "gripping debut mystery," and 225 Magazine writes that it is "not just a thrilling murder mystery, but also a compelling look at life in south Louisiana during its most tumultuous decades." The novel is available in your local bookstores and as a hardcover, e-book, and audio book on the websites of Amazon and Barnes & Noble,

and a German edition has been released in Europe. His second novel, a contemporary legal thriller entitled "CASHED OUT," was released nationally by Fiery Seas Press in August of this year and, like THE COTTONCREST CURSE, is available in your local bookstores and as a paperback and e-book on the websites of Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Award-winning thriller writer R.B. Belsky says: "If you like John Grisham and Michael Connelly's Lincoln Lawyer, you're gonna love" CASHED OUT.

## Anna Scardulla

*Advocacy Fellow*

*Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center*

Anna Scardulla graduated *magna cum laude* and Order of the Coif from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 2014. During her time in law school, Scardulla was a member of the Louisiana Law Review, served as President of the 2013-14 Moot Court Board, and served as research assistant to John Randall Trahan, the Louis B. Porterie Professor of Law and Saul Litvinoff Distinguished Professor of Law. Before returning to LSU Law in 2017, Ms. Scardulla worked as an associate with McCranie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy McDaniel & Welch, LLC doing primarily automotive products liability litigation in Louisiana state and federal courts. She also served as a Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Observer of the Louisiana State Law Institute for the 2016 term. As the Law Center's Advocacy Fellow, Scardulla now teaches, coaches, and assists in the administration of the Law Center's moot court, trial advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution programs. She also provides student instruction related to brief writing, motion practice, and litigation case management. Outside of the legal community, Scardulla works closely with local non-profit New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness ("NOAAHH") and the Create. Inspire. Change. Theater Company.

## Kathy Flynn Simino

*Assistant Professor of Professional Practice*

Kathy Simino graduated from the LSU Law Center in 1987, where she served as Chairman of the Moot Court Board. After graduation, she served as a law clerk for the Hon. L.J. Hymel in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court. Thereafter, Simino was a public defender in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for five years where, in addition to handling matters in the courtroom, prepared all of the briefs and writ

applications for the office. In 1992, Simino went to clerk for the Hon. Freddie Pitcher, Jr. at the First Circuit Court of Appeal. After Judge Pitcher's retirement, Simino clerked for several other judges before going into private practice, with a focus on appellate practice. Professor Simino was an adjunct professor at the Law Center teaching advanced appellate advocacy for several years before joining the Professional Practice and Legal Writing Department.

## **Aaron Streett**

is the Chairman of Baker Botts' Supreme Court and Constitutional Law Practice. He has presented oral argument in dozens of appeals, covering the U.S. Supreme Court and courts around the country—including 15 arguments in the Fifth Circuit alone. Mr. Streett's practice involves all substantive areas of the law, including commercial litigation, statutory interpretation, constitutional law, administrative law, securities, and white-collar criminal defense.

Mr. Streett maintains an active practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, having represented parties in merits cases six times since 2010, as well as filing numerous amicus and certiorari-stage briefs.

Mr. Streett was named one of only six "Appellate MVPs" for 2014 by Law360, which had previously recognized him in 2011 as one of the top five appellate "Rising Stars" under age 40. Mr. Streett has been featured on National Law Journal's Appellate Hot List three times in recent years. In 2016, Texas Lawyer recognized Mr. Streett as one of only 20 Texas lawyers under age 40 to be named Lawyers on the Rise.

Following graduation from law school, Mr. Streett served as a law clerk to the Honorable David B. Sentelle of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and to the Honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States. He currently serves on the Board of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

## **Heidi Thompson**

*Assistant Professor of Professional Practice*

Thompson received her Juris Doctor from LSU in 1993, where she was a member of the *Louisiana Law Review* and graduated Order of the Coif. After law school, Thompson worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Fred C. Sexton of the Louisiana Second Circuit Court of Appeal in Shreveport, Louisiana. Thompson subsequently practiced in the insurance defense, domestic law, workers' compensation, and personal injury fields. Thompson left private practice to work at the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal, where she was a research attorney for the Honorable Burrell J. Carter, Chief Judge. Thompson additionally served as an adjunct instructor of Appellate Advocacy at the LSU Law Center in 1997, 1999, and 2000. In August 2001, Thompson joined the LSU Law Center as an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice. Thompson has presented CLE seminars on citation, effective brief writing, and Louisiana domestic law to various bar associations and to the Louisiana Appellate Project. She has also presented at the 2016 and 2006 LWI Bi-annual Conferences and an LWI One-Day Workshop in 2012. Thompson also presented a poster at the 2012 LWI Bi-annual Conference and the 2013 AALS Conference. Thompson is on the Board of Editorial Advisers for the Third Edition of *The Redbook*, and she is a faculty member of the Kaplan Louisiana Bar Review.

## Walter Woodruff

is a native and lifelong resident of New Orleans. Since graduating Loyola Law School in 1997, he has practiced law in the Greater New Orleans area with a focus on litigation and appellate advocacy. He has handled and argued numerous appeals before the Fifth Federal Circuit in a variety of cases involving complex legal issues. Since 2007, he has served as the editor of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit's Daily Commentary. He has participated in the Bar Association's speaker program addressing topics related to Federal appellate practice. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, he has volunteered and served in a variety of leadership roles in charitable fundraising.