

## **Ben Aguiñaga**

Ben Aguiñaga is the Solicitor General of Louisiana. He earned his B.A. from Baylor University in 2012 and his J.D. from Louisiana State University in 2015. He served as a law clerk for then-Justice Don Willett of the Texas Supreme Court and Judge Edith Jones of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He spent a year as the chief of staff for the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He subsequently served as a law clerk for Justice Samuel Alito of the United States Supreme Court in the 2018 Term. Most recently, he was an Issues and Appeals attorney at Jones Day for four years before transitioning to Louisiana in January 2024.

## **Michael J. Bentley**

Michael Bentley is a partner in the Jackson, Mississippi office, where he concentrates his practice on appeals and litigation, with an emphasis on healthcare litigation, zoning law, and complex commercial disputes. He has been recognized by Chambers USA, The Best Lawyers in America®, and Benchmark Litigation as one of Mississippi's leading litigators and appellate practitioners.

His litigation experience ranges from class actions and commercial disputes to tax protests, premises liability cases, zoning contests, Section 1983 civil rights suits and constitutional claims. Michael has extensive experience in healthcare litigation, including defense of private correctional healthcare providers operating in state prison systems and representing payors in contract and claim disputes. He recently served as lead counsel on medical and mental healthcare claims in *Dockery v. Hall*, a six-week federal class action trial that resulted in a defense judgment for

his client. He has also represented healthcare providers in regulatory investigations, administrative proceedings, and litigation.

From 2000 to 2004, Michael served in state government, first as an aid to Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove and later as office manager for the State Superintendent of Education. As a member of the governor's staff, Michael was responsible for constituent communications and legislative affairs; he was also the governor's liaison to county and municipal governments.

In addition to his law practice, Michael remains active in bar associations and community organizations, having served on the boards of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Mississippi Association of Partners in Education, and the Millsaps College Arts & Lecture Series. He has been recognized by the Mississippi Business Journal as a "Leader in Law" (2020) and one of Mississippi's "Top 40 Under 40" business leaders (2014). In 2011, he was named "Young Lawyer of the Year" by his alma mater, Mississippi College School of Law, for his contributions to the legal community.

Michael graduated summa cum laude from Mississippi College School of Law, where he served as articles editor for the Mississippi College Law Review and was a member of the Moot Court Board, and graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in political science from Millsaps College.

## **Mara Asya Blatt**

Mara Asya Blatt has been an appellate Assistant United States Attorney with the Western District of Texas since 2003. Her docket takes in a complete range of procedural and substantive criminal issues. In addition to her appellate duties, she has spearheaded her district's responses to categorical approach statutory and guidelines issues jurisprudence, and

advised trials AUSAs on a wide variety of issues on a daily basis. In both roles, she has actively collaborated with other appellate AUSAs from around the country, the Department of Justice, and the Office of the Solicitor General. For two years Ms. Blatt served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee's USSG § 2L1.2 working group contributing to the drafting and defense of the 2016 Guideline amendments to USSG § 2L1.2. She frequently lectures at CLEs for the Fifth Circuit Conference, the Fifth Circuit Bar Association, the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina and the State Bar of Texas. She has served on the Board of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association since 2018. Prior to her appointment as an AUSA, Ms. Blatt was in private appellate practice specializing in civil federal and state employment, insurance, and personal injury cases. She has been honored to serve as a law fellow to United States District Judge Jack B. Weinstein (ED-NY), a law clerk for United States District Judge Harry Lee Hudspeth (WD-TX), and a senior staff attorney for the 8th Judicial District Court of Appeals (El Paso).

## **Peter S. Canellos**

Peter S. Canellos is the author of *The Great Dissenter: The Story of John Marshall Harlan, America's Judicial Hero*, which *Publisher's Weekly* named as one of the top 20 nonfiction books of 2021. As managing editor for enterprise at POLITICO, he oversees the site's magazine, investigative journalism, and major projects. He also has been POLITICO's executive editor, overseeing the newsroom during the 2016 presidential coverage, and the editorial page editor of *The Boston Globe*. A native of Boston, Peter is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania

and Columbia Law School. As an editor, he has overseen two Pulitzer Prize-winning series and five other finalists. As a writer, he has been a Pulitzer Prize finalist and winner of the George Polk Award, among many other honors. He also edited the Globe's book, *Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy*, which was a top-10 *New York Times* bestseller.

## **Lyle Wyman Cayce**

Mr. Cayce became the tenth Clerk of Court for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on April 1, 2010, after serving 18 months as Chief Deputy Clerk. Prior to joining the court, Mr. Cayce served 27 years with the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Among other military assignments, he served as the Senior Litigation Attorney for the United States Army Litigation Division, where he represented the Army in appeals to 11 different Circuit Courts of Appeals. He served as the Senior Legal Officer (Staff Judge Advocate) at three Army installations; as the Senior Legal Advisor for U.S. Army forces in Hungary in 1998; as Legal Advisor of a Multi-National Division in Bosnia between September 2000 and October 2001; and as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Third Infantry Division during the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Mr. Cayce has assisted the Administrative Office of the Courts and Judicial Conference of the United States through service on numerous national working groups, and currently serves as chair of the Appellate Clerks Advisory Group.

Mr. Cayce is an honors graduate of Murray State University with majors in both History and Political Science. Additional degrees include a JD from the University of Kentucky School of Law, an LLM in Administrative Law, and a Masters in Strategic Studies.

## **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. He is currently in private practice.

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 former Director of the Board of Directors 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 *Almendarez-Torres 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.

## **Erin Donelon**

Erin Donelon is the Director of Legal Research and Writing and Senior Professor of the Practice at Tulane Law School. She has been teaching legal research and writing for more than twenty years. She served as editor-in-chief of the Loyola Law Review and graduated first in her law school class. She clerked for U.S. District Judge Eldon Fallon and then Judge Jacques Wiener on the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. An article she co-authored on copyright law, “Questioning Strict Liability in Copyright,” was published in the Rutgers Law Review.

## **Honorable Dana M. Douglas**

Judge Dana M. Douglas currently serves as United States Circuit Court Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Judge Douglas is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio) and attended Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans. Upon graduation, she served as a law clerk in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana to the Honorable Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Douglas practiced in the areas of energy, products liability, and intellectual property litigation as shareholder (partner) in a regional law firm based in New Orleans.

She was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana on January 4, 2019, where she served until 2022.

Judge Douglas was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden on June 15, 2022. On December 13, 2022, Judge Douglas was confirmed by the

Senate with bipartisan support to serve on the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. She received her commission on December 16, 2022.

## **Brandon Duke**

Brandon Duke is an experienced trial and appellate litigator who focuses on appeals and high-stakes business disputes in the energy and technology sectors. He has authored and argued winning trial and appellate briefs in state and federal courts across the country, including the US Supreme Court. As a Texas-based appellate specialist, Brandon has argued cases before the Fifth Circuit and the Supreme Court of Texas and has substantial experience at all stages of trial-court litigation. His practice encompasses a wide range of issues involving administrative law, antitrust and competition law, constitutional law, federal preemption, and state and federal jurisdiction and procedure. With an extensive pro bono practice focused on impact civil rights litigation and appeals, Brandon has previously been recognized by Disability Rights Texas as the Pro Bono Attorney of the Year and a Lone Star Champion of Access. Brandon also teaches Administrative Law at the University of Houston Law Center, covering issues of separation of powers, regulatory authority, and the regulation of natural resources and the energy industry.

## **Honorable Kurt D. Engelhardt**

Judge Engelhardt was appointed by President Donald J. Trump to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, based in New Orleans, on May 10, 2018. He was previously appointed by President George W. Bush to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana on December 13, 2001, and became Chief Judge of that Court on October 1,

2015, serving until his appointment to the Fifth Circuit. He received a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1982 from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and received his law degree from LSU in 1985. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Engelhardt was a partner with the Metairie, Louisiana law firm of Hailey, McNamara, Hall, Larmann & Papale, where his practice included all aspects of commercial transactions and commercial litigation, including real estate, bankruptcy, insurance defense and coverage issues, RICO, contract disputes, and construction litigation, along with some practice in the areas of personal injury litigation and white collar criminal defense work. In 1995, Judge Engelhardt was appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term on the nine-member Louisiana Judiciary Commission; in 1998, he was elected by his fellow commission members to serve as Chairman. His work on the Judiciary Commission has been cited for its excellence by the Louisiana Supreme Court. In 2004, Judge Engelhardt was appointed by United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Rehnquist to serve on the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, where he served two terms. He also served on the U.S. Fifth Circuit's Committee on Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions, charged with drafting and updating jury instructions for use throughout the Circuit. He is a member of several professional organizations including the Advisory Board of the New Orleans Chapter of The Federalist Society; the American Judicature Society; and previously the Board of Directors (and past president) of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. On October 17, 2019, he was elected to membership in The American Law Institute. He is also a Board member and past president of the Cancer Association of Greater New Orleans ("CAGNO"), now known as the Cancer Association of Louisiana ("CALA"). Judge Engelhardt was Brother Martin High School Alumnus of the Year for 2023.



## **Joshua S. Force**

Joshua S. Force practices in the areas of commercial litigation, admiralty, and complex insurance defense and coverage law and has represented clients at both the trial and appellate levels. Mr. Force is admitted to practice in Louisiana, Texas, and California and has practiced with law firms in each of those states. Mr. Force is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, having served on its Board of Directors and as Chair of the MLA's Practice and Procedure and Young Lawyers Committees. He is the Editor-in-Chief of *Benedict on Admiralty* and *Benedict's Maritime Bulletin*, and the Vice-President of the Tulane Admiralty Law Institute as well as a member of its Program and Planning Committees and National Advisory Board. Mr. Force is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Tulane Law School and teaches a course in Marine Pollution. Mr. Force received his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Haverford College. Upon graduating from law school, Mr. Force served as a law clerk to the Honorable W. Eugene Davis of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

## **Jeffrey T. Green**

Jeffrey T. Green is the founding partner of Green Law Chartered. He retired at the end of 2023 after 26 years as a partner with Sidley Austin LLP, where he also served for more than decade as the firm's Global Pro Bono Chair. Jeff founded and co-directs Northwestern Law School's Supreme Court Clinic, now in its 19th year. He also serves as a National Co-Chair of the Amicus Committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Jeff has presented oral argument at the Supreme Court seven times and he is the only current practitioner at the Court to have argued two cases in one day as a private litigant.

## **Allison A. Jones**

Allison A. Jones received her undergraduate degree from LSU in 1982 and Juris Doctorate from LSU School of Law in 1985. She currently practices with the law firm of Downer, Jones, Marino & Wilhite, LLC in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Ms. Jones is a member of the National and Louisiana Employment Lawyers Associations and is a past Chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section. Ms. Jones has served as President of three bar associations: (i) the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, (ii) the Harry V. Booth and Henry A. Politz American Inn of Court, and (iii) the Shreveport Bar Association. She currently serves as Chair of the Louisiana Law Institute Committee on Employment and Labor Law. She also has been invited to join several honorary professional organizations, including, but not limited to, the College of Labor and Employment Law, Litigation Counsel of America (trial lawyer honor society compose of less than one half percent of American Lawyers) and the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

A significant part of her practice includes representing plaintiffs in employment discrimination cases. She has successfully mediated, settled and litigated hundreds of employment cases. In 1995, she was counsel for plaintiff in the gender discrimination/retaliation case of Melody Olson v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company tried in federal court in Monroe, Louisiana where she obtained a 3.2-million-dollar jury verdict which was affirmed on appeal. Ms. Jones also successfully represented women seeking admittance into the Southern Trace Country Club “Men’s Grille,” and she has handled Title IX litigation ensuring equal funding for female sports numerous parishes in the State of Louisiana. Ms. Jones also served

as trial counsel for Patricia Powell in prosecuting her claims against the Rapides Parish School Board for revocation of tenure resulting a final judgment in the amount of \$1,147,732.00 plus interest and court costs, which decision was upheld on appeal. Ms Jones does not limit her practice to civil rights work as her practice also includes commercial litigation. In this respect, 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 nearly \$800,000.00, which verdict was affirmed on appeal. Ms. Jones has also tried several jury trials involving oil and gas disputes.

Ms. Jones devotes a significant part of her time to community activities. She served as Alderman and Mayor Pro Temp for the Town of Blanchard from 1990-2014, was a member and Chair of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency from 2005-2012 during post-Katrina rebuilding, and she is deeply committed to community building, including, but not limited to, affordable housing advocacy.

Ms. Jones was recently selected as the recipient of the 2023 Professionalism Award given by the Shreveport Bar Association This award is given annually to attorneys whose practice and personal conduct exemplify the highest level of integrity, dedication, and honor in the practice of law as judged by the Shreveport Bar Association.

## **Kristin Kimmelman**

Kristin Kimmelman is the Chief of Appeals for the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Western District of Texas. Ms. Kimmelman represents clients before the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and supervises attorneys providing research and writing support to trial attorneys throughout the Western District of Texas. She obtained her juris doctor from New York University School of Law, clerked for the Honorable David Briones of the Western District of Texas, and was an Equal Justice Works Fellow with Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services before joining the FPD's Office in 2012.

## **Samantha Kuhn**

Samantha Kuhn is an appellate attorney with the Federal Public Defender's Office in New Orleans and a member of the BAFFC's Board of Directors since 2022. While the majority of her work consists of direct appeals to the Fifth Circuit, she represents indigent criminal defendants at all stages of litigation, from initial appearance through post-conviction proceedings. Before joining the Federal Public Defender's Office, Samantha spent several years working for a law firm in Austin, Texas, where her practice focused on patent litigation. She also spent a year working as a law clerk to the Honorable Magistrate Judge Tu M. Pham of the Western District of Tennessee.

## **Mahogane Reed**

Mahogane Reed is an attorney in the Appellate Section of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division, where she litigates criminal cases in federal circuit courts. She previously served as the John Payton Appellate

and Supreme Court Advocacy Fellow at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and an associate at Susman Godfrey L.L.P. in Houston, Texas. Before entering practice, Mahogane served as a law clerk for then-Chief Judge Carl E. Stewart of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and then-Chief Judge Brian A. Jackson of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. Mahogane received her J.D./D.C.L. *magna cum laude* from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, where she was an Articles Editor for the *Louisiana Law Review* and a member of the Moot Court Board. She also received an undergraduate degree from LSU.

## **Sally Brown Richardson**

Sally Brown Richardson specializes in property law, community property law and comparative private law. She is currently serving as the Interim Dean of Tulane Law, and previously was the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs.

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Richardson is an elected member of the American Law Institute. She serves as the Reporter for the Tenancy In Common Default Rules Committee for the Uniform Law Commission. Richardson also serves on the executive board for both the American Society of Comparative Law and the Association of Law, Property and Society. She is an active member of the Louisiana State Law Institute, serving on its council and a number of committees, including serving as the Reporter for the Property Law Committee.

In 2019 Richardson received Tulane University's highest teaching honor, the President's Award for Excellence in Professional and Graduate Teaching. In 2015, she was awarded the Felix Frankfurter Award for Distinguished Teaching, Tulane Law School's highest teaching honor. And in 2015-16, she was the Gordon Gamm Faculty Scholar, an award supporting early-career professors. Richardson became Vice Dean for Academic Affairs in 2019, helping the law school to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges. She was named Interim Law Dean in 2023 after the departure of Dean David Meyer.

Her work has been published in the American Journal of Comparative Law, North Carolina Law Review, University of Houston Law Review, Tennessee Law Review, Tulane Law Review, and the Louisiana Law Review. She is the author of the textbook Community Property in the United States (Carolina Academic Press 2015). Her article "Reframing Ameliorative Waste" was selected for the 2015 Yale/Stanford/Harvard Junior Faculty Forum. Richardson also blogs regularly for the PropertyProf Blog.

Before joining the Tulane Law faculty in 2012, Richardson practiced law at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in Washington, D.C. She clerked for Judge W. Eugene Davis on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and before that worked as deputy communications director for then-U.S. Sen. Mary L. Landrieu.

## **Michael H. Rubin**

Michael H. Rubin, one of the leaders of the multi-state law firm of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, with offices from the West Coast to the Gulf Coast to the East Coast, not only heads the firm's appellate practice team and has handled numerous appellate cases in state and federal courts, including issues of national importance in areas including finance, labor law, statutory interpretation, and constitutional law, but also his many legal publications have been cited as authoritative by state and federal courts across the country. For over four decades, in addition to the full-time practice of law, he taught courses to 3L law students at LSU, Southern, and Tulane, and has given literally hundreds of major presentations in the U.S., Canada, and England on appellate law, legal writing, negotiations, ethics, finance, and real estate. He is a past-President of the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents, and the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He serves as a Life Member of the American Law Institute and as a Commissioner on the Uniform Law Commission. Additionally, he and his wife co-author legal thrillers that have garnered national awards and have been published internationally: the historical thriller, *The Cottoncrest Curse*; the legal thriller, *Cashed Out*; and their latest, a police procedural, *A White Hot Plan*.

## **Honorable Jerry E. Smith**

Judge Jerry E. Smith was appointed by President Reagan to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1987. Judge Smith grew up in Lubbock, Texas, and graduated from Yale College in 1969 and Yale Law School in 1972. He was a district court law clerk, 1972–73, and practiced with Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston, Texas, from 1973–84 (partner, 1981–84), and was Chair of the City of Houston Civil Service Commission 1982–84. Judge Smith was the City Attorney of the City of Houston 1984–87. While a Circuit Judge, he served as Chair of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence. Judge Smith's former law clerks include a U.S. Senator, three U.S. Circuit Judges, a Judge on the U.S. Tax Court, a Judge on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, a Commissioner of the Federal Election Commission, a state Supreme Court Justice, two state appeals court justices, two former and one present state Solicitors General, the former General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission, the former Chief of Staff to the Secretary of State, and at least a dozen law professors. Judge Smith married Mary Jane Blackburn Smith in 1977. They live in Houston and have four children and nine grandchildren.

## **Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear**

Geoffrey Standing Bear is the Principal Chief of the Osage Nation. Now in his third term as Osage Nation Principal Chief, he continues the work of protecting and enhancing the Osage culture, language, and lands.

Before his election, Chief Standing Bear practiced law for 34 years. He concentrated on federal Indian law. He served as Assistant Principal Chief



of the Osage Tribe from 1990 through 1994 and was a Member of the Osage Nation Congress from 2010 to 2014. While a practicing lawyer, he was involved in the first Indian gaming cases in Oklahoma. He also was General Counsel to the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association.

In 2017, Chief Standing Bear was recognized by *Oklahoma Magazine* as an Oklahoman of the Year for his leadership of the Osage Nation. He received his B.A. from the University of Oklahoma and his J.D. from the University of Tulsa College of Law.

He sees the Osage Nation expanding its land base, maintaining its vibrant traditions, and returning the Osage language to daily use. His belief is that this and much more can be done through the power of the Osage child, and it is, therefore, the duty of all his people to protect and nurture the children of the Nation.

## **Martin Stern**

Martin Stern serves as General Counsel and Appellate Team Leader for Adams and Reese LLP. Martin is one of 15 lawyers in Louisiana certified as an appellate specialist by the Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Legal Specialization. Martin's appellate practice is deep and varied, ranging from representing an oil-and-gas company in the appeal of a \$1 billion punitive damage award to representing a defendant sentenced to death, both of which resulted in grants of certiorari by the U.S. Supreme Court. Martin has argued a 14 times to the Louisiana Supreme Court as well as appeals to all of the Louisiana state courts of appeal and the US Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

## **Aaron Streett**

Aaron Streett is the Chairman of Baker Botts' Supreme Court and Constitutional Law Practice. He has presented oral argument in scores of appeals around the country—including over 30 arguments in the Fifth Circuit and 10 in the D.C. Circuit. Mr. Streett maintains an active practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, having represented parties in merits cases seven times since 2010, as well as filing numerous amicus and certiorari-stage briefs.

Mr. Streett is currently one of only two Texas-based appellate lawyers to be ranked by *Chambers USA* in both Texas-Appellate and National-Appellate. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. He serves on the boards of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association and the Federalist Society's Houston Lawyers Chapter.

Mr. Streett speaks regularly on the Supreme Court and constitutional law to attorneys and law students around the country. 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.

## **Walter Woodruff**

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 wide ranging and 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 an array of topics related to appellate practice before the Fifth Circuit. In 2019, Walter joined Chehardy, Sherman, Williams, Recile, & Hayes, L.L.P. where he specializes in complex litigation and appellate matters.