



2025 Annual Appellate Advocacy Seminar
The Conference Centre on 11 * New Orleans
October 5-6, 2026

***** Registration to Open at 8:30 a.m. *****

Monday, October 5

- 9 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
President David Coale, *Lynn Pinker*
- 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. **Current Issues Before the Supreme Court**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
J. Benjamin Aguinaga, *Solicitor General of Louisiana*
Jeffrey T. Green, *Green Lauerman*
Aaron M. Streett, *Baker Botts*
- 11 a.m. – Noon **Professionalism in Appellate Practice**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
Hon. Adalberto J. Jordan, *U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit*
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch on Your Own**
- BAFFC Board of Directors Meeting**
Channel/Bywater Room
Board Members Only
- 1:30 – 3 p.m. **Capturing the Supreme Court's Attention**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
Erin G. Busby, *University of Texas School of Law*
William M. Jay, *Goodwin*
Scott G. Stewart, *Mississippi Solicitor General*
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **Appellate Writing Tips and Tricks**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
Lauren Tanner Bradley, *University of Texas School of Law*
Francesco Valentini, *Former Appellate Attorney, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice*

Tuesday, October 6

- 9 – 11 a.m. **Oral Arguments**
John Minor Wisdom Building
- Civil Law Updates**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
G. Todd Butler, *Phelps Dunbar*
Jeff Levinger, *Levinger PC*
Liane Noble, *Vinson & Elkins*
- Criminal Law & Procedure Update**
Orleans Room
Kristin M. Kimmelman, *Federal Public Defender's Office*
Hon. Brandon S. Long, *U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana*
G. Karthik Srinivasan, *Vela Wood*
- 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Lunch in the Great Hall**
John Minor Wisdom Courthouse
All Registrants and the Court
2025-2026 President's Award
- 1 - 2 p.m. **What's New in the Clerk's Office?**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
Lyle W. Cayce, *Clerk of Court*
U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. **A Glimpse Behind the Curtain with Fifth Circuit Judges**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
Circuit Judges to be announced
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **Ethics and the Professional Practice of Appellate Law**
Auditorium, Marigny Rooms
Hon. Eva J. Dossier, *U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana*
- 4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
President David Coale, *Lynn Pinker*