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Phelps Dunbar LLP

Jeremy Grabill practices in the areas of commercial litigation and admiralty litigation, with a focus on product liability, mass torts, multidistrict litigation and other complex cases. He has recently represented several of the "emergency responder" and "clean-up responder" defendants in the multidistrict litigation concerning the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and a variety of chemical and energy industry defendants in toxic tort personal injury cases in Louisiana state and federal courts. He has also defended an international project management and construction firm against respiratory injury claims in the mass tort litigation that arose from the clean-up operations at the World Trade Center site in New York following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Grabill has been recognized as a Rising Star by Louisiana Super Lawyers since 2014. He earned his juris doctor from Tulane University Law School and his bachelor's degree in government and science and technology studies from Cornell University.

Edward B. Poitevent II

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Edward Poitevent II is a part of the firm's natural resources and energy practice groups. He has over 40 years of experience representing numerous sectors within the domestic and international energy industry, with an emphasis on exploration and production companies, pipeline companies, independent power producers and royalty owners. His representations cover virtually every aspect of legal and regulatory matters affecting energy exploration production, sales, transmission refining and use. Poitevent previously worked at Baker Donelson and has served as counsel to financial institutions for mineral- and borrowing-based financing transactions for onshore and offshore fields, and has advised clients in connection with the acquisition and financing of many onshore and offshore fields. He also has an active practice representing natural gas pipelines and has represented product pipelines in various matters.

Poitevent has been recognized by Louisiana Super Lawyers in the fields of energy and natural resources. He has been listed in Euromoney/Legal Media Group's Guide to World's Leading Energy and Natural Resources Lawyers and Guide to the World's Leading Project Finance Lawyers. He is also listed in Marquis' Who's Who in American Law. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Poitevent received his juris doctor from Tulane University Law School and his bachelor of arts degree from Tulane University.

Jennifer Rigterink

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Jennifer Rigterink joined Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer in 2015, where her practice is focused on transactional matters, with an emphasis on business and estate planning – helping her clients achieve their objectives in a tax-efficient manner. She also co-authors the firm's Tax Law Alert, which provides information on updates and changes in tax law on both the federal and state levels. She is licensed to practice law in Louisiana and Texas. Prior to joining the firm, Rigterink served as a law clerk to Jacques L. Wiener, Jr., circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and to Yvette Kane, district judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Rigterink currently serves on the board of the Travelers Aid Society of Greater New Orleans. She received a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Oxford, and served as editor in chief of the Oxford Student. After a stint in Austin, Texas, Rigterink moved to New Orleans to attend Tulane University Law School, where she was a member of the Tulane Law Review. She spent her second summer clerking for the Office of Chief Counsel for the IRS in Washington, D.C. Upon graduating, she received the Conrad Meyer III Award for academic leadership, the Robert Friedman award for academic writing and was designated a member of the Order of the Coif.

Avery Bryce Pardee

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Jones Walker LLP

Avery Bryce Pardee started at Jones Walker as an associate on the firm's white collar criminal defense, shareholder derivative litigation and commercial disputes teams. She served as second-chair counsel for numerous trials, including co-chairing a commercial dispute in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana which resulted in securing a judgment in their clients' favor. She was one of three New Orleans partners representing plaintiffs in the high-profile Louisiana shareholder derivative litigation. She also developed a strong counseling and internal investigation practice, delivering corporate compliance advice and conducting internal investigations for a wide range of clients. She helps companies respond to whistleblower complaints and government subpoenas and advises clients with respect to compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other anti-bribery and anti-corruption statutes, including assisting companies in designing and implementing anti-corruption compliance programs and conducting employee trainings.

Pardee has been honored by Louisiana Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star" in the area of business litigation since 2014. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the New Orleans Association of Women Attorneys, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Pardee earned her bachelor's degree in American studies from Georgetown University. She earned her law degree from Tulane University Law School, where she also served as associate articles editor for the Tulane Law Review and was inducted to the Order of the Coif.

Deirdre McGlinchey

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Deirdre McGlinchey is a trial attorney whose national practice focuses on the defense of product liability litigation. She routinely represents manufacturers of a wide range of equipment, including industrial, construction, mining, and agricultural equipment. She is regional counsel for a Fortune 100 company, managing its product liability litigation across multiple states. She regularly handles cases in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

McGlinchey is an active member of the Product Liability Advisory Council, the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, the Litigation Counsel of America and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, among others. She is a fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation and a member of the Women in the Profession Committee of the New Orleans Bar Association.

An elected member of McGlinchey Stafford's management committee, she is actively involved in recruiting, women's initiative activities, and mentoring programs within the firm. She received her juris doctor from Tulane University Law School and her bachelor's of arts degree from Bates College.

Jim Bercaw

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Jim Bercaw's legal practice focuses on the offshore oil and gas and maritime industries, which he frequently blogs about. His primary practice fields include personal injury and wrongful death, litigation and maritime collision and contract and commercial litigation.

Bercaw attended the University of Alabama where he earned a bachelor of arts in political science and his juris doctor. He volunteers his time at the St. Ann School, Christian Brothers School and the Girard Vikings Booster Club.

John Jerry Glas

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John Jerry Glas has tried more than 70 jury trials to verdict and recently authored the chapter on closing argument in the American Bar Association's 2015 trial tactics book "From the Trenches: Strategies and Tips From 21 of the Nation's Top Trial Lawyers."

Glas currently serves as lead national trial counsel for the worldwide leading manufacturer of conducted electrical weapons. He also represents national insurance and excess insurance companies, trucking companies, grocery chains, restaurant chains and law enforcement agencies. He has been admitted pro hac vice to handle cases around the country, including California, Connecticut, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada and Virginia.

Glas was born and raised in New Orleans and taught religion at Jesuit High School before attending law school. He joined the firm in 1999 after serving as a senior assistant district attorney for Orleans Parish and teaches trial practice as an adjunct professor at Loyola University College of Law. He has received awards from Super Lawyers in civil litigation, Best Lawyers® in America for personal injury litigation, Martindale-Hubbell® AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, Federal Bar Association's Camille Gravel Public Service Award and the Louisiana State Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award. He received his juris doctor from Louisiana State University, his master's degree in philosophy from the University of Toronto and his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from the College of the Holy Cross.

**David Whitaker**

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David Whitaker focuses on employment law, Occupational Safety and Health Administration compliance and EEOC matters. Last year, he argued a Davis-Bacon case of national significance before the Department of Labor Administrative Review Board. The case concerns whether contractors are responsible for payment of employee lodging expenses on out-of-town projects in addition to payment of the prevailing wage and benefit amounts required by the law.

Whitaker is listed in The Best Lawyers in America for 2016 in the area of labor and employment. He earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of New Orleans and his juris doctor from Tulane University Law School where he graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif.

Amanda Butler

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Amanda Butler specializes in transactional law and has an expertise in commercial lending and real estate, municipal financing and tax incentives.

Butler is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, Commercial Real Estate Women, Louisiana Government Officers Finance Association and the Louisiana Association of Independent Land Title Agents. She graduated from Louisiana State University and received her juris doctor from Loyola University New Orleans.

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Matthew A. Sherman handles personal injury, business and commercial litigation issues and criminal defense. Prior to joining Chehardy, Sherman, Williams, he served as an assistant district attorney in the Jefferson Parish District Attorney's office. He also interned for former Gov. Bobby Jindal when he served in U.S. Congress, and interned for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office and for the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Sherman serves as chairman of the Foundation Preparatory Charter School and as a member of the board of directors of the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation and Metairie Park Country Day School Alumni Board. He also serves as a member of the East Jefferson General Hospital Foundation Golf Classic Committee and helps raise money to support Jefferson Parish's public hospital.

Sherman attended Metairie Park Country Day School and received his bachelor of arts from Southern Methodist University and his juris doctor from Loyola University College of Law.

S. Jason Comer

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Jason Comer joined Adams and Reese in February as a member of the transactions and corporate advisory services practice team. He focuses his practice on a broad range of commercial real estate matters, including complex joint venture transactions, acquisitions and investments. He regularly represents institutional investors, private equity funds, closely-held real estate companies and developers in connection with matters involving a variety of multi-family, hotel and hospitality, office, retail and industrial assets.

Comer's representative experience includes handling transactions involving properties located throughout the United States, Europe, South America and the Caribbean. He has also handled a variety of general corporate and financing matters as well as significant bankruptcy and restructuring matters.

Comer has been honored as a Super Lawyers "Rising Star" in both the Florida and New York metro regions. He is a member of the American Bar Association. Comer received his juris doctor from Tulane University School of Law along with a European Legal Studies certificate. He earned his bachelor of arts in political science and philosophy from Tulane University.

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