



Federal Bar Association

New Orleans Chapter

MALCOLM MONROE FEDERAL PRACTICE SEMINAR
CLE & Admission to the Federal Courts in Louisiana
December 6, 2023 1:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
USDC – EDLA, 500 Poydras Street, C-501
New Orleans, Louisiana



Registration from 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

The LSBA will be present to make Bar ID cards from 12:30p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

12:55-1:00 pm Welcome

Chloé Chetta, *Chair of the Younger Lawyers Division*

1:00 pm-2:00 pm Tips and Advice from Former Federal Law Clerks

1 General CLE Credit

Jordan Redmon, former law clerk to Judge E. Grady Jolly, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; Judge Martin L.C. Feldman, EDLA; Judge Brian A. Jackson, MDLA; Judge David C. Bramlette III, S. D. Miss.

Emily LaCerte, former law clerk to Chief Judge Shelly D. Dick, MDLA

Gianluca Cocito-Monoc, former law clerk to Judge Susie Morgan, EDLA, current law clerk to Judge Dennis, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Margaret Manning, former law clerk to Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., WDLA

Catherine Schroeder (Moderator), former law clerk to Magistrate Judge Donna Phillips Currault, EDLA

A panel of former law clerks from every federal district court in Louisiana and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit will provide tips and advice from behind the walls of chambers. Questions posed to panelists will cover a myriad of topics, including a comparison of local rules across the federal districts, pet peeves on writing or arguments, and communication and candor with the Court.

2:00 pm-3:00 pm How to Succeed at a Firm of Any Size

1 Law Practice Management CLE Credit

Valerie Fontenot, Frilot, L.L.C.

Markita Hawkins, Bruno & Bruno

Camille Gauthier, Flanagan Partners, L.L.P.

Carlos Benach, Irwin, Fritchie, Urquhart, Moore & Daniels, L.L.C.

Often overlooked are the soft skills necessary to succeed at a law firm and how those skills might differ depending on firm size. Get real-world advice from a panel of young lawyers with experience at firms of various sizes on how to handle topics, such as building relationships with support staff, communicating with clients and partners, billing, and managing case files to ensure nothing slips through the cracks. Be sure to bring all of the questions you have been dying to ask about life at a law firm for what we hope will be an interactive and informative session.

3 pm – 3:15 pm Break

3:15 pm-4:15 pm The Ethics of Pro Bono Representation and Getting Involved in EDLA's Civil Pro Bono Program

1 Ethics CLE Credit

The Hon. Michael B. North, Chief Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court- EDLA
The Hon. Eva Dossier, Incoming Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court- EDLA
Chloé Chetta, Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C.

Did you know that the Rules of Professional Conduct instruct every lawyer to aspire to provide 50 hours of pro bono legal services to those unable to pay? While pro bono representation can seem intimidating, it is extremely rewarding, both personally and professionally. Learn more about how the Court identifies cases in which litigants are deserving of pro bono representation, the Court's expectations and accommodations for pro bono counsel, and your ethical obligations in taking on pro bono representation.

4:15 pm-5:15 pm The Role of Implicit Bias in Your Legal Career and Community

1 Professionalism CLE Credit

The Hon. Janis van Meerveld, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court- EDLA

Objectivity is an illusion. Without our conscious knowledge, stereotypes and assumptions are embedded into all our brains. Implicit biases are held by everyone, including those negatively impacted by them. With a focus on new professionals, Judge van Meerveld will help you learn how to recognize and address implicit bias and highlight how law firms and lawyers can work to create and foster a legal community where opportunities for growth, development, and advancement are open to all.

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5:15 pm – 5:30 p.m.

Swearing In Ceremony and Admission to the Federal Courts

Honorable Nannette Jolivette Brown, Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District

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YLD Annual Holiday Cocktail Party in the Great Hall

U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 600 Camp Street, New Orleans

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Sign up for EDLA Pro Bono Cases by scanning the QR code below.



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Upcoming CLEs and Events

Go to nofba.org/events-one to read more about the events or sign up.

Practical and Intentional Strategies: Managing Unreasonable Expectations to Improve Your Wellness and Increase Your Competency. December 11, 2023, Noon-1:00 p.m., via Zoom, 1 Professionalism CLE

Cocktails and Career Conversations: Leveraging Technology to Improve Your Practice, December 13, 2023, Saint X, 6:00p.m.-7:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Judge Jerry Brown Symposium: Family Law Issues in Bankruptcy, December 14, 2023, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., 500 Poydras Street, Hale Boggs B-709, 3pm-4:00pm with small reception to follow.

Day of Service at the Rebuild Center, December 22, 2023, 11am-2pm

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