

CLE: NSU's School of Business-Shreveport CLE

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1800 Line Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101

4th Floor Conference Room

3 Credit Hours

Bios:



John Jewell Pace, Esq.

John Jewell Pace is the founder and principal attorney at the law office of John Jewell Pace, APLC, a Baton Rouge law firm serving individuals throughout southern Louisiana in the areas of personal injury and criminal defense. John J. Pace has been practicing law in Louisiana for over 30 years and has achieved numerous successes for his clients, including a \$750 million class action settlement to compensate farmers injured by the release of a strain of genetically-modified (GMO) rice that infiltrated their crops. In addition to amassing a respectable record of verdicts and settlements that speaks for itself, John Pace has obtained other notable distinctions in the field of civil litigation. John is a graduate of the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College class of 2010. The Spence College was founded by famed trial lawyer Gerry Spence to enhance the skills of civil litigators through intensive professional education. John Pace was also selected among the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Louisiana by the National Trial Lawyers, an invitation-only organization limited to the top 100 civil trial lawyers in the state. John J. Pace is a lawyer who truly believes in his clients' causes and will stop at nothing in the pursuit of real justice. Financial recovery, liberty and health are serious issues that require a serious attorney and a commitment to providing the best representation possible in every case.

Otha "Curtis" Nelson Esq.

Assistant District Attorney Curtis Nelson currently serves as the Juvenile Section Chief for the 19th Judicial District Attorney's Office where he has the pleasure of working for the Honorable District Attorney Hillar Moore, III. Mr. Nelson was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he earned his Bachelor of Science with a major in Psychology and a minor in Sociology from Louisiana State University. Mr. Nelson earned his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University School of Law. Mr. Nelson's career has included working with children as a mental health technician in behavioral modification settings; CASA volunteer; legal defense counsel for delinquent youths; parents' attorney in CINC proceedings; and he is an active member of the Baton Rouge Teen Court Program, Children's Youth and Planning Board, Children's Justice Act Task Force, and Pelican Center for Children & Families. Mr. Nelson is a proud veteran of the United States Army, where he served our nation for 12 years as a member of both the Louisiana Army National Guard and United States Army Reserve.



Theodore "Ted" Jones, Esq. –. *Northwestern State University's Charles Ragus Family Endowed Chair*, is an attorney and lobbyist from Baton Rouge, LA, who provided counsel to governors, U.S. representatives, senators, and presidential candidates. Jones was briefly the chief of staff to U. S. Representative Speedy Long of Louisiana's 8th congressional district. He served as counsel for the then newly implemented Medicare program for Governor John Mc Keithen. He was a special counsel for Governor Edwin W. Edwards. He worked on the 1968 presidential campaign staff for Vice President Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota.

Ted Jones holds honorary doctorates of humanity from both his alma mater Northwestern State University and Nicholls State University. He is an inductee of the NSU "Long Purple Line of Distinguished Alumni" and the former director of the NSU Foundation. In 2007, Jones was himself inducted into the Louisiana Political Museum's Hall of Fame.

¹ See *Theodore "Ted" Jones*. Digital image. *Theodore "Ted" Jones*. C-SPAN/National Cable Satellite Corporation, 28 Aug. 2010. Web. 9 Oct. 2015. <<http://www.c-span.org/person/?theodorejones>>.



Carmella Parker, Esq./MBA

Carmella Parker has been licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana for over twelve years. She is also an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Outreach and Special Projects at Northwestern State University School of Business a university professor. She can teach a range of classes Cyber Business Law, Business Law II, International Business, Personal Finance, Hotel and Restaurant Law, and Hotel Marketing. Prior to working at Northwestern State University School of Business, she had the distinct opportunity to work as Field Counsel for the prestigious Liberty Mutual Group. This position was simply a natural outgrowth from working as an Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Risk Litigation Division for the Louisiana Department of Justice in New Orleans, and then Baton Rouge. She also is general counsel to a small business as well as a contract attorney for special projects.

Ms. Parker has a B.S. in Business Administration, a Minor in Liberal Arts, and an Equivalent to a Minor in Latin from Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University. She earned her Juris Doctor as well as a Certificate of International Studies from Loyola College of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. She also obtained her Master of Business Administration from the University of New Orleans.