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J. Graves Theus, Jr. received an LL.M from Boston University School of Law in 1997, after graduating, cum laude, from Gonzaga University School of Law in 1996. He practiced in Seattle, Washington until 1999 prior to joining a prestigious law firm in Alexandria, Louisiana where he was a shareholder until 2013 when he began his private practice. Graves is certified by the Louisiana State Board of Legal Specialization as a Specialist in Tax Law, as well as Estate Planning and Administration, and is an approved title agent. Graves lives in Alexandria, Louisiana with his wife, Anna, and their four children.



Christopher Kinnison, Esq.

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Christopher Kinnison joined Theus Law Offices in 2016. His practice spans across all areas of immigration law, where he handles cases with an emphasis on family law, business-related matters and removal cases. Chris is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

Chris's passion for the practice of immigration law stems from his experience living abroad. He was born in Thailand in 1978, where he spent the majority of his time until moving to Malaysia in 1996. On graduation from Auburn University in 2001, Chris moved to Phnom Penh, Cambodia where he spent the next two years teaching at the Royal University of Phnom Penh. It is this experience that gives Chris unique insight into the lives of his immigrant clients.

Chris holds a J.D. from Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, where he graduated cum laude in 2010. He graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary with an M.A. in 2007.

Chris lives in Alexandria, Louisiana, with his wife and two daughters. Chris's passions include teaching English as a second language to the local immigrant community as well as being involved with his local church.

Mr. John Booth-

Vice President of Iberia Bank-Shreveport, Louisiana

According to LinkedIn, he has been serving in his current role since November 2012. His education is from Harding University.



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.