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# THE KEAN MILLER SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR Louisiana





Clockwise from top:  
Rob Dille, Todd Rossi, Glenn Farnet and Bill Jarman at The Chimes Restaurant; Jennifer Thomas's son, Tyler, at Oak Alley Plantation; Mike Garrard's daughter, Elizabeth, after a face-painting in the French Quarter; Clay Countryman and his family in St. Francisville; Julie Silbert's son, Daniel, in front of a New Orleans streetcar



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Brought to you this Holiday Season by the highly cultured,  
fun-seeking, cracker-jack team of attorneys  
at Kean Miller.

*Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

Mardi Gras King Achilles XXIX  
a/k/a Charles McCowan, Jr.





The original Kean Miller attorneys are pictured in front of the late Gordon Kean's portrait.  
L to R: Bill D'Armond, Mike Garrard, Bob Hawthorne, Charles McCowan, Belinda Clary, Gary Bezet, Bill Jarman, Len Kilgore, Carey Messina and Ben Miller.

Dear friends:

December 2002

Another holiday season is upon us—a time for celebration and reflection, family and friends, and giving and receiving. As we at Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D’Armond, McCowan & Jarman reflect on the blessings of the past year, we are also looking ahead. And the future is bright.

We are grateful that you have provided us with the opportunity to serve you, our clients and friends, for almost 20 years. In fact, we will celebrate our 20th anniversary on February 14, 2003. For those of us who were there at the beginning, that is still somewhat difficult to believe.

From the 12 original attorneys in 1983, the firm has grown to become Baton Rouge’s largest law firm with more than 100 attorneys practicing in the firm’s five South Louisiana offices.

We are proud of the services we have provided, and we are proud to call Louisiana home. It is a unique place—full of sights, sounds and tastes for which mere words will never be adequate. This guide is a compilation of recommendations from our attorneys of their favorite attractions, accommodations and culinary delights in our state. We hope this guide will allow you to more fully appreciate the gifts Louisiana has to offer.

Have a safe and happy holiday, and best wishes for this and every holiday season. Remember, in South Louisiana, we’ll use any excuse to “pass a good time”—Christmas, Chanukah, New Year’s, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick’s Day, Cinco de Mayo, the Fourth of July, and Saturday nights in Tiger Stadium.

*From our family to yours,*

The attorneys and staff of Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D’Armond, McCowan & Jarman, L.L.P.





LOD COOK ALUMNI CENTER

From left: Greg Anding's daughters, Hannah and Molly, on an LSU game day; Ed Hardin and sons after a jog around the LSU lakes; the Sonny Chastain family outside Tabby's Blues Box; and Daniel and David Crump picnicking with Kate Mascari.





# I. BATON ROUGE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

**S**ince the earliest Spanish explorations, events and the passage of time have secured Louisiana's reputation. The culture, politics, cuisine, legal system, religion and language are unique and just a little out of the ordinary. Louisiana natives take pride in that reputation and history.

On April 9, 1682, Rene-Robert Cavelier, sieur de La Salle, claimed the lands drained by the Mississippi River for France and named the territory Louisiana in honor of King Louis XIV. La Salle's attempt to establish a colony in Louisiana ended in mutiny and murder in 1687. More than a decade later, Pierre Le Moyne, sieur d'Iberville, and his younger brother Jean Baptiste Le Moyne, sieur de Bienville, left France to establish a colony on the Mississippi River.

As Iberville and Bienville traveled up the Mississippi River in 1699, they came upon, as legend has it, a cypress pole made red with animal's blood.<sup>1</sup> The red cypress pole divided the hunting grounds of two tribes, the Bayou Goula and the Houmas. Upon their map, Iberville marked the spot "*le baton rouge*," French for "red stick." The French, however, did not settle Baton Rouge until 1722.

By the time of the American Revolution, the Spanish had control of the Louisiana territory. Though the Spanish supported the colonists in their fight against Great Britain, Louisiana was relatively unaffected by the fighting or outcome. When the United States purchased the Louisiana territory from France on May 2, 1803, Baton Rouge was not a part of that territory. Baton Rouge, part of West Florida, was still a Spanish possession. Seven years later, a group of American settlers met to create a representative government and led an armed rebellion against the Spanish forces in Baton Rouge. After the Spanish forces left, the new independent republic wrote to President James Madison requesting annexation by the United States. In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state to join the Union.

The legislature moved the capital to Baton Rouge in 1846, though the capital was briefly returned to New

Orleans during the Civil War and Reconstruction (1864-1879). It would be many years, however, before Baton Rouge was anything more than a small, rural town.

A key factor in the growth of Baton Rouge was Louisiana State University. The school that became LSU was founded in 1860 as Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy. The original campus was not in Baton Rouge, but Pineville, in central Louisiana, and the first superintendent was William Tecumseh Sherman, the Union general famous for his march to the sea. After the war and a disastrous fire at the Pineville campus, the school was moved to Baton Rouge in 1869 and renamed Louisiana State University a year later.

No visitor can escape the reach of Huey P. Long, even almost 70 years after his assassination. As is true with every larger-than-life figure, the myths that have grown up around him are so numerous and pervasive that it is sometimes impossible to distinguish myth from fact. It is only fitting that the stories of Huey P. Long have survived and become a part of the culture. Legend has it that Long got the Legislature to give him the funds to build Tiger Stadium by telling them it was a dormitory, which just happened to have a football field in the middle. On many occasions, Long would lead the LSU band onto the football field. He built the 34-floor state capitol building and would not allow any building to surpass it.

One of the most important developments for the economy and growth of Baton Rouge was the discovery of oil in 1901 followed by the arrival of Standard Oil Company in 1909. Following WWII, the growth of the petrochemical industry, the port facilities and state government have allowed the city to grow and prosper.

At the beginning of the 21st century, Baton Rouge is a big city that has managed to maintain the feel and hospitality of a smaller town. Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond, McCowan & Jarman has called Baton Rouge home for 20 years. Its success, in large measure, has resulted from the growth of the Baton Rouge economy, the firm's expertise in matters involving state government and regulations, and from its experience representing the interests of the petrochemical and oil and gas industry.

1. Gay Martin, *Louisiana: Off the Beaten Path* (Guilford, CT: Globe Pequot Press, 1999), 128.



## Attractions

# Baton Rouge

For a comprehensive calendar of events and festivals and a listing of Bed and Breakfast accommodations in the Mississippi River area, we suggest that you refer to the monthly magazine *Country Roads*, published in Baton Rouge.

- 1. Antique Auction Company** | Every Saturday night | Ponchatoula | (985)386-6484 |  
“Best antiques this side of the Atlantic.” **ALAN BERTEAU**, ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION
- 2. Ashton Hazy Gallery** | Baton Rouge | (225) 296-4955 |  
“A favorite place to see and buy local Louisiana art.” **MARK MESE**, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND INSURANCE LAW
- 3. Audubon State Park and Oakley House** | St. Francisville | (225) 635-3739 | [www.stfrancisville.com](http://www.stfrancisville.com) |  
“The owners of this 18th century plantation home hired John James Audubon to tutor their daughter. While there, Audubon began or completed 32 engravings for his *Birds of America*. The grounds also include outstanding reproductions of outbuildings and gardens.” **ALAN BERTEAU**, ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION
- 4. Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center** | Baton Rouge | (225) 757-8905 |  
“Put on your walking shoes and take a peaceful stroll along miles of well-maintained trails through a tree-covered swampland in the middle of Baton Rouge.” **THERESA HAGEN**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW  
“It’s a natural swamp in the middle of the city. Take the self-guided tour on an elevated boardwalk. It’s beautiful, but beware! All the swamp creatures still live there!” **JOHN JAKUBACK**, GENERAL LITIGATION
- 5. Kliebert’s Alligator and Turtle Farm** | Hammond/Springfield area | (985) 345-3617 |  
“At feeding time, you’re on the set of Jurassic Park.” **ALAN BERTEAU**, ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

# Baton Rouge

## 6. Louisiana Naval War Memorial and USS Kidd | Baton Rouge | (225) 342-1942 | [www.usstkidd.com](http://www.usstkidd.com) |

“Come aboard the USS Kidd, an authentic destroyer docked in downtown Baton Rouge. After touring the ship, step into the Louisiana Naval War Memorial Nautical Center and view the interesting exhibits, including a model of the USS Baton Rouge submarine, mementos of the famous ‘Flying Tigers,’ and the largest model ship collection in the South.” **SHANNAN RIEGER**, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

## 7. Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum | Angola | (225) 655-2592 |

“The museum displays artifacts and explores both the history of Angola prison and the daily life of its inmates.”

**LANA CRUMP**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 8. The Myrtles Plantation | St. Francisville | (225) 635-6277 |

“One of America’s most haunted houses. A restaurant, attraction and lodging all in one.”

**ALAN BERTEAU**, ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

## 9. Nottoway Plantation Home | White Castle | (225) 545-2730 | [www.nottoway.com](http://www.nottoway.com) |

“The grandeur of plantation life in 19<sup>th</sup> century Louisiana.” **JIM DORÉ**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 10. Rosedown Plantation Home | St. Francisville | (225) 635-3332 |

“I always enjoy strolling through the formal gardens at Rosedown.” **DEBORAH JUNEAU**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 11. LSU Rural Life Museum | Baton Rouge | (225) 765-2437 |

“This unique museum, with over 25 buildings and extensive collections of tools, furnishings and other items, shows how working families of the 19<sup>th</sup> century lived.”

**BOB HAWTHORNE**, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AND ESTATE PLANNING

## 12. Tour of Downtown Baton Rouge | Baton Rouge (ten square block area) |

“The recently renovated Old Governor’s Mansion; the Neo-Gothic Old State Capitol (circa 1848); the Art Deco ‘skyscraper’ State Capitol Building and gardens; the Louisiana Arts and Science Museum and

Planetarium located in the 1925 railroad station; the 19th century Pentagon Barracks; the USS Kidd WWII Destroyer; the Naval Museum and more. Ask your favorite Kean Miller attorney to take you on a personalized tour.” **LEN KILGORE**, LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

- 13. Magnolia Mound Plantation** | Baton Rouge | (225) 343-4955 | [www.magnoli mound.org](http://www.magnoli mound.org) |  
 “One of the more interesting things to see here is the Slave Quarter House: one side is furnished as a typical slave quarter house, while the other side has an exhibit on slave life.”  
**PHYLLIS SIMS**, TAXATION AND LEGISLATION

## B. Accommodations

- 1. Barrow House Inn** | St. Francisville | (225) 635-4791 |  
 “Shirley is the perfect B&B hostess. She knows the history, loves to share it, and serves the best New Orleans style breakfast outside of New Orleans. Her little space museum among the antiques is an unexpected treat.” **DONNA YELVERTON**, GENERAL LITIGATION
- 2. Butler Greenwood Plantation** | St. Francisville | (225) 635-6312 | [www.butlergreenwood.com](http://www.butlergreenwood.com) |  
 “Gorgeous grounds, authentic Victorian furnishings, a resident peacock, a true-life crime story. Before you go, read Anne Butler’s *Weep for the Living* about her husband’s attempt on her life.”  
**DONNA YELVERTON**, GENERAL LITIGATION
- 3. Lod Cook Conference Center and Hotel at LSU** | Baton Rouge | (225) 383-2665 |  
[www.cookconferencecenter.com](http://www.cookconferencecenter.com) |  
 “Located on West Lakeshore Drive, this hotel provides its guests with a beautiful view of the LSU Lakes. It’s convenient for visiting clients and a great place for joggers.”  
**LEN KILGORE**, LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



Donna Yelverton  
at Greenwood Plantation



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### 4. Lake Rosemound Bed & Breakfast | St. Francisville | (225) 635-3176 |

“Lake Rosemound, home of fishing and other water recreational activities, is one of the area’s secret treasures. It is a man-made, private lake fed by underground springs, situated in something that is rare in south Louisiana – hills. You will think you are staying on a North Carolina lake in the foothills of the Piedmonts. Well, if your imagination is working, you will.” **BLANE CLARK**, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

### 5. Milbank Historic House | Jackson | (225) 634-5901 |

“You can rent the entire house and sit on the antique furniture.” **LEN KILGORE**, LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

### 6. Wisteria Bed & Breakfast | St. Francisville | (225) 293-8888 |

“Highlighted in the March 2002 issue of *Southern Living* magazine.” **LEN KILGORE**, LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

## Others:

**Radisson Hotel** | Baton Rouge | (225) 925-2244 |

**Sheraton Atrium Hotel** | Downtown Baton Rouge | (225) 242-2600 |

**Cottage Plantation** | St. Francisville | (225) 635-3674 | [www.CottagePlantation.com](http://www.CottagePlantation.com) |

**Mt. Hope Plantation B&B** | Baton Rouge | (225) 761-7000 | [www.mthopeplantation.com](http://www.mthopeplantation.com) |

**Shadetree Inn** | St. Francisville | (225) 635-6116 | [www.shadetreeinn.com](http://www.shadetreeinn.com) |

**The Stockade Bed & Breakfast** | Baton Rouge | (225) 769-7358 or (888) 900-5430 | [www.thestockade.com](http://www.thestockade.com) |

**3-V Tourist Court** | St. Francisville | (225) 635-5540 |

## C Restaurants

### 1. Bittersweet Plantation Fine Dining and Bed & Breakfast | Donaldsonville | (225) 473-1232 | www.jfolve.com |

“Great food and wonderful accommodations at the midpoint between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.”

**KATHERINE KING**, ENERGY AND UTILITIES

“Elegant accommodations and south Louisiana charm.” **VICTOR GREGOIRE**, TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

### 2. The Chimes Restaurant | Baton Rouge | (225) 383-1754 |

“At the north gates of LSU, enjoy all the local favorites: red beans and rice, etouffé, crawfish, jambalaya, gumbo and po-boys. And taste brews from around the world in a casual campus atmosphere.” **CAROL GALLOWAY**, TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

### 3. DeAngelo's Pizzeria Company | Baton Rouge | (225) 757-3877 |

“This wonderful pizzeria serves irresistible calzones, salads and pizza. They use only the freshest and finest produce and ingredients. One taste of their grilled chicken Caesar salad and you'll know what I mean.” **LINDA PEREZ CLARK**, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

### 4. DiGuilio Brothers Restaurant | Baton Rouge | (225) 383-4203 |

“Small, but wonderful neighborhood Italian restaurant with consistently delicious menu items and specials. Be prepared for a wait on Friday and Saturday nights. It can be a bit noisy then, too. Entrees are served with salad and pasta side dishes. Spaghetti G.O.P. (garlic, olive oil and parsley) is a sure bet. Great pizza, but first try the veal, seafood, and Italian dishes served Louisiana style. Start off with a beer; it's always cold!” **DWAYNE JOHNSON**, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

### 5. Gino's Restaurant | Baton Rouge | (225) 927-7156 |

“Relax with a few drinks in the piano bar before enjoying an authentic Sicilian dinner. Be sure to save room for a piece of homemade cheesecake and a ‘white swan,’ Gino's signature after-dinner drink.”

**KARLI GLASCOCK WILSON**, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION



Kean Miller crew at The Chimes

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### 6. Joe Dreyfus Store & Restaurant | Livonia | (225) 637-2625 |

“Country, casual and worth the drive for traditional Louisiana cuisine.” **TODD ROSSI**, BUSINESS, TAX AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

### 7. Juban’s Restaurant | Baton Rouge | (225) 346-8422 | www.jubans.com |

“This is the place to go in Baton Rouge for that perfect mixture of Louisiana cuisine. Just a little bit French, just a little bit Cajun, just a little bit perfect. Great bar with a wonderful wine selection. If you are looking for the restaurant that has it all, Juban’s Restaurant is the place for you.” **BEN MILLER**, CORPORATE LAW

### 8. Maggio’s Ristorante | Baton Rouge | (225) 752-3354 |

“With a designated driver, owner Mark Maggio and Chef Joey Distefano will make your dining and wine-drinking experience a memorable Italian-Louisiana evening.” **CHARLES MCCOWAN, JR.**, GENERAL LITIGATION

### 9. Mansur’s Restaurant | Baton Rouge | (225) 923-3366 |

“You can’t beat Mansur’s for an excellent fine-dining experience. Mansur’s serves French Creole cuisine in a romantic atmosphere, complete with a pianist every night. The crabmeat and brie soup is the best in town.”

**KECLA CAMPBELL**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

### 10. Mike Anderson’s Seafood Restaurant | Baton Rouge | (225) 766-7823 | www.mikeandersonsbr.com |

“Mike Anderson’s is a restaurant for all occasions—business lunches, family dining, and before and after sports events. It is the best seafood restaurant in Baton Rouge.” **CAREY MESSINA**, ESTATE PLANNING AND TAXATION

### 11. Oxbow Carriage House Restaurant at The Myrtles | St. Francisville | (225) 635-6276 |

“Go early or be prepared for a wait. Located at The Myrtles Plantation, this is a restaurant you’d expect to find only in a city of great restaurants. Every sauce is superb. Be sure to save room for the peach bread pudding.”

**DONNA YELVERTON**, GENERAL LITIGATION

### 12. Parrain’s | Baton Rouge | (225) 381-9922 |

“Relaxed, casual atmosphere with excellent Louisiana cuisine. Try the crawfish bisque and fried oyster Caesar salad.”

**LEN KILGORE**, LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



**13. Phil's Oyster Bar** | Baton Rouge | (225) 924-3045 |  
 "Best oyster po-boy in Baton Rouge." **CHARLES McCOWAN, JR.**, GENERAL LITIGATION

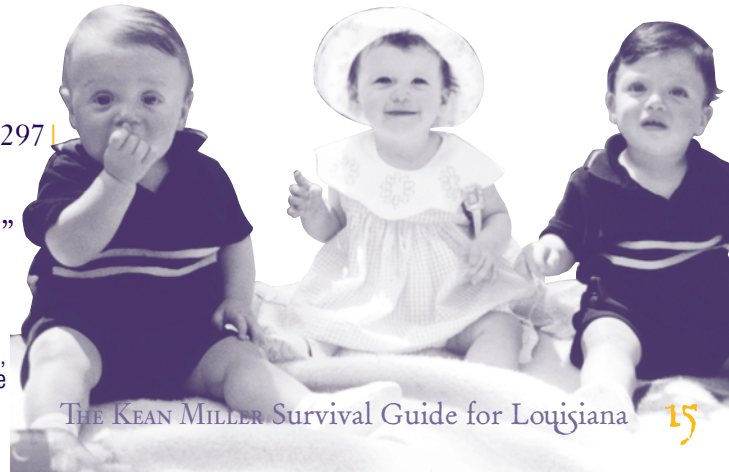
**14. Roberto's River Road Restaurant** | Sunshine | (225) 642-5999 |  
 "Just a stone's throw away from the Mississippi River, this rustic symbol of Louisiana's past embodies the essence of Louisiana's culture, where the food and atmosphere ensure a good time is had by all."  
**BRETT BRINSON**, CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

**15. Satterfield's on False River** | New Roads | (225) 638-5027 |  
 "Lunch at False River—a true Louisiana experience." **RUSSEL PRIMEAUX**, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

**16. Tin Lizzy's Landing** | Springfield | (225) 695-6787 |  
 "Park your car, ski boat or pirogue; and enjoy the cold beer, live music and seafood on the covered deck overlooking the Tickfaw River." **SCOTT JOHNSON**, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

## D Recreational Activities

**1. Alligator Bayou** | St. Gabriel |  
 | Canoeing and Bait Shop: (225) 642-9448 | Tours: (225) 642-8297 |  
 "Canoeing in Alligator Bayou provides an eco-tour through winding bayous, swamps, and a stunning lake of giant cypress trees. And the Gator Bar near the boat launch ain't bad either."  
**GLENN FARNET**, GENERAL LITIGATION



Daniel and David Crump, Lana's twin boys, picnic with Pam Mascari's daughter, Kate

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## 2. Audubon Golf Trail | 1-866-AGT-IN-LA | [www.louisianatravel.com/golf](http://www.louisianatravel.com/golf) |

“Member courses include the finest golf courses across Louisiana, from Shreveport to New Orleans and Many to Hammond. Great golf and wonderful Louisiana scenery. Member courses include: Cypress Bend Resort on Toledo Bend Lake, Gray Plantation in Lake Charles, Olde Oaks Golf Club in Shreveport/Bossier City, Tamahka Trails Golf Club in Marksville, The Bluffs on Thompson Creek in St. Francisville, and The Island in Plaquemine.” **MACK GREGORIE**, COMMERCIAL, REAL ESTATE AND CORPORATE LAW **GREG ANDING**, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

## ◆ The Bluffs on Thompson Creek Golf Course | St. Francisville | (888) 634-3410 or (225) 634-5088 |

| Lodge: (225) 634-3410 | Pro Shop: (225) 634-5551 |

“Spectacular golf course in the middle of plantation country. There are very nice on-site accommodations and a restaurant, or stay at one of the nearby plantation homes.” **GREG ANDING**, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

“The scenery is outstanding, so your golf game doesn’t have to be!”

**JEFF BOUDREAUX**, CONSTRUCTION LAW AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

## ◆ The Island Golf and Country Club | Plaquemine | (225)685-0808 | [www.theislandgolf.com](http://www.theislandgolf.com) |

“Part of the Audubon Trail of excellent golf in Louisiana.” **JIM DORÉ**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 3. Bicycling in St. Francisville

“Best place in the state for road biking.” **MAUREEN HARBOURT**, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

“My husband and I enjoy meeting other cyclists in St. Francisville for a Saturday morning ride. Afterwards, we stop for lunch at the Magnolia Café.” **CHRISTINA COCHRAN**, ESTATE PLANNING AND BUSINESS LAW

## 4. Global Wildlife Center | Folsom | (985) 624-9453 | [www.globalwildlife.com](http://www.globalwildlife.com) |

“This is no ordinary zoo. A tour guide leads you through wooded areas and rolling hills to view more than 3,000 free roaming animals on 900 acres.” **LANA CRUMP**, GENERAL LITIGATION



Matthew, son of Linda Perez Clark,  
enjoying golf at The Island in Plaquemine

## 5. Highland Road Park | Baton Rouge |

“One of the many beautiful parks in Baton Rouge, Highland Road Park boasts rolling hills, an astronomical observatory, a tennis center, an indoor gym, and plenty of well-kept fields on which to go jogging or just picnic in the shade.” **JOHN LAUYE**, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

## 6. LSU Football Games | LSU Tiger Stadium | Baton Rouge |

“Every true sport fan’s list of ‘must-see’ venues should include Saturday night at LSU Tiger Stadium. The notoriously rowdy LSU fans really put on a show under the lights of the 90,000+-seat stadium. If you have time, stroll through LSU’s beautiful Italian Renaissance-style campus with its massive live oak trees.”

**LEN KILGORE**, LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

“92,000 screaming fans, sausage and chicken sizzling on the BBQ pit, propane burning under a pot of boiling crawfish, hundreds of imposing oak trees with leaves rustling in the wind, the pounding drums of the Golden Band from Tigerland and the LSU Fight Song: these are the sights and sounds of the LSU football experience.”

**RANDY CANGELOSI**, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

## 7. LSU Lakes | Baton Rouge |

“A great place to spend time with family and stretch your legs.”

**JASON CASHIO**, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LITIGATION

## 8. Motorcycling “Down the River”

“A perfect attitude adjustment! From Baton Rouge, cross the Mississippi and head south on River Road and Hwy. 1. Stop along the way and check out plantations on the west side of the river. When you get to Luling, cross ‘Ole Muddy’ again and head north on River Road. More plantations and good places to eat—Hymel’s in Convent or the Cabin in Burnside. A trip across the river on one of the free ferries is a great way to get across the river.”

**JOHN E. HEINRICH**, GENERAL LITIGATION



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“A great way to see the countryside, up close and personal.” **JIM LACKIE**, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND COMMERCIAL BANKRUPTCY LAW

**9. Tickfaw State Park/Tickfaw River & the Prop Stop Bar** | Springfield, LA | (225) 294-5020 or 1-800-981-2020 | [www.lastateparks.com](http://www.lastateparks.com) |

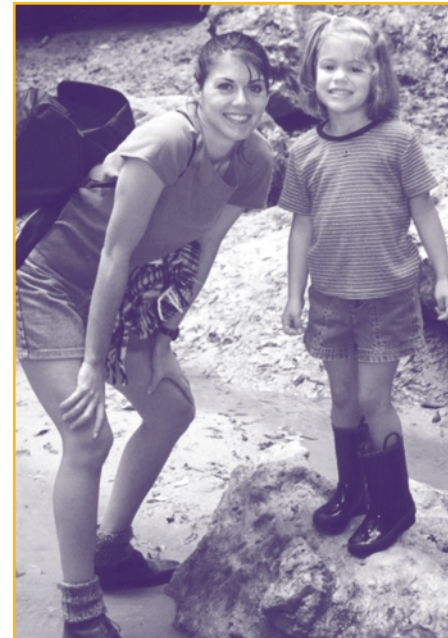
“Spend a weekend in a real swamp! Tickfaw State Park, less than an hour from Baton Rouge, offers a Louisiana nature experience like no other. Encounter swamp wildlife in their natural habitat as you hike through the swamp on elevated boardwalks, guide a canoe down the Tickfaw River, visit the nature center, or attend one of the guided nature hikes. Nice, clean cabins and campsites are available.” **SHANNAN RIEGER**, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

“The Tickfaw River is a great spot for water skiing and boat riding. When you need a break, stop at the Prop Stop and get a ‘worm bucket.’” **ROBERT DILLE**, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

**10. Tunica Hills State Park** | North of St. Francisville in Pond, Mississippi | No Phone | “Good hiking trail along a creek bed, complete with water falls. Though rumored to have as many as seven water falls, I have only seen three.”

**KEVIN CURRY**, ESTATE PLANNING AND TAXATION

Lana and Amanda Crump on a day's outing in Tunica Hills



## **E** Special Events

**1. Angola Prison Rodeo** | Angola | (225) 655-4411 |

“This unique rodeo calls itself ‘the greatest show on dirt.’ As a rodeo enthusiast, I can verify that it lives up to its reputation. Takes place every Sunday in October and one weekend in April.” **MARK MARIONNEAUX**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**2. Baton Rouge Parades**

◆ **Krewe of Orion Mardi Gras Parade**

“‘Throw me something mister!’ If you can’t make it to New Orleans for Fat

Tuesday, or you would prefer a more family-oriented Mardi Gras experience, head to downtown Baton Rouge on the Saturday night before Mardi Gras weekend and experience a real New Orleans-style parade right here in River City.” **SHANNAN RIEGER**, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

## ◆ Southdowns Mardi Gras Parade

“The Southdowns Parade takes the Mardi Gras out of New Orleans and puts it at the front doors of this Baton Rouge neighborhood. Watching this family-friendly parade is a great way to celebrate with close friends and loved ones (and by the way, unlike New Orleans, you actually have access to a bathroom).”

**JASON CASHIO**, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LITIGATION

Bob Hawthorne’s granddaughter, Olivia, sports her collection of beads.

## ◆ Spanish Town Mardi Gras Parade

“The original Baton Rouge Mardi Gras parade is perfect for the capital area, because the theme is always a satire on current political issues.” **DEBORAH JUNEAU**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## ◆ Mystic Krewe of Mutts Mardi Paws Parade | (225) 201-9839 |

“If you are a pet lover or Mardi Gras lover, you don’t want to miss this annual ‘Mardi Paws’ parade, featuring dogs dressed up in all manner of Mardi Gras garb—from tiaras to clown suits. This is a wonderful family event, especially if you walk your own canine reveler in the parade.”

**LINDA PEREZ CLARK**, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

## ◆ St. Patrick’s Day Parade

“Dress the kids in green for a morning of floats, beads and fun.” **AILEEN JOHNSON**, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

## 3. Christmas in the Country | Audubon Country in West Feliciana Parish | (800) 789-4221 |

“Recently written up in *Southern Living* magazine, this annual event, held the first weekend in December, accentuates the holiday season with a week of events and the lighting of its historic 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century homes and churches. Stay at one of the local B&Bs and tour the local plantation homes decked with period decorations.” **LEN KILGORE**, LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



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### 4. Jambalaya Festival | Gonzales | [www.donaldsonville.org/business](http://www.donaldsonville.org/business) |

“This annual south Louisiana weekend festival, held in May or June, is typical of Louisianian’s love for a good time. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!* The festival kicks off with Gospel Night on Thursday, and the weekend includes a variety of activities for all ages, showcases musical talents, and sponsors cook-offs for all age categories. The highlight of the festival is the World Championship Jambalaya Cooking Contest on Saturday and Sunday. The winner travels throughout the United States demonstrating his skills. Past champions have even cooked for U.S. Presidents and foreign leaders. Gonzales is the Jambalaya Capital of the World!”

MATHILE ARRAMSON, GENERAL LITIGATION AND MEDIATION

### 5. Louisiana Triathlon at New Roads | (225)296-7490 |

“Kick off the triathlon season in beautiful Pointe Coupee Parish with a swim across an oxbow lake, a bike ride around the lake, and finish it off with a run.” EDWARD HARDING, JR., LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

## F. Others...

### 1. Calandro's Supermarket | Baton Rouge | (225)383-7815 |

“Wonderful selection of Louisiana products, specialty items and wines, great bakery, plate lunches from the delicatessen and nice people!” BELINDA CLARY, TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

### 2. Coffee Call | Baton Rouge | (225) 925-9493 |

“Sure, Baton Rouge has its share of Starbucks, Perks and PJ’s, but no coffee house is as uniquely Baton Rouge as Coffee Call. Go with friends or alone, get yourself some *café au lait* and *beignets*, or get a cup of herbal tea and skip the *beignets*. Sit outside if the weather is nice, or take a walk around the courtyard lined with boutiques and little shops.” UMA SUBRAMANIAN, ENERGY AND UTILITIES

**3. Rossi Custom Framing and Art Gallery** | Donaldsonville | (225) 473-8536 | [www.alvinbatiste.com](http://www.alvinbatiste.com) |

“Alvin Batiste, artist in residence, is a well-known folk artist who depicts scenes from everyday life based on memories his mother shared with him. I have collected several of his paintings and recommend a visit to see him at work.” **MATHILE ABRAMSON**, GENERAL LITIGATION AND MEDIATION

**4. Tabby’s Blues Box Heritage Hall** | (Night Club) | Downtown Baton Rouge | (225) 387-9715 |

“The Blues Box is the definition of ‘up close and personal.’ So personal, in fact, that Tabby called me at home one night to ‘come out and feel the blues.’” **WILL COENEN**, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

**5. Tony’s Seafood** | Baton Rouge | (225) 357-9669 |

“Need boiled crawfish or shrimp, or how about some boudin balls? Try the legendary Tony’s Seafood in Baton Rouge. They’ll be happy to ship to you anywhere in the country.”

**RANDY YOUNG**, ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION, ENERGY AND UTILITIES



Bob Hawthorne with his granddaughter, Olivia, at the LSU Rural Life Museum





L to R: Sailing enthusiasts Deborah Juneau and Gary Bezet, on board Gary's sailboat, "Class Action;" Lana and Amanda Crump under the oaks at New Orleans City Park.





## II. NEW ORLEANS, NORTH SHORE AND RIVER ROAD AREA

**M**ost people, whether or not they have ever been to New Orleans, have very specific ideas about the city, called by many the only European city in the United States. The Big Easy. The Crescent City. Bourbon Street and Mardi Gras. Jazz music. Dirt, grime and corruption. And the food. New Orleans is all that and more.

Vital to the French government's plan to make Louisiana prosper was a city on the banks of the Mississippi River. In 1718, settlement of the town of New Orleans had begun.<sup>1</sup> Two years later, engineer Adrien de Pauger laid out the French Quarter's distinct rectangular street plan. New Orleans became the capital in 1721 and soon thereafter the economic center. In an attempt to increase the population, the government advertised throughout Europe. This was instrumental in forming New Orleans' reputation as a true American "melting pot."

The influence of French and Spanish rule was important in the cultural development of New Orleans. The culture, religion and society established by the French and Spanish in Louisiana shared little with that of the neighboring British colonies. Many of the French governors maintained a formal court in New Orleans. While Catholicism was the state religion of both France and Spain, religious faith and morality did not inform the colonists' lives in Louisiana as the Protestant faith had in the British colonies. Perhaps there is no better symbol of this fundamental difference than Mardi Gras—a religious holiday that became an excuse for balls, revelry and an active nightlife.

The final decades of the 18th century marked the arrival of large numbers of immigrants. While many of these immigrants did not stay in New Orleans, they did pass through the city influencing its cuisine and culture. The Creoles were born in Louisiana, the descendants of the early French and Spanish aristocratic settlers. Though culturally elite, the Creoles absorbed many of the distinct culinary traits of the new arrivals.<sup>2</sup> French cuisine may have been the initial template; however, the Spanish contributed their spices, the Germans their sausages and meats, the Italians their pastries, the Haitians their exotic vegetables and slow cooking, the Native Americans

their local and new ingredients, the Africans their okra, and the Acadians their *beignets*. In the strictest sense, a true melting pot.

When the United States purchased Louisiana from France in 1803, the people spoke a different language and practiced a different religion. They had no experience with democracy and wanted nothing to do with the imposition of civil duties. The Creoles remained a powerful force in New Orleans for many years. Though the capital was moved to Baton Rouge in 1846, New Orleans remained the economic and cultural center of Louisiana for the wealthy planters that lived in plantations along the Mississippi River.

Wartime has also proved to be a unique experience in New Orleans. The Battle of New Orleans, one of the United States' most lopsided victories, was fought two weeks after the peace treaty ending the War of 1812 had been signed. Then, during the Civil War, General Benjamin Butler and his Yankee soldiers occupied New Orleans. The ladies of the city showed no respect for the soldiers, which led Butler to issue his infamous order. Any woman showing contempt for any soldier would be arrested and tried as a “woman of the town plying her avocation.”

Over the years, New Orleans has remained separate and apart from the rest of the state and the country. It is a ride down St. Charles on the streetcar, the oldest continuously operating railcar line in the United States. It is Café du Monde, open since 1862, serving *beignets* and *café au lait* 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is the Martin brothers, owners of Martin's neighborhood restaurant, providing the striking street car operators with “poorboy” sandwiches in 1929.<sup>3</sup> It is Louis Armstrong and jazz music, a unique blend of black folk songs, brass band marches and ragtime; Mardi Gras, parades and king cake; great food and drinks; voodoo and Marie Laveau; cemeteries, the celebration of life and jazz funerals; and red beans and rice on Mondays.

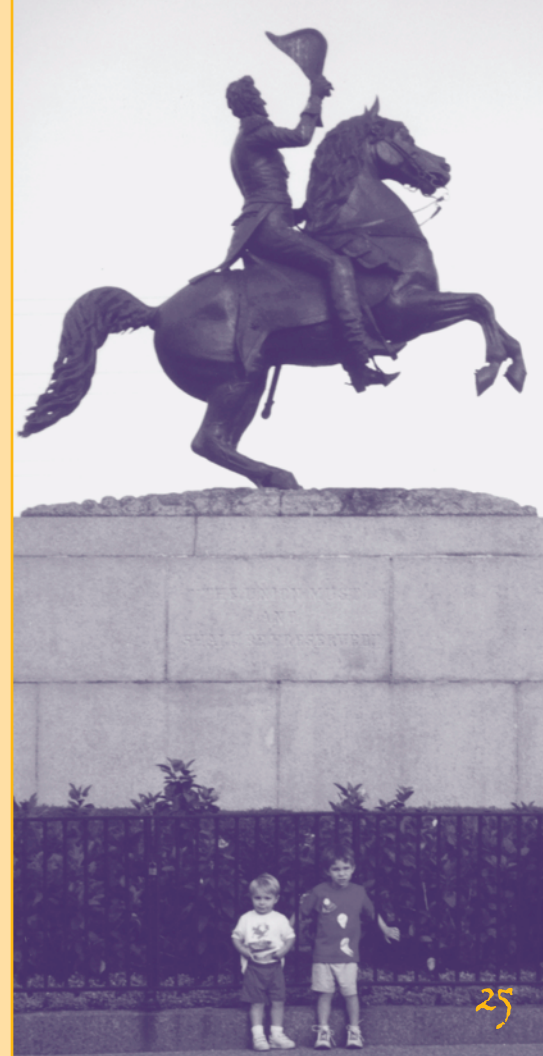
Here, food is not mere sustenance; it is a way of life. It is not part of an occasion; it is the occasion. Visitors are always welcome, and criticism is never taken to heart. And life is to be lived and enjoyed. Even in death, many

natives have been known to return, unable to sever their ties with the life of New Orleans.

The New Orleans branch of Kean Miller opened in 1991. The Covington office on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain followed in 1999. These offices help Kean Miller provide expanded service for its industrial and commercial clients in the Greater New Orleans area.

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Mathile Abramson’s grandchildren, Eli and Alex,  
at Andrew Jackson’s monument



# New Orleans Attractions

## 1. Abita Brewery Tours | Abita Springs | 1-800-737-2311 |

“Grab as many cups of beer (or rootbeer) as you can carry, and discover how Louisiana’s best microbrews are made.” **MEGAN LAPARI**, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

## 2. Audubon Aquarium of the Americas | New Orleans | 1-800-774-7394 | [www.auduboninstitute.org](http://www.auduboninstitute.org) |

“A visit to the New Orleans River Front in the French Quarter is not complete without a stop at the Aquarium, which includes up close and personal views of the underwater life of the Caribbean, the Amazon Rainforest, the mighty Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico. You can even put your hands around a baby shark in the Touch Pool!” **JULIE SILBERT**, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

## 3. Audubon Zoo | New Orleans | [www.auduboninstitute.org](http://www.auduboninstitute.org) |

“Louisiana’s premiere zoo with over 2000 animals in their natural habitat. A wonderful way to spend a spring or fall afternoon with the children. Be sure to see the white tigers.” **AMY BERRET**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 4. Café du Monde | French Quarter | (504) 525-4544 | [www.cafedumonde.com](http://www.cafedumonde.com) |

“Chicory coffee and hot beignets dusted with powdered sugar—great anytime, day or night!”  
**DEBORAH JUNEAU**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 5. Covington Farmer’s Market | Covington |

“On Wednesday and Saturday mornings, the grounds of City Hall are transformed into a wonderful market: locally-grown fresh produce, fresh bread from a Franklinton bakery, plants, local wine, arts and crafts, and new surprises every week.” **CAROLYN PARMENTER**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Scott Johnson’s son, Murphy, does his famous giraffe grimace.



**6. The French Quarter** | New Orleans |

“Everyone must see the French Quarter. It’s the only European city in North America.” **LEN KILGORE**, LITIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

“There’s nothing like a spring day in the French Quarter.”

**MIKE GARRARD**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

**7. Jackson Square**

“The historic heart of the French Quarter.”

**ERICH RAPP**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

Michael and Matthew Cangelosi enjoy a cultural cavort at the Louisiana Children’s Museum



**8. Louisiana Children’s Museum** | New Orleans | (504) 523-1357 |

“The Louisiana Children’s Museum is definitely NOT your ordinary playhouse...for children of all ages and parents, too.” **RANDY CANGELOSI**, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

**9. The National D-Day Museum** | New Orleans | (504) 527-6012 | [www.ddaymuseum.org](http://www.ddaymuseum.org) |

“This is the only museum in the U.S. that covers all of the amphibious invasions or ‘D-Days’ of World War II. The exhibits show the courage and sacrifices of the soldiers who fought in this war. The patriotism is inspiring.”

**LINDA AKCHIN**, SALES AND LOCAL TAXATION; TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**10. New Orleans Museum of Art** | New Orleans | (504) 488-2631 | [www.noma.org](http://www.noma.org) |

“The museum has an interesting collection of Fabergé eggs in its permanent collection.”

**ERICH RAPP**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

**11. River Road Plantations**

Leave the big city behind and take a leisurely drive along the Mississippi River. The Great River Road is home to history and a number of antebellum plantations, survivors of the Civil War and relics of a way-of-life that



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died with the South's firing on Fort Sumter. It is impossible to choose a favorite—each has its own style, its own feel and its own story. And in true Southern style, the door is always open; the story always ready.

- ◆ **Oak Alley** | Vacherie | (800) 44-ALLEY | [www.oakalleyplantation.com](http://www.oakalleyplantation.com) |
- ◆ **Destrehan Plantation** | Destrehan | (985) 764-9315 | [www.destrehanplantation.org](http://www.destrehanplantation.org) |
- ◆ **Houmas House Plantation and Gardens** | Burnside | (888) 323-8314 | [www.houmashouse.com](http://www.houmashouse.com) |
- ◆ **Laura: A Creole Plantation** | Vacherie | (225) 265-7690 or (888) 799-7690 | [www.lauraplantation.com](http://www.lauraplantation.com) |
- ◆ **San Francisco Plantation** | Garyville | (888) 322-1756 or (985) 535-2341 | [www.sanfranciscoplantation.org](http://www.sanfranciscoplantation.org) |

## 12. Royal Street

“Stroll down historic Royal Street, browse through art galleries and antique shops, and listen to some of the finest local street music that New Orleans has to offer.” **SONNY CHASTAIN**, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

## 13. The Saenger Theatre

New Orleans | (504) 524-2490 | [www.saengertheatre.com](http://www.saengertheatre.com) |  
“The Saenger Theatre is a beautiful, historical and architecturally impressive theatre filled with marbled floors, staircases, ballustrades and statues. It even has a domed ceiling featuring the ‘night sky,’ complete with clouds and stars that slowly drift by overhead. All this ambience plus terrific traveling Broadway productions and concerts!” **MACK GREGORIE**, COMMERCIAL, REAL ESTATE AND CORPORATE LAW

## 14. Jean Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop

New Orleans | (504) 523-0066 |  
“A piano bar renowned by locals as a great romantic spot. Enjoy the ambience of the piano and the candlelight in one of the French Quarter's most historic and authentic locales.” **DOUG LITTLEJOHN**, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

## B. Accommodations

### 1. The Ritz-Carlton Hotel | New Orleans | (504) 524-1331 | [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com) |

“The Ritz has one of the classiest atrium-style bars I have ever seen, and the wait persons are excellent. The hotel is an elegant oasis in the middle of an aging Canal Street area, immediately adjacent to the charms of the French Quarter.” **BILL JARMAN**, COMPLEX LITIGATION

### 2. Royal Sonesta Hotel | New Orleans | (504) 586-0300 | [www.royalsonestano.com](http://www.royalsonestano.com) |

“Unless you have sat on a balcony overlooking Bourbon Street on a warm summer evening with champagne in hand, you have not seen New Orleans.” **MARK MARIONNEAUX**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

### 3. The St. Louis Hotel | New Orleans | 1-888-508-3960 | [www.stlouishotel.com](http://www.stlouishotel.com) |

“THE small luxury hotel in New Orleans’ French Quarter. Many of the comfortable rooms open to a classic French Quarter courtyard. The hotel’s courtyard bar and French restaurant, the Louis XIV, are both New Orleans jewels that you surely will want to experience at some point during your stay.” **BILL JARMAN**, COMPLEX LITIGATION

### 4. The Windsor Court Hotel | New Orleans | (800) 262-2662 |

“Enjoy Southern hospitality at its best at one of the finest hotels in the country. Located in the heart of New Orleans, the Windsor Court offers luxurious and state of the art accommodations. The hotel’s restaurant, The Grill Room, has been voted one of the top restaurants in the country. The Windsor Court also features Classic English Tea and Tea Royale daily in *Le Salon*. The Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel usually offers a seminar here each December, which is a great excuse to visit New Orleans and The Windsor Court. Hiko and I try to escape at least once a year!” **BARRYE MIYAGI**, MEDIATION, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

### 5. Hotel Monteleone | New Orleans | [www.hotelmonteleone.com](http://www.hotelmonteleone.com) | 800-535-9595 |

“The French Quarter begins in the lobby of this hotel. Located in the heart of the Vieux Carré, enjoy a cocktail at the hotel’s famous revolving ‘Carousel Lounge,’ where a slow turn overlooks the charm of Royal Street’s antique district.” **DOUG LITTLEJOHN**, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

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**6. W Hotel** | New Orleans | [www.whotels.com](http://www.whotels.com) | 800-522-6963 |

“Ultra-modern and contemporary accommodations located in New Orleans’ central business district. Relax in the sophisticated, sleek blue-light atmosphere of the hotel’s ‘Whiskey Blue’ lounge.”

**DOUG LITTLEJOHN**, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

### Others:

**The Iberville Suites Hotel** | New Orleans | (504) 523-2400 | [www.ibervillesuites.com](http://www.ibervillesuites.com) |

**The Maison Orleans Hotel** | New Orleans | (800) 323-7500 |

**Degas House** | New Orleans | (800) 755-6730 or (504) 821-5009 | [www.degashouse.com](http://www.degashouse.com) |

**Woodland Plantation Country Inn** | West Pointe-a-la-Hache | (504) 656-9990 or (800) 231-1514 |

## C Restaurants

**1. Basil Leaf** | New Orleans | (504) 862-9001 |

“An excellent, upscale Thai restaurant.” **ERICH RAPP**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

**2. Bayona** | New Orleans | (504) 525-4455 | [www.bayona.com](http://www.bayona.com) |

“Excellent French Creole cuisine in a quiet setting.” **VICTOR GREGOIRE**, TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**3. Camelia Grill** | New Orleans | (504) 866-9573 |

“A classic New Orleans eatery. The chef’s special omelet is a must.”

**BRAD MYERS**, TOXIC TORT AND COMPLEX LITIGATION

**4. Deanie’s Seafood** | New Orleans and Metairie | (504) 581-1316/(504) 831-4141 | [www.deanies.com](http://www.deanies.com) |

“Where the locals go to eat great seafood in an informal atmosphere. The portions are huge.”

**TREY MCCOWAN**, TOXIC TORT LITIGATION



**5. Emeril's** | New Orleans | (504) 528-9393/(504) 525-4937/(504) 522-6652 | [www.emerils.com](http://www.emerils.com) |

“If you go to New Orleans, you must eat at Emeril’s, because when you go home, people will ask you if you did. There’s a reason why it’s so well known—the food lives up to its reputation and the ‘Emeril’ name.”

**DOC HOYLAND**, GENERAL LITIGATION

**6. Galatoire's Restaurant** | New Orleans | (504) 525-2021 | [www.galatoires.com](http://www.galatoires.com) |

“A meal in the main dining room is like going to a party. Lunch on Friday is always a special occasion.”

**ERICH RAPP**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

**7. The Grill Room at The Windsor Court Hotel** | New Orleans | (800) 262-2662 |

“Save room for the desserts. It’s best to rent a room for the night, as you will be too full to move very far.”

**BILL CAUGHMAN**, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AND LITIGATION, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION LAW

**8. House of Blues Gospel Brunch** | Sundays | New Orleans | (504) 529-2624 | [www.hob.com/venues/clubvenues/neworleans](http://www.hob.com/venues/clubvenues/neworleans) |

“Great music from local church groups and great food. A Southern-style breakfast with attitude!”

**MAUREEN HARBOUR**, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

**9. Irene's Cuisine** | New Orleans | (504) 529-8811 |

“An intimate place to watch the variety that defines the New Orleans’ French Quarter. Fine Italian dining. No reservations and few frills. The oyster and shrimp appetizer followed by the soft shell crabs will give you a true taste of New Orleans.” **CHRIS DICHARRY**, TAXATION AND LEGISLATION

**10. Jacques-Imo's Café** | New Orleans | (504) 861-0886 |

“Located in a shotgun house on Maple Street in uptown New Orleans, patrons walk through the busy kitchen for seating in the rear of the house and back porch. The menu boasts unique combinations—exotic mixes of the

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best Cajun, creole and southern food.” **MELISSA CRESSON**, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

## 11. La Provence Restaurant | Big Branch | (985) 626-7662 |

“Sitting by the fire sipping quail gumbo in this French country restaurant—life is good!” **LOLLY WHITE**, GENERAL LITIGATION

“Dining at its very best. You must have the quail gumbo and/or the North African lamb sausage.”

**BILL COURTNEY**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 12. Liuzza's | New Orleans | (504) 482-9120 | www.liuzzas.com |

“Hot fried dill pickles, ice cold schooners of beer, and the Boss on the jukebox. So much fun you’ll want to buy a t-shirt on the way out.” **WILL COENEN**, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

## 13. Middendorf's Restaurant | Manchac | (504) 386-6666 |

“Louisiana is ‘Sportsman’s Paradise.’ However, if the fish aren’t biting, you can cruise across Lake Maurepas to Middendorf’s for the state’s best ‘thin and crispy’ fried catfish since the 1930’s.” **JAY JALENAK**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 14. Morton's Boiled Seafood & Bar | Madisonville | (985) 845-4970 |

“Exceptional boiled crabs and local flavor on the Tchefuncte River.” **TODD ROSSI**, BUSINESS, TAX AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

## 15. Nola's Restaurant | New Orleans | (504) 522-6652 |

“The food and atmosphere are both excellent. If you don’t have time for a full dinner, sit and have drinks and appetizers at the bar and take in the New Orleans atmosphere.” **LANA CRUMP**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 16. Pelican Club | New Orleans | (504) 523-1504 |

“A sophisticated restaurant merging Asian and Creole cuisines.” **ERICH RAPP**, GENERAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION; TOXIC TORT DEFENSE

## 17. Santa Fe Restaurant | New Orleans | (504) 944-6854 |

“If you are looking for Southwestern cuisine with a ‘Big Easy’ flair, this restaurant, on the edge of the French



Quarter, is perfect. The menu is quite adventuresome, but the fajitas are my favorite.”

LINDA PEREZ CLARK, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

### 18. Snug Harbor Jazz Bistro | New Orleans | (504) 949-0696 |

“This wonderful jazz club is considered by many to have the best burger in New Orleans. Their cheddar cheeseburger, served with a baked potato, is my personal favorite.” LINDA PEREZ CLARK, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

### 19. Antoine's Restaurant | New Orleans | www.antoines.com | (504) 581-4422 |

“A New Orleans legend. Experience the birthplace of creole cuisine and see where Carnival Kings have dined for over a century.” DOUG LITTLEJOHN, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

## D Recreational Activities

### 1. Mardi Gras Marathon and Half-Marathon | New Orleans | www.mardigrasmarathon.com |

“America’s most original marathon. Run under sea level and finish in the Louisiana Superdome; this is not your average 26.2-mile race.” EDWARD HARDING JR., LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

### 2. Mississippi River Trail (cycling/walking/running path) | New Orleans |

“A great place to see the Mississippi River while riding your bike or walking. The trail starts at the top of the levee near Audubon Park. Great people watching on a pretty day, as well.”

ERICH RAPP, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

### 3. Money Hill Country Club | Abita Springs | (985) 892-8250 | www.moneyhill.com |

“One of Louisiana’s finest golf courses . . . and just minutes from The Abita Brew Pub, the home of Abita Beer.”

GREG ANDING, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

### 4. New Orleans Saints Football | New Orleans | www.neworleanssaints.com |

“They are better than they have ever been. A fun Sunday afternoon event.” ERICH RAPP, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

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## 5. Pabst Family Crawfish Boil

“Like all good New Orleans traditions, a backyard crawfish boil involves large quantities of food, a few good friends and maybe an alcoholic beverage or two.” Call Richard and invite yourself! **RICHARD PABST**, OIL AND GAS, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

## 6. Sailing on Lake Pontchartrain | Mandeville |

“The gentleman who sold me my sailboat said it best: ‘A day spent on your sailboat is not subtracted from the rest of your life.’ Few things are better than watching the sun set over Lake Pontchartrain while you silently glide over its surface powered by its cool breezes. Unless, of course, it’s the margaritas at Mi Mamacita’s, my favorite local Mexican restaurant in Mandeville, just a short drive from the marina. For years, New Orleanians have escaped the heat of the city in this funky little town 25 miles away. Its lakefront, with its wide green lawns and massive moss-hung live oaks, is a wonderful place to spend a quiet afternoon walking, biking, reading or watching the boats glide silently by. Its streets are lined with hundred-year-old shotgun houses and mansions shaded by century-old live oaks. All of this just one hour from Baton Rouge and less than 45 minutes from New Orleans.” **GARY BEZET**, CAPTAIN OF CLASS ACTION, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

“Tranquility is heading back to port after a full day sailing Lake Pontchartrain, when the sun is setting and the lake is like glass.” **DEBORAH JUNEAU**, CAPTAIN OF ARCHANGEL, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 7. Crescent City Classic 10K Run/Walk | New Orleans, LA |

“The Crescent City Classic is a New Orleans tradition! The run begins at Jackson Square, meanders through the historic French Quarter, and finishes at City Park. Afterwards, a huge party ensues with fantastic food and drink, as well as music and people.” **ASHLEY FREY**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 8. The Tammany Trace | Shores of Lake Pontchartrain, through Mandeville, Covington and Abita Springs |

“For an outdoor adventure on a road less traveled, try a run or a ride (bicycle or horse) on the Tammany Trace, 31 miles of abandoned railroad line which has been converted to a paved path and trails running from Mandeville to downtown Covington. This adventure will take you through woods and wetlands. And at the end of the trail in Covington—the historic offices of Kean, Miller!” **LOLLY WHITE**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## Special Events

### 1. French Quarter Festival | New Orleans | [www.frenchquarterfestival.com](http://www.frenchquarterfestival.com) |

“An annual event in mid-April where you can roam the streets in the Quarter; tour private patios and art galleries; sample classic New Orleans food and beverages in Jackson Square and Woldenberg Riverfront Park; enjoy musical performances of rhythm & blues, funk, Cajun and Zydeco, classical or international; and then end the day by watching fireworks over the Mississippi River.” **YUXIAN WANG**, GENERAL LITIGATION

### 2. Mardi Gras Boat Parade/Friends Restaurant on the Tchefuncte | Madisonville | (504) 845-7303 |

“You are sure to catch plenty of beads from the balcony of Friends as the parade of boats float down the Tchefuncte River.” **KARLI WILSON**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

The Madisonville Mardi Gras Boat Parade



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### 3. Mardi Gras and the Endymion parade | New Orleans | [www.endymion.org](http://www.endymion.org) |

“Mardi Gras is a French term for ‘Fat Tuesday.’ It is the last chance to have a party or celebration before Lent begins the next day—Ash Wednesday. The Mardi Gras season runs from Twelfth Night (January 6th) until Mardi Gras Day. During the season leading up to Mardi Gras Day, the “krewes” or Mardi Gras clubs hold balls at which debutantes are presented. Many of the Krewes also have parades on the streets of New Orleans during the two weeks prior to Mardi Gras Day. As Mardi Gras Day approaches, the street party in New Orleans grows bigger and bigger. The Krewe of Endymion is the largest Mardi Gras club with over 2000 members. Endymion holds its parade on the Saturday evening before Mardi Gras. The parade ends at the Superdome where about 12,000 people participate in the world’s largest private party, called the Endymion Extravaganza.”

**ERICH RAPP**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION



Barrye Miyagi and her family, Hiko, Matt and Mia, reign as Mardi Gras royalty in their neighborhood parade.

### 4. Mensaje (Latin Festival) | Zephyr Stadium | Metairie | (504) 283-0659 |

“Mensaje is an annual celebration of Latin food, history and culture.” **MELISSA HEMMANS**, GENERAL LITIGATION

### 5. New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival (aka, Jazz Fest) | Fairgrounds, New Orleans | [www.nojazzfest.com](http://www.nojazzfest.com) |

“The best live music festival ever. Held annually the last weekend in April and the first weekend in May.”

**ERICH RAPP**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

### 6. Sugar Bowl | Superdome, New Orleans | [www.nokiasugarbowl.com](http://www.nokiasugarbowl.com) |

“The New Orleans entry in the Bowl Championship Series of college football.”

**ERICH RAPP**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION



### 1. The Architectural Bank | New Orleans | (504) 523-2702 |

“Shop for the best architectural salvage materials from old New Orleans houses—great odds and ends and a lot of fun.” **MAUREEN HARBOURT**, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

**2. Central Grocery Co.** | New Orleans | (504) 523-1620 |

“A true Italian grocery, featuring a large variety of olive oils and pastas and serving the City’s best muffuletta.”

**CHARLES PATIN**, STATE PROCUREMENT AND SCHOOL DESEGREGATION LAW

**3. Famous Door** | New Orleans | (504) 522-7626 |

“A fun place in the heart of the French Quarter. I’ve never heard a band there that wasn’t playing great get-up-and-dance music.”

**LANA CRUMP**, GENERAL LITIGATION

**4. Foodies Kitchen** | Metairie | (504) 837-9695 |

“Foods from some of New Orleans’ finest restaurants prepared to go.”

**VICTOR GREGOIRE**, TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**5. House of Blues** | New Orleans | (504) 529-BLUE | [www.hob.com](http://www.hob.com) |

“It’s a chain, but the House of Blues brings some of the best live music to New Orleans.”

**ERICH RAPP**, TOXIC TORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION

**6. Martin Wine Cellar** | New Orleans | (504) 899-7411 | [www.martinwine.com](http://www.martinwine.com) |

“The most extensive wine selection in the Gulf South region.”

**VICTOR GREGOIRE**, TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**7. King Cake**

“You know it’s Mardi Gras when you see a king cake. These circular cakes have cinnamon, fruit or cream fillings and are decorated in the traditional Mardi Gras colors: gold, green and purple. The original king cakes are believed to have been made in honor of the three kings who brought gifts to the Christ Child. Today, a small, plastic baby, symbolizing the Christ Child, is hidden inside the cake. Almost any bakery in South Louisiana will have them during the Mardi Gras season, and many ship across the country. Local custom holds that if you get the piece with the baby in it, you must buy the next king cake!”

**LANA CRUMP**, GENERAL LITIGATION







### III. SOUTH CENTRAL LOUISIANA



Welcome once more, my friends, who so long have been friendless and homeless,  
Welcome once more to a home, that is better perchance than the old one!  
Here no hungry winter congeals our blood like the rivers;  
Here no stony ground provokes the wrath of the farmer.  
Smoothly the plowshare runs through the soil as a keel through the water.  
All the year round the orange-groves are in blossom; and grass grows  
More in a single night than a whole Canadian summer.  
Here, too, numberless herds run wild and unclaimed in the prairies;  
Here, too, lands may be had for the asking, and forests of timber  
With a few blows of the axe are hewn and framed into houses.  
After your houses are built, and your fields are yellow with harvests,  
No King George of England shall drive you away from your homesteads,  
Burning your dwellings and barns, and stealing your farms and your cattle.<sup>1</sup>

**T**he history and culture of south central Louisiana will forever be tied to that of the French Acadians.<sup>2</sup> The Acadians had settled in Acadie, modern-day Nova Scotia, in the 17th century. These descendants of French peasants were farmers and fishermen. In 1713, the French ceded their lands in Canada to Great Britain. When the Acadians refused to take an oath of allegiance to the British crown, the British government decided to distribute the Acadians among the American colonies. So began “*Le Grand Derangement*,” the expulsion of approximately 7,000 French Acadians from Nova Scotia in 1755. Many Acadians soon followed, not waiting to be physically torn away from their homes and families.

The Acadians were destitute, and many families had been separated by the time they reached the American colonies. Because of these conditions, their arrival was not welcomed in most of the colonies. Louisiana was not

one of the intended destinations, but slowly the Acadians made their way South to a place where the Spanish government's reception was warm and the language was more familiar. Because of the cool welcome by the wealthy planters and Creoles in New Orleans, the Acadians continued to move up the Mississippi River looking for the right place to begin anew. Ten years after leaving their homes in Canada, the Acadians made a new home west of the Mississippi River along the bayous in south central Louisiana, near present-day Lafayette. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was so enthralled by the story of the Acadians and the tragic separation of Emmeline Labiche and Louis Arceneaux that he used their story as the basis for his famous 1847 poem, *Evangeline*.

The culture, music and cuisine brought to South Louisiana by the Acadians have survived and flourished to this day. The Cajun way of life is unique and quite special and a result of their struggles in the bayous of Louisiana. Their cuisine was born of their fight to survive. Everything that they hunted, fished and picked went into their black iron pots. Today Cajun cuisine is much the same as it was more than 200 years ago. The music and dancing came from the joy of surviving each day, each test. While Cajun music and dance have made it out of the bayous, it all started in these small rural communities. At the end of another long day, it was time to relax with good food, good friends and good music.

Next time you're down this way go to the *fais-do-do*, work up an appetite dancing to the foot-stomping music of fiddles and accordions, and enjoy food the likes of which you have never seen and could never spell—jambalaya, gumbos, fricassees, andouille and boudin. Guests are always welcome as long as they remember three simple rules: work hard, play hard and never burn the roux.

The Lake Charles office of Kean Miller was established in 1997 in order to provide its expertise to industrial and commercial clients in Southwest Louisiana. In addition, the office offers a wide range of services for individuals and business interests, such as commercial transactions, acquisitions, mergers, tax and estate planning.

1. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *Evangeline* (1847), Part 2, Section 3.

2. For more information on the history of the Acadians and south central Louisiana, see Joe Gray Taylor, *Louisiana: A History* (New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1984); also see Light Townsend Cummins, et al., *Louisiana: A History*, ed. Bennett H. Wall (Wheeling, IL: Harlan Davidson, 1997).

## Attractions

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- 1. Creole Nature Trail/ National Scenic Byway** | Sulphur to Cameron to Lake Charles | SWLA Convention & Visitors Bureau | (337) 436-9588 | [www.creolenaturetrail.org](http://www.creolenaturetrail.org) |  
“The first National Scenic Byway in the Gulf South. Spans 180 miles of Louisiana’s outback and includes world-famous wildlife habitats and estuaries. A stop at the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge’s interpretive center and a 1.5-mile trip through the marsh is a must. Located in the central migratory flyway, it is an excellent environment for bird-watching.” **THERESA BARNATT**, ESTATE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION
- 2. Gators on the Geaux** | Lake Charles | (337) 433-1611 | [www.gatorsonthegeaux.com](http://www.gatorsonthegeaux.com) |  
“Southwest Louisiana’s largest ever public art exhibition and a project of the Lake Charles Symphony. Local, regional and national artists have been commissioned to demonstrate their creative talents on 3-D, life-sized cast alligators.” **YUL LORIO**, GENERAL LITIGATION
- 3. Historic Charpentier District** | Covers 20 blocks of downtown Lake Charles | 1-800-456-7952 |  
“Step back in time on a self-guided walking or driving tour. This area includes one of the finest collections of Victorian architecture in the state dating from the late 1800’s to the early 1900’s. The driving tour includes a ride through the ‘Bungalow Heaven’ of Margaret Place. If you enjoy preservation or architecture, you will enjoy this tour.” **THERESA BARNATT**, ESTATE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

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**4. Historic Main Street and Tupper General Store Museum** | Jennings | (337) 821-5532 | [www.oldmagnoliagiftshoppe.com](http://www.oldmagnoliagiftshoppe.com) |  
“Ten thousand authentic antiques, including toys, clothes, hardware items, elixirs and Coushatta Indian baskets.”

JENNIFER GARY, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**5. Imperial Calcasieu Museum and Sallier Oak** | Lake Charles | (337) 439-3797 |

“The Imperial Calcasieu Museum houses an extensive historical collection and a fine art gallery and is home to a 300-year-old Sallier Oak. For generations, children have climbed the branches of the Sallier Oak, and it is still a favorite for children of all ages.”

JENNIFER GARY, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**6. Lake Charles Boardwalk/Gator Pond** | Lake Charles | (800) 456-7952 |

“A great place for a family stroll, skating or picnic! The Lake Charles Boardwalk, Veterans Memorial Park, Bord du Lac Park, PPG Interactive Fountain and the Alligator Pond are an excellent combination.”

YUL LORIO, LITIGATION

**7. Old Central School** | Lake Charles | (337) 439-ARTS |

“Saved from demolition by preservationists and restored to its original character, the current school was built in 1912 by noted New Orleans architects. It is the third school to stand on this site and is the centerpiece of the historic Charpentier District of downtown Lake Charles. The front steps are worn and uneven from many trips by small children, and some of the graffiti from early students is still visible behind the stage in the auditorium. A wonderful piece of Lake Charles architectural and educational history. Enter through the appropriately designated entrance: ‘Boys’ or ‘Girls.’”

THERESA BARNATT, ESTATE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

**8. Sabine National Wildlife Refuge** | Hackberry | (337) 762-3816 |

“Great opportunities to see alligators and nutrias. Located approximately 30 miles south of Lake Charles. The Marsh Trail, a 1.5-mile paved walking trail, is open during daylight hours.”

TERRY MCCAY, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW, GENERAL LITIGATION

**9. Vermilionville** | Lafayette | (337) 233-4077/1-866-99BAYOU | [www.vermilionville.org](http://www.vermilionville.org) |

“Historic Acadian village with unusual craft demonstrations. Kids and adults will love it.”

MAUREEN HARBOUR, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



**10. Zigler Museum** | Jennings | (337) 824-0114 or (337) 824-0120 | [www.jeffdavis.org](http://www.jeffdavis.org) |

“Six centuries of European and American art, wildlife dioramas, wildfowl carvings, rotating exhibits, and an annual Festival of Christmas.” **JENNIFER GARY**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**11. Shadows-on-the-Teche** | New Iberia | (337) 369-6446 or (877) 200-4924 | [www.shadowsontheteche.org](http://www.shadowsontheteche.org) |

“Visiting Shadows-on-the-Teche is more than just touring an antebellum home. The guides relate interesting details as they tell the stories of the families who have lived here.” **PHYLLIS SIMS**, TAXATION AND LEGISLATION

## B. Accommodations

**1. Aunt Ruby's Bed & Breakfast** | Lake Charles | (337) 430-0603 | [www.lakecharlesbnb.com](http://www.lakecharlesbnb.com) |

“Six rooms with private baths, phone, internet and spacious verandas. National Register listing. Three blocks from the casino, cafes and shops. Voted #1 B&B.” **TERRY MCCAY**, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW, GENERAL LITIGATION

**2. The Eddy House Bed & Breakfast** | Lake Charles | (337) 436-3980 |

“The Eddy House is located in the Lake Charles' Charpentier Historic District and offers a cozy atmosphere with all the modern conveniences.” **JENNIFER GARY**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**3. The Grand Coteau House** | Grand Coteau | (337) 662-3910 or (337) 662-3078 |

“Enjoy a true Cajun bed & breakfast in historic Grand Coteau. Settled in 1776, Grand Coteau is an intriguing community of beautiful oak groves, historic buildings and long-standing traditions. Be sure to make time for a horse-drawn carriage ride, antique shopping and Cajun cuisine at Catahoula's Restaurant, which has been featured in *Southern Living* and *Gourmet* magazines.” **RANDY YOUNG**, ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION AND ENERGY AND UTILITIES

## Others:

**A River's Edge Bed & Breakfast** | Westlake | (337) 497-1525 |

**Best Western Richmond Suites Hotel** | Lake Charles | (337) 433-5213 |

## South Central C Restaurants

### 1. **Black's Oyster Bar** | Abbeville | (337) 893-4266 |

“Road Trip! In Louisiana that only means one thing—a drive, with friends, to somewhere to get a good meal and to ‘pass a good time.’ Black’s fits the bill! In addition to serving some of the best oysters from Vermilion Bay, Black’s also serves alligator, stuffed crabs, crawfish and shrimp.” **JOHN HEINRICH**, GENERAL LITIGATION

“Black’s is a great seafood bar and restaurant in the heart of Cajun country. The boiled crawfish and oysters on the half shell are awesome.” **CLAY COUNTRYMAN**, HEALTH CARE LAW

### 2. **The Blue Dog Café** | Lafayette | (337) 237-0005 |

“Owned by world-famous Cajun artist George Rodrigue, creator of the ‘Blue Dog.’” **LINDA RODRIGUE**, HEALTH CARE LAW

### 3. **Café des Amis** | Breaux Bridge | (337) 507-3398 |

“I recommend anything on the menu, ending with white chocolate bread pudding and southern pecan *café au lait*. Scrumptious! Bonus tip—there is live musical entertainment on Wednesday nights.”

**DEBORAH JUNEAU**, GENERAL LITIGATION

### 4. **Café Margaux** | Lake Charles | (337) 433-2902 |

“Voted Louisiana’s Best French Restaurant in *Louisiana Life* magazine and has received the DiRona Wine Spectator award every year since 1981.” **JENNIFER GARY**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

### 5. **Cafe Vermilionville** | Lafayette | (337) 237-0100 |

“Cafe Vermilionville is close to the Vermilion River in Lafayette. The restaurant has a first class wine selection and the finest selection of seafood I’ve had in Lafayette.” **BILL JARMAN**, COMPLEX LITIGATION

### 6. **Catahoula’s Restaurant** | Grand Coteau (10 minutes north of Lafayette) | (337) 662-2275 |

“A truly unique dining experience with a New-Orleans style menu in an historic small town. Featured in *Southern Living* and *Gourmet* magazines.” **RANDY YOUNG**, ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES ENERGY LAW

**7. DI's Restaurant** | Basile | (337) 432-5141 |

“Live Cajun music Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and a ‘Jam Session’ on Wednesdays. DI's Cajun Restaurant has the best boiled crawfish and finest Cajun cooking around.” **JENNIFER GARY**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**8. Judice Inn** | Lafayette | (337) 984-5614 |

“The best grease burger in town. Nobody can eat just one.” **WILL COENEN**, ENVIRONMENTAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

**9. La Truffe Sauvage** | Lake Charles | (337) 439-8364 | [www.latruffesauvage.com](http://www.latruffesauvage.com) |

“A full service, fine-dining restaurant featuring a Mediterranean-influenced menu with regional specialties. Extensive wine list.” **JENNIFER GARY**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

The Lake Charles group doing their part to support the local economy.

**10. Lea's Restaurant** | Lecompte | (318) 776-5178 |

“For a delicious slice of homemade pecan or chocolate pie or a home-cooked country meal, Lea's Restaurant is a short detour from Interstate 49, just outside of Alexandria...a refreshing step away from the hustle-and-bustle and into Smalltown, U.S.A.” **TIFFANY SUES McALPINE**, MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DEFENSE

**11. Mazen's Mediterranean Restaurant** | Lake Charles | (337) 477-8207 |

“Fantastic Lebanese and gourmet food. Truly a top-notch restaurant.” **YUL LORIO**, GENERAL LITIGATION

**12. OB's Bar and Grill** | Lake Charles | (337) 494-7336 |

“Bar, pool tables and the first bar in town to feature live music. This nightclub serves great American food, pizza and specialty sandwiches. Extremely popular hangout for the younger set, as well as professionals.” **TERRY McCAY**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW; GENERAL LITIGATION

**13. Pujo Street Café** | Lake Charles | (337) 439-2054 |

Pujo Street Café is a great place to unwind in an old town atmosphere. It is a must stop for lunch, casual dinner or drinks. **YUL LORIO**, GENERAL LITIGATION



Melanie Hartmann (center) on the Alligator Annie Swamp Tour, with her mother-in-law and children, Jennifer, Stephanie and Steven.



**1. Alligator Annie's Swamp Tours** | 7 miles southwest of Houma | (985) 879-3934 | Meeting place for tours: Highway 182, Parking at Bayou Delight Restaurant. "Jaws. No, not sharks. Alligators! These alligators swim eagerly toward your boat as your tour guide calls them by name and serves them dinner. You'll get 'up close and personal' when you visit the jaws of Louisiana on this unique alligator boat tour." **MELANIE HARTMANN**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW, LITIGATION

**2. Antiquing at Griffin's Antiques** | Downtown Bunkie | (318) 346-2806 | "The proprietor, Tony Griffin, has been in business at this location for decades and is an institution in the world of antiques in Louisiana. She always has several full tester beds, sideboards, secretaries, and armoires from the American Empire, Rococo, and Victorian periods." **GAYLA MONCLA**, GENERAL LITIGATION

**3 Antiquing at Howard Ducote's Shop** | Hessmer | "This shop resembles a glorified chicken coop from the outside and is located at the end of a dirt road on the outskirts of Hessmer, in Avoyelles Parish. In addition to the exquisite inventory, Howard Ducote, who is *trés* Cajun, is most entertaining. He will insist on showing you his guest book, which has been signed by several luminaries, including Dolly Parton and Dan Quayle." **GAYLA MONCLA**, GENERAL LITIGATION

**4. Antiquing at Sweet Williams Antiques** | Morganza | 225 964 0777 | [www.sweetwilliamantiques.com](http://www.sweetwilliamantiques.com) | "Owned by Bill Norris, this antique shop has museum-quality pieces that will make you swoon. There is always a Mallard bedroom suite, as well as pieces by C. Lee, Roux, and other notables. Don't miss it." **GAYLA MONCLA**, GENERAL LITIGATION

**5. Atchafalaya Swamp** | "This is America's largest river basin swamp. The 1.4-million acre wilderness is accessible only by boat and is less than one hour from Baton Rouge. Cypress trees, black bears, alligators, herons, egrets, crawfish and some of the best fishing in the land." **BILL D'ARMOND**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW; LITIGATION



**6. Avery Island** | Avery Island, LA |

“Drive to Avery Island, approximately 30 miles south of Lafayette, tour the factory producing world-famous Tabasco Sauce and enjoy the natural paradise, inhabited by many rare plants and animals.”

**SONNY CHASTAIN**, COMMERCIAL LITIGATION; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

**7. Big Lake Guide Service** | Lake Charles | (337) 598-3268 | [www.biglakeguideservice.com](http://www.biglakeguideservice.com) |

“Light tackle and fly fishing for specks, reds and flounder with the only husband and wife charter boat captains in Louisiana. Duck hunts, Cajun cuisine and private lodges.”

**TERRY McCAY**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW; GENERAL LITIGATION

**8. Calcasieu Charter Service** | Lake Charles | (337) 598-4700 | [www.calcasieucharters.com](http://www.calcasieucharters.com) |

“Guided saltwater speckled trout and redfish trips on Calcasieu Lake and Gulf of Mexico. Duck and goose hunts. Five-star lodge and fine Cajun cooking for up to 20 people.”

**TERRY McCAY**, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW; GENERAL LITIGATION

**9. Dry Creek Ranch** | Lake Charles | (337) 666-2657 |

“An exciting day of quail and pheasant hunting, an evening bonfire, home-cooked meals, and bunk house lodging.”

**RANDY YOUNG**, ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION; PUBLIC UTILITIES ENERGY LAW

**10. Fishing in Coastal Louisiana**—Both East of the “Boot Tip” and West

Out of Pass Christian, Mississippi, due south 10 miles into Louisiana waters

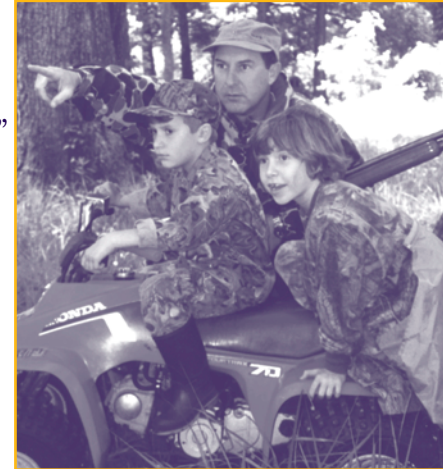
West - Blane Townsend - Sportsman's Paradise - Cocodrie (985)594-2414

East - High Gear Charters - Office - (228) 452-7214

Capt. Zach Butterworth (228) 323-4730 or Capt. Taylor Butterworth (228) 323-4732

“Travel 50 minutes from New Orleans, East or West, and you’ll see why Louisiana is called a ‘Sportsman’s Paradise.’”

**BILL JARMAN**, COMPLEX LITIGATION



Randy, Andrew and Allie Young scouting out big game.

**11. Fishing at Grand Isle/Fourchon** | Get on LA 1 and head south. Look for a big body of water—you can’t miss it! |



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“If you enjoy fishing, this area is probably one of the best in Louisiana, maybe even in the South. In addition to the great fishing, there’s great Louisiana scenery.” **ESTEBAN HERRERA**, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

### 12. Fishing Near Port Sulphur | Fishhunter Guide Service | 800-887-1385 |

“Located only 45 minutes south of downtown New Orleans, this fishing guide service guarantees that you will bring home fresh fish ready to drop into the frying pan or put on the grill and that you will enjoy catching your own dinner! Owned and operated by the son and grandson of the legendary New Orleans meteorologist Nash Roberts, this guide service requires no prior fishing experience or fishing tackle. Show up with ice chests for your eats and drinks— and for the fish you will bring home. The guide service provides the boat, the guide, the fishing tackle, and the “secret” fishing spots. AND they will clean your fish when you are done. They fish the marshes near Port Sulphur and Empire and target red fish and speckled trout. Rates start at about \$350 per charter.” **DEAN CAZENAÏE**, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS; REAL ESTATE

### 13. Golf

#### **Cypress Bend Golf Resort** | Many | (318) 590-1500 |

“Central Louisiana’s newest and finest golf resort. Set on picturesque Toledo Bend River. A member course of the Audubon Golf Trail.” **GREG ANDING**, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

“Enjoy championship-caliber golf in one of the most picturesque settings in Louisiana. Cypress Bend Resort offers a top flight course nestled among the hills along Toledo Bend Lake. Although off the beaten path, it is worth the drive to access Cypress Bend via the scenic highway, La. Hwy. 191.” **TERRY MCCAY**, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW, GENERAL LITIGATION

#### **Gray Plantation Golf Course** | Lake Charles | (337) 562-1663 |

“The 18-hole, 7,000-yard championship links golf course, one of only 6 courses in the state included on the Audubon Trail.” **YUL LORIO**, LITIGATION

### 14. Toledo Bend Lake/Cypress Bend Resort | Many | (877) 519-1500 |

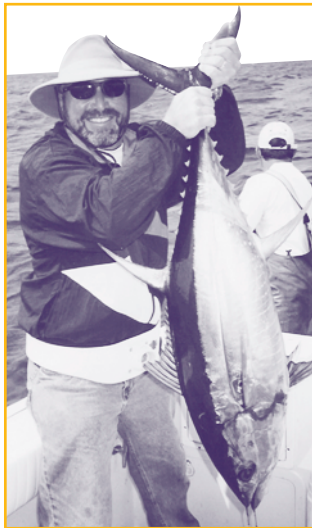
“Louisiana is truly the sportsman’s paradise. The Cypress Bend Resort on Toledo Bend Lake is where you will find it all—big bass, big bucks, water sports, and a championship golf course on high cliffs overlooking the

lake.” **JENNIFER THOMAS**, HEALTH CARE LAW, SCHOOL DESEGREGATION LAW

**15. Houseboat Adventure** | Breaux Bridge | 800-491-4662 | [www.houseboat-adventures.com](http://www.houseboat-adventures.com) |

“Imagine a cool spring or fall night under the stars on a houseboat in the Atchafalaya Basin. If that is too serene, the area offers bird watching, fishing, water skiing and great Cajun restaurants.” **KATHERINE KING**, ENERGY AND UTILITIES

**16. Rig Diving in the Gulf of Mexico** | Near Venice |



“Louisiana’s oil rigs are often called ‘steel reefs,’ for just below the surface lives an abundance of marine life as beautiful as a coral reef.” **DAVID NELSON**, GENERAL LITIGATION

**17. Rok Haus** | Lafayette | (337) 981-8116 |

“For an out of the ordinary adventure, climb 30 feet above the ground.” **WILL COENEN**, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

**18. Salt Water Fishing** | Golden Meadow |

Larry Robicheaux, salt water guide: (985)693-7474 or John Aucoin (985)632-6988  
 “Enjoy salt water fishing and the thrill of catching speckled trout, black drum, puppy drum and 30” red fish! A guided tour through Golden Meadow, Raccourci Bay, Catfish Lake, Little Lake, Timbalier Bay and the Timbalier Islands will also reveal Louisiana’s marsh lands, white pelicans, brown pelicans (Louisiana’s state bird) and other ‘critters.’” **BARRYE MIYAGI**, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION; MEDIATION

**19. Sam Houston Jones State Park** | Lake Charles | (337) 855-2665 | [www.lastateparks.com](http://www.lastateparks.com) |

“This 1,068-acre park, located at the confluence of three rivers, has scenic picnic spots by the water, waterfront cabins and great bike and walking trails. The park also offers camping, fishing, boat launches, pavilions and deer sanctuaries.”

**JENNIFER GARY**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

David Nelson bags a beauty in the Gulf

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### 20. Shiver Me Timbers Millennium Park | Lake Charles Civic Center grounds | 1-800-456-7952 |

“Built entirely by volunteers over a 10-day period, this 20,000-square-foot park is home to a multi-story Louisiana hurricane slide, a tree house, and a tower, train, plane and other features made of splinter-free wood.”

TERESA BARNATT, ESTATE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

### 21. Tuna Fishing on the Louisiana Coast | Peace Marvelle Charters |

“My wife and son caught 85-pound tunas on one of these trips.” DAVID NELSON, GENERAL LITIGATION



A cadre of swashbucklers all ship-shape for Contraband Days

## Special Events

### 1. Contraband Days | Lake Charles | (337) 436-5508 | [www.contrabanddays.com](http://www.contrabanddays.com) |

“An annual 12-day festival held the first two weeks in May. Over 100 events celebrating 43 years. The city is taken over by Jean Lafitte and his fellow buccaneers. They force the mayor to walk the plank into Lake Charles and impose revelry on the city.” JENNIFER GARY, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

### 2. Courir de Mardi Gras | Mardi Gras Eve and Day | Mamou | (337) 468-3272 | [www.lsue.edu/acadgate/mardmain.htm](http://www.lsue.edu/acadgate/mardmain.htm) |

“Unique is an understatement for this traditional Cajun festival. The Mamou *Courir de Mardi Gras*, a masked and colorfully clad all male crew, ride on horseback through the countryside singing, dancing, creating a ruckus, and begging for chickens and other makings for an evening gumbo. Thousands flock to this small town for an unending street party. Step aside New Orleans; this is one party you can't miss.”

GORDON POLOZOLA, ENERGY AND UTILITIES

### 3. Crawfish Festival | Breaux Bridge |

“The well-known Crawfish Festival in Breaux Bridge is held annually the first weekend in May. After getting your fill of crawfish, go dance to some authentic Cajun music at Angelle's Whiskey River in Henderson—a

family-run boat landing by day and a dance hall on Sunday afternoons. *Men's Journal* magazine rated Angelle's as one of the "Top 50 Bars in America." [Phone: (337)228-8567] For a good Cajun meal afterward, take a short trip up the levee road to Pat's Waterfront Restaurant in Henderson." **GREGG KRONENBERGER**, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

**4. Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo** | Grand Isle | Last Weekend in July |

"Louisiana's only inhabited barrier island (population 700) welcomes 20,000 anglers and spectators from around the globe. Witness the world's best anglers try to land a big one." **JEFF BOUDREAUX**, CONSTRUCTION LAW AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

**5. Krewe of Terranians Parade** | Houma |

"This is one of the oldest Mardi Gras parades outside of New Orleans. It provides all of the excitement and attractions of the New Orleans parades in a more relaxed, family-friendly environment. Terranians always rolls on the Sunday before Mardi Gras." **TROY CHARPENTIER**, GENERAL LITIGATION

**6. Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival** | Cameron | (337) 538-2411 |

"Held each January, this is the coldest and oldest festival in Cameron parish. Every year the festival honors an industry important to Southwest Louisiana. Activities include the usual and not-so-usual: trap-setting contests, nutria and muskrat skinning contests, oyster shucking contests, and more." **TERRY MCCAY**, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW; LITIGATION

**7. Main Street in Bouligny Plaza** | New Iberia | (337) 364-1836 |

"Scores of teams compete for 'cooking rights' with some of the world's best gumbos. Guests can sample the wonderful dishes." **LINDA RODRIGUE**, HEALTH CARE LAW

**8. Mardi Gras** | Lake Charles |

"Mardi Gras on the Lake! More fun than a barrel of monkeys! Mardi Gras celebrations in the Lake Charles area began in 1882. Throughout the carnival season, the 36 area krewes host balls to select new royalty, and some of these balls are open to the public. Parades (on the street and on the lake), dances and chicken runs are just a few

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of the many events planned for the long weekend. Look for me on the Krewe of Barataria's float in the Tuesday night Krewe of Krewe Parade." **YUL LORIO**, GENERAL LITIGATION

### 9. Palm Sunday Tour of Historical Homes | Lake Charles | 1-800-456-7952 |

"Held annually on Palm Sunday afternoon. Tours vary from walking and driving to private tours of numerous local historic homes. A delight for preservationists." **THERESA BARNATT**, ESTATE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

### 10. Southwest Louisiana Western Heritage Day and The Southwest District Livestock Show & Rodeo |

| Lake Charles | (337) 436-9588 or (337) 582-7444 |

"Held annually each winter, Western Heritage Day is a western-themed event with authentic cowboy gunfights, a cattle drive, trail riders, a stick horse rodeo, blacksmithing and cow-milking demonstrations, and Indian dancers. The livestock show features more than 1,000 head of livestock and includes a sale and various contests. The professional rodeo follows these events and continues for several days."

**THERESA BARNATT**, ESTATE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION

## F Others...

### 1. Abe's Cajun Market | Lake Charles | (337) 474-3816 |

"Authentic Cajun market serving po-boys, muffulettas, burgers, steak, grilled chicken, turkey, ham, clubs, BLTs and roast beef sandwiches." **JENNIFER GARY**, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

### 2. Angelle's Whiskey River Landing | Henderson | (337) 228-8567 |

"Cajun and Zydeco music and dancing are an important part of Louisiana culture. If you don't know the steps, tap someone on the shoulder and they'll teach you." **ROB DILLE**, TOXIC TORT AND GENERAL LITIGATION

### 3. Cottage Shops (La Market, etc.) | Lake Charles | (337) 439-1617 |



“A unique shopping district made up of several shops with a wide variety of gifts, collectibles and souvenirs.”

YUL LORIO, GENERAL LITIGATION

**4. Dagostino’s Bistro** | Lake Charles | (337) 436-3246 |

“A relaxed atmosphere with live entertainment six days a week. Dagostino’s is also a full-service family restaurant.”

TERRY McCAY, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW; GENERAL LITIGATION

**5. Hackett’s Cajun Kitchen** | Lake Charles | (337) 474-3731 | [www.hackettscajunkitchen.com](http://www.hackettscajunkitchen.com) |

“Hackett’s has an excellent selection of prepared and frozen food to take home, as well as plate lunches served in the store.”

TERRY McCAY, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW; GENERAL LITIGATION

**6. Harris’ Restaurant** | Hayes | (337) 622-3582 |

“Want to listen to some great Cajun music (or what real Cajuns call ‘French Music’) and have some boiled crawfish or crabs? Go to Harris’ in Hayes. Harris’ also serves ribeyes, hamburgers, shrimp, catfish, froglegs, alligator, and fried and BBQ crabs. On Friday and Saturday nights, Harris’ features live bands playing Cajun or country music.”

JENNIFER GARY, GENERAL AND TOXIC TORT LITIGATION

**7. Mulate’s** | Breaux Bridge | (337) 332-4648 |

“This is the original Cajun restaurant and music dance hall. There’s nothin’ fancy, and you can’t get enough of the crawfish etouffee!”

CYNTHIA CHEMAY, LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

**8. Rikenjak’s Brew Pub** | Lake Charles | (337) 433-4881 |

“A great place to get real microbrews made in South Louisiana. Try the Hardhead Beer. It is my favorite.”

YUL LORIO, GENERAL LITIGATION




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## IV. LAGNIAPPE



**Lagniappe** (n): a small present given to a customer with a purchase, a gratuity or the like.<sup>1</sup>



Look in any dictionary, and you will find this definition. Something, however, is missing. They have removed what made the word special, unique. And, in the process, deprived the word of its *joie de vivre*. If you ask a native of South Louisiana, perhaps you will get a little *lagniappe* with the definition.

The tradition of giving a little something extra can be traced back to the French Canadians, or Acadians, who began to arrive in Louisiana in the 1770s.<sup>2</sup> In the 18th century, precise weights and exact measurements were impossible. For the poor French peasants, every crumb, every morsel was important to their survival. Each and every piece of grain that slipped through the holes or got caught in the mesh of the woolen sack, *nappe* in French, was a cruel joke.

In less secure times, these humble people—the forefathers of Louisiana’s Cajuns—cared about more than their own survival. The survival of one meant less without the survival of all. And so began the practice of giving a little something extra.

When the French peasants purchased grain in their woolen sacks, the seller might throw in a little extra free of charge to make up for the lost grain—“*C’est pour la nappe.*” Not because it was his fault, rather it was good for business and for the peasant families. True *lagniappe* must be given with a smile and without expecting something in return. In honor of this still-vital practice, the following section on Natchitoches is *pour la nappe*.

## NATCHITOCHEs (pronounced NAK-a-tush)

In the early 18th century, the French were disappointed by the lack of return on their monetary investment in Louisiana. So began France's brief experiment with the British proprietary model for colonial government. The proprietor, Antoine Crozat, Marquis de Chatel, needed his colony to prosper. Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, the first man to carry the title of governor of Louisiana, knew he had to increase trade and commerce. Less than a year after his arrival, Cadillac began the exploration and settlement of the interior.

To prevent encroachments by the Spanish, Louis Juchereau St. Denis was sent inland and established a military post, St. Jean Baptiste, on the Red River in 1714. Located near the Natchitoches Indians, the settlement became known as Natchitoches – the oldest European town in modern-day Louisiana. The town prospered through trade with the Indians and, thanks to St. Denis, illegal trade with Texas and New Spain (Mexico). Because of its location on the Red River, Natchitoches was a major port and commercial center of the antebellum South.

Then in 1839, a spring flood changed everything. Natchitoches survived, but the Red River's course had changed — leaving behind a port city with a stream but no river. As a result, Natchitoches was saved from becoming the loud, bustling big city it might otherwise have been. It is a town that time forgot. Or chose to pass by, leaving that remnant of our past as its gift.

1. Webster's New World College Dictionary, 4th ed., s.v. "lagniappe."
2. Gaspar J. "Buddy" Stall, *Proud, Peculiar New Orleans: The Inside Story* (Baton Rouge, LA: Claitor's Publishing Division, 1984).
3. For more information on Natchitoches and its history, see Light Townsend Cummins, et al., *Louisiana: A History*, ed. Bennett H. Wall (Wheeling, IL: Harlan Davidson, 1997), 28-31. Also see, Gay Martin, *Louisiana: Off the Beaten Path* (Guilford, CT: The Globe Pequot Press, 2001), 46-54.

**1. Bayou Folk Museum** | Cloutierville | (318) 379-2233 |

“Located in Cloutierville, between Alexandria and Natchitoches. Home of Kate Chopin, author of *The Awakening*. Kate Chopin was a 21st century woman who lived in a 19th century world.”

DEBORAH JUNEAU, GENERAL LITIGATION

**2. Cane River National Heritage Area** | (318) 356-5555 |

“This nationally designated historical area is home to Cane River Historical Park, as well as many historic plantations, homes and churches. Drive through the beautiful country roads along the meandering Cane River.”

GAYLA MONCLA, GENERAL LITIGATION

**3. Melrose Plantation** | (318) 379-0055 |

“Located south of Natchitoches in the Cane River National Heritage Area, this plantation is without equal in historical significance. Marie Therese Coincoin, a former slave, built Yucca, the original house which still stands on the grounds of Melrose Plantation. Yucca was built in 1796. She and her children, whose freedom she purchased, ran the plantation. The African House, a stunning and rare example of African architecture in the South was built in 1800. The ‘Big House’ as it is known, was built in 1833. Clementine Hunter, a Melrose cook, is Louisiana's most famous folk artist. Some of Clementine's best work lines the walls of the African House.”

GAYLA MONCLA, GENERAL LITIGATION

**4. Oakland Plantation** | (318) 352-0383 |

“Oakland Plantation is the most complete Creole plantation in the South and now belongs to the National Park Service. The home, as well as 16 other original buildings, are a must see. Definitely a Williamsburg comparable.”

GAYLA MONCLA, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 5. National Landmark Historic District

“This is downtown Natchitoches, a step back into time, complete with brick streets and iron lace balconies; 33 blocks of museums, streetcar tours, historic home tours, cemeteries, bed & breakfast inns, restaurants, antique stores, book stores, and a beautiful river running right through the middle of town.” **GAYLA MONCLA**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 6. Church of the Immaculate Conception | (318) 352-3422 |

“This beautiful old church is located in the heart of the Natchitoches Historic District. Its spiral staircase has no center support.” **GAYLA MONCLA**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## B. Accommodations

### 1. Jefferson House B&B | (318) 352-3957 |

“The best Southern-Style breakfast ever—cooked by my dad and featuring my mother's homemade biscuits. The second floor back porch runs the entire length of the house and overlooks the Cane River. There are plenty of rocking chairs—sit down, enjoy a cool breeze and unwind.” **GAYLA MONCLA**, GENERAL LITIGATION

### 2. Pierson River House | (318) 352-5756 |

“Situated on the Cane River directly across from downtown, this is another B&B owned and operated by my parents. In addition to the wonderful Southern breakfast, it offers the most perfect view of the quaintest little town in Louisiana.” **GAYLA MONCLA**, GENERAL LITIGATION

## C. Restaurants

### 1. Just Friends | (318) 352-2836 |

“A fun lunch spot on Front Street in downtown Natchitoches. Good chicken salad.” **GAYLA MONCLA**, GENERAL LITIGATION



# Lagniappe

## 2. The Landing | (318) 352-1579 |

“Lots of creole and seafood choices located on Front Street in downtown Natchitoches.”

GAYLA MONCLA, GENERAL LITIGATION

## 3. The Mariner | located on Sibley Lake in Natchitoches | (318) 357-1220 |

“A good place for dinner while in Natchitoches. It is only 4 miles from downtown. The sunset views on the lake are really nice.”

GAYLA MONCLA, GENERAL LITIGATION

## D Special Events

### 1. City of Lights Festival | [www.christmasfestival.com](http://www.christmasfestival.com) |

“Every Christmas, Natchitoches becomes a fairyland of multi-colored lights. Barges, ski boats and rowboats, decorated with lights and elves, parade on Cane River Lake. But Natchitoches has much more to offer—holiday tour of homes; carnival; riverfront vendors; streetcar, carriage and riverboat tours. Visitors and locals enjoy entertainment and fireworks over the scenic Cane River Lake every Saturday evening in December and on New Year’s Eve. The first Saturday in December also marks Natchitoches’ annual daylong festival and includes a Santa Shuffle Run, parade, festival cuisine, arts and crafts, entertainment, and a magnificent fireworks display.”

GAYLA MONCLA, GENERAL LITIGATION

### 2. Natchitoches Pilgrimage/Historic Tour of Homes and Plantations | (318) 357-7907 or (800) 259-1714 |

[www.natchitoches.net](http://www.natchitoches.net) |

“Presented by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches and Natchitoches Historic Foundation each October. Includes candlelight tours on Friday and Saturday evenings. Town and Plantation River Tours include properties in the National Landmark Historic District and plantations along the Cane River Lake.”

GAYLA MONCLA, GENERAL LITIGATION



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