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Bradley Schlotterer



Position: Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan & Jarman partner

Age: 40

Family: wife, Molly Kimball

Education: bachelor's degree in finance, Louisiana State University; juris doctor, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Brad Schlotterer is as likely to be found in his office as he is on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

"You look out and see nothing, and you're on a structure with four posts in the ground," said Schlotterer, who represents oil and gas companies as a partner at Kean Miller. "Sometimes you can feel the wave action."

Schlotterer also drafts and litigates disputes regarding offshore contracts, which are vital to oil and gas companies vying for exploration rights, as well as the infrastructure to carry their product back to shore.

Given the energy market's changing landscape, Schlotterer now secures facilities for alternate fuel companies in Louisiana.

"Because of the natural resources and transportation advantages we have over other parts of the country, we're working with companies using this new technology to put their 'green' refineries here in Louisiana," Schlotterer said.

Fighting for a fair playing field for all businesses, Schlotterer recently was the lead counsel for a California company bidding on a taxicab management contract at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

The proposal was kicked out on a technical deficiency, and the contract went to a local company.

"We're not political animals, but once we'd done all the investigation, we felt pretty strong that our client had the right position," Schlotterer said.

Minutes before a federal court finished hearing Schlotterer's case, the New Orleans Aviation Board agreed to withdraw the award of the disputed contract.

That case made local headlines, as did another case that Schlotterer took on early in his career.

Reggae musician Ziggy Marley, who was performing in New Orleans, claimed police harassed his band and a band member's leg had been broken. Schlotterer negotiated an agreement with the city and then-Mayor Ernest Morial.

Schlotterer sits on Kean Miller's recruiting committee, looking for fresh talent and coordinating the firm's hiring.

"We're primarily a litigation firm, so we look for people who can handle themselves in depositions and in the courtroom, and who can present a positive image to clients, judges and witnesses," Schlotterer said.

Schlotterer is also on the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center's board of trustees and volunteers with fellow Kean Miller lawyers for Louisiana Rebuilds, a program to help improve blighted properties.

Inspired by his wife, Molly Kimball, a local nutritionist and writer, Schlotterer also volunteers for the annual MS Bike Tour to benefit multiple sclerosis research. •

— Anne Berry