



Chief Justice Johnson Bernette Joshua Johnson



Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson received the William H. Hastie Award today in New York. The award, presented by the National Bar Association (NBA) Judicial Council recognizes excellence in legal and judicial scholarship and demonstrated commitment to justice under law.

The William H. Hastie Award, the NBA Judicial Council's highest award, was presented to Chief Justice Johnson at the organization's 94th Annual Convention during its Thurgood Marshall Awards Luncheon. Judge William H. Hastie for whom the award is named, served as a United States District Court Judge as well as Governor for the United States Virgin Islands, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and Dean of Howard University Law School. Upon accepting the award at the annual convention, Chief Justice Johnson said, "I'd like to express my deepest appreciation to the National Bar Association and my colleagues for this distinguished award."

Chief Justice Johnson serves as the first African-American Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court. She is one of the first African-American women to attend and earn a Juris Doctorate degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University and the first woman elected to serve on the Civil District Court of New Orleans where in 1994, her colleagues elected her Chief Judge. She was elected to serve on the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1994 and was re-elected without opposition in 2000 and 2010. As the senior justice on the Court, she was sworn in as Chief Justice on February 1, 2013.

Judge Terri Love - Louis A Martinet Award



Judge Terri F. Love will be receiving The Louis A. Martinet Award on Saturday, September 14, 2019. The GNO Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, Inc. and the New Orleans Martinet Legal Foundation, Inc., the 501(c)(3) non-profit arm of Martinet, hosts a Annual Scholarship and Jazz Brunch. They will be "Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present, and Building the Future." The special occasion will be held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans, LA. From 11:00 am- 2:00 pm.

Louis A. Martinet was an African-American lawyer who was a key figure during the civil rights efforts surrounding the end of Reconstruction. The Martinet Society began during the midst of the civil rights struggle with the objectives of encouraging the interchange of ideas, promoting legal scholarship and the administration of justice.

Judge Love currently serves on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal in Louisiana. She has served on this court since her election in September of 2000. Judge Love also serves as a mentor and advisor with programs committed to collegiate education of the youth of New Orleans namely, College Track and the Young Leadership Council's College Admission Program (CAP). Her dedication to providing, cultivating, and encouraging service to the community is continuous, as she is an active member of the Omicron Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is also a member of the New Orleans Chapter of The Links, Inc.

Judge Piper D. Griffin - Sara J. Harper Humanitarian Award



Judge Piper Griffin received The Sara J. Harper Humanitarian Award from the National Bar Association Judicial Council at the 94th National Association Conference on New York, NY.

The Judicial Council presents the Sara J. Harper Humanitarian Award in recognition of consistent and unselfish contributions to the purposes and goals of the National Bar Association Judicial Council.

Recognized as a judicial pacesetter, Piper is a Judge of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Division "I", where she has served since her election to the bench in 2001.

Judge Griffin is active in many professional and civic associations, currently serving as secretary of the Louisiana Judicial Council/National Bar Association, as well as Louisiana Judicial Council Foundation; as an Executive Board member of the Louisiana Association of District Court Judges, an officer with the 4th and 5th Circuit Judges Association, as a member of the Testing Committee of the Louisiana Committee of Bar Examiners, President of the Board of Directors for St. Katharine Drexel Prep (formerly Xavier Prep) and the Board of Trustees at the Second Baptist Church Sixth District. She was the first African American female chairperson of the Young Lawyers section of the New Orleans Bar Association; a member of the Executive Board of Directors of the New Orleans Bar Association; treasurer and corresponding secretary of the Louis A. Martinet Legal Society and on various other boards and committees.

Judge Arthur Hunter & Judge Robin Pittman



The Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society CLE Committee, will be presenting the "View from the Bench" Criminal Court CLE. View from the Bench provides valuable insight for new attorneys and seasoned litigators, and give attendees an opportunity to learn from prominent members of the bench in a comfortable and confidential environment. The event will be August 29, 2019 from 12:00PM - 1:00 PM, Criminal Court Section F, 2700 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119.



Judge Arthur Hunter and Judge Robin Pittman are two of the keynote speakers. Both Judges serves on the Orleans Parish Criminal Court in New Orleans, LA.