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International Academy of Trial Lawyers **2022 Mid-Year Meeting**

Steeting Overview

Wednesday, October 12

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Admissions Committee Meeting 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Foundation Trustees Meeting

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Executive Committee and Foundation Trustees

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Depart for Opening Reception

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Opening Reception Home of Calvin and Frances Fayard



Thursday, October 13

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Optional Excursions*** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Committee Meetings**

Fellows may attend all Thursday committee meetings

in which they have an interest.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. International Relations Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Anti-Trafficking Coalition Meeting

LA First Lady, Donna Edwards will be presenting on Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Restorative Justice Initiative Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on Your Own

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Academy Engagement Coalition Meeting

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. State, Province, and Country Chairs Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner National WWII Museum



Schedule subject to change.

*Please see optional excursion page for additional information and pricing.



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Friday, October 14

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. New Fellow Breakfast (all invited)

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Induction of New Fellows

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Professional Program

9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. President Paul Sreenan Welcome and Announcements

9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Video Welcome by Governor John Bel Edwards

9:45 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. **The Water Institute**

"Living With Water in Increasingly Uncertain Times"

Justin Ehrenwerth

John Spain

10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Innocence Project

Jee Park

Robert Jones

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Reception

12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Optional Excursions***

Evening Dinner on Your Own



Saturday, October 15

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Induction of New Fellows

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Professional Program

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Stories of Forced Migration and the Pro Bono Army

Vita Zeltzer, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

Lindsay Gray, CEO of Vecina

10:15 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Governor Marc Racicot**

10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Deepwater Horizon:**

What Happened Behind the Curtain

Patrick Juneau, *IATL Fellow* Honorable Carl J. Barbier

Sally Shushan, U.S Magistrate Judge

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Reception

1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Optional Excursions*

6:45 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Closing Night Gala The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans

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Featured Speakers



Donna Edwards

LA First Lady Donna Edwards

Family, faith and helping others are the core values that Louisiana First Lady Donna Hutto Edwards uses to guide her life. She and Gov. John Bel Edwards, Louisiana's 56th governor, have been proudly serving the people of Louisiana since 2016. Drawing upon her experience and knowledge as a former public school music teacher, she is excited to use her platform to make a difference for kids, families and educators, raise awareness about important issues and connect communities with needed resources and support.

As first lady, Donna has created the Louisiana First Foundation, which has a three-fold focus: developing programs that center around educating the "whole child" through Teach MAM (Music, Art and Movement), fighting against human trafficking and building a supportive network to help foster children and parents with government, non-profits, businesses and faith based organizations through Louisiana Fosters.

In July of 2021, after much advocacy by the Office of First Lady Donna Edwards and others, Gov. John Bel Edwards officially announced the opening of the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention, Louisiana's first entity solely dedicated to addressing human trafficking. Through this office, the Human Trafficking Prevention Resource Center of Louisiana was developed, the first web-based resource for victims, survivors, service providers, stakeholders and citizens to learn about human trafficking, how to identify when someone needs help, how to report this heinous crime and about more specific services for victims. In April of 2022, First Lady Edwards was also instrumental in developing and launching the state's first statewide antitrafficking awareness campaign, Stop Trafficking LA: Human Trafficking is R.E.A.L. The R.E.A.L stands for Recognizing the signs, Educating others, Acting immediately, and Listening to victims and survivors.



Lindsay Gray

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Lindsay Goldford Gray is the CEO of VECINA, a nonprofit with a mission to empower immigrant justice advocates through mentoring attorneys, educating communities, and mobilizing volunteers. VECINA trains volunteers who are providing legal assistance to refugees, asylum seekers, and unaccompanied children. Recently, VECINA has focused its work with Afghans, Ukranians, and vulnerable migrants at the southern border. For the past eight years, Lindsay has run a small immigration firm representing clients in a wide variety of immigration matters. Prior to becoming an immigration lawyer, Lindsay was a public defender for the Colorado State Public Defender's Office. Outside of VECINA, Lindsay is an adjunct professor of law at Washington University in St. Louis, where she teaches Immigration Law in the online LLM/MLS program. She is also a co-host of the VECINA podcast, Inadmissible. Lindsay lives in Austin, Texas with her husband and two daughters.



Marc Racicot

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Marc Racicot served as president and chief executive officer of the American Insurance Association from August, 2005 to February, 2009. Prior to that, he was a partner at the law firm of Bracewell & Patterson from 2001 to 2005 in Washington, D.C. He is a former governor (1993 to 2001) and attorney general (1989 to 1993) of the state of Montana.

Prior to being elected attorney general of Montana, Racicot served as a prosecutor in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (1973-1976), as deputy county attorney for Missoula County, Montana (1976-1977) and as assistant attorney general and special prosecutor for the state of Montana (1977-1988).

Throughout his career, Racicot has been committed to children, education, and community issues. He was appointed to the board of directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service by President William Clinton and has also served on the boards of Carroll College and the Lewis & Clark County United Way in Helena, Montana. As well, Racicot is a former chairman of Jobs for America's Graduates, a former member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Montana School of Law and a past chairman of America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, where his predecessor was Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Marc Racicot was born to Bill and Pat Racicot on July 24, 1948, in Thompson Falls, Montana, the oldest of seven children. He graduated from Libby High School in 1966, Carroll College in 1970 with a degree in English and the University of Montana School of Law in 1973. He married Theresa Barber, a Carroll student from Big Timber, Montana, in 1970. They have five children and nine grandchildren.

Featured Speakers



Justin Ehrenwerth

Justin R. Ehrenwerth

Justin R. Ehrenwerth was appointed the second President and CEO of The Water Institute of the Gulf in January 2017. Prior to joining the Institute, Ehrenwerth served as the inaugural Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (Council). The Council was created in the aftermath of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill and charged with using billions of dollars in penalties to restore the Gulf Coast's economy and environment, and adapt in the face of climate change. Ehrenwerth successfully established the Council as an independent federal agency and oversaw all aspects of its programmatic, technical, and operational activities.

Ehrenwerth previously served as Chief of Staff to the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce where he assisted in overseeing issues of policy, budgeting, and strategic planning. He focused on matters impacting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) including complex regulatory and management challenges.

Earlier, Ehrenwerth served as Assistant Counsel to the President where he took the lead on Deepwater Horizon litigation for the White House working with the Department of Justice. He also served as a member of the Oversight and Litigation group representing the White House in Congressional investigations and advising federal agencies on oversight matters. Before joining the White House, Ehrenwerth served in the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of General Counsel where he provided support to NOAA leadership on sensitive regulatory and political matters. He received NOAA's Award for Excellence for work in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Ehrenwerth has held leadership positions on a number of national political campaigns and has been active in the non-profit sector. He served as a Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Teaching Fellow as well as a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Touro Synagogue as well as the Anti-Defamation League's South Central Region, and is a member of Louisiana's Committee of 100 for Economic Development.

Ehrenwerth is a summa cum laude graduate of Colby College, holds an M.A. in philosophy, politics and economics from the University of Oxford, and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He and his wife, Dana Dupré, reside in New Orleans with their two sons.



John Spain

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John Spain is the Executive Vice President of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit community foundation with assets of over \$650 million dollars. The Foundation provides charitable gifts to organizations and is involved in civic projects in the areas of health care, urban renewal projects, education, and the arts. In his role as Executive Vice President he oversees the foundation's community projects. John also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Southern Rail Commission where he has worked to restore passenger rail service along the gulf coast, including between Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Prior to moving to the Foundation, John was the Managing Director of The Powell Group, a private holding company with thirteen diverse subsidiary companies including radio stations, commercial timber, rice milling and international power plants and real-estate development.

John started his professional career in the field of broadcasting and worked at WBRZ-TV, the ABC affiliate in Baton Rouge for 23 years where he served as its News Director and Station Manager.

Featured Speakers



Patrick A. Juneau

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Patrick A. Juneau has been a practicing attorney in Louisiana for 57 years. He has tried in excess of 200 civil jury trials and has served as a mediator in over 4,000 cases. He has been appointed as a Special Master by Federal and State Courts from California to Rhode Island. Some of the nationally known cases are: Combustion, Inc., Avandia Products Liability Litigation, Guidant Defibrillators Product Liability Litigation, and Toyota Unintended Acceleration Litigation. Two of the cases, Vioxx Products Liability Litigation and the now infamous case of Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" or commonly known as the BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico are the largest single payor settlements in American legal history. He was recently appointed by a Miami Federal Court to be the Settlement Special Administrator in the national Takata Airbag Litigation which is the largest recall in automotive history.

In 1973, he was elected and served as a delegate in the 1973 Louisiana Constitutional Convention. In 2006 he was recognized by the Louisiana State University Law School as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. He is also a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He is also a charter member of the Academy of Court Appointed Masters.



Carl J. Barbier

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Carl J. Barbier currently serves as a judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans. Judge Barbier took the oath of office on October 12, 1998.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Barbier was a practicing attorney in New Orleans since 1971, primarily representing plaintiffs, consumers, and small businesses in civil litigation. He earned his law degree cum laude in 1970 from Loyola School of Law, where he was associate editor of the Loyola Law Review. He served as law clerk to Judge William Redmann, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, and to Judge Fred Cassibry, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

Judge Barbier is a past president of the New Orleans Bar Association and formerly served as president of the Thomas More Inn of Court. He is currently on the Board of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter. Judge Barbier is a past president of Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, a past member of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and a fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Judge Barbier has served on the board of the Loyola Law Alumni Association for the past twenty years. Judge Barbier has served as an adjunct faculty member for Loyola's law school, teaching for several years a course in Trial Advocacy in his courtroom. More recently, he taught a course in Comparative Maritime Law for Loyola's summer law school program. In addition, Judge Barbier has taught hundreds of legal educational programs, including skills courses at the law school.



Sally Shushan

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Sally Shushan has been a private civil mediator and legal consultant since August 2016. Prior to that she served as United States Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans from February 1999 to July 2016. She handled a civil docket conducting consent bench and jury trials; ruling on discovery motions; case management; acting as the initial judicial officer on habeas, social security, 42 U.S.C. sec. 1983 and Title VII cases; and conducting mediation as the alternative dispute resolution arm of the district court. She successfully worked to resolve hundreds of lawsuits including every variety of business, commercial, insurance and contract disputes, maritime/admiralty, and products liability matters.

Judge Shushan was assigned to the multi-district litigation Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon," 10-MD-2179, which spanned 6 years. Her involvement included handling all discovery including the planning and conduct of over 300 depositions and overseeing electronic production of millions of documents. She conducted weekly status conferences with dozens of attorneys. She helped to spur the settlement of all economic claims against BP resulting in a class action settlement. She supervised the Court Supervised Settlement Program to administer the BP economic class settlement and helped lead the efforts to successfully settle the claims of the United States, the five Gulf States and local governmental entities against BP, as well as the claims for punitive damages against Transocean and Halliburton resulting in a second class action settlement.

Judge Shushan earned her Juris Doctor at Loyola School of Law in 1981. She was a member of Law Review, received the Outstanding Casenote Award and was named the Outstanding Law Review Senior. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Newcomb College, New Orleans, Louisiana in 1972.

She is a founding member and board member of the Lafayette Square Conservancy and a member of the boards of The New Orleans Center for Creative Arts Institute and The Audubon Commission.

Additional speaker bios will be added and updates will be made available in the near future.

Optional Excursions

Wednesday, October 12

Nola Style Cooking Class

10:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., \$280/person

Gather at the New Orleans School of Cooking for a hands-on cooking class with a trained chef who is also a storyteller, food nerd, Louisiana native, and culinary historian. You will prepare and eat traditional Louisiana dishes in a three-course style while learning about the history of the region's unique food culture. You will also receive recipes of the dishes prepared in class. Water, iced tea, wine, and beer are included. The cooking school is a 10-minute walk from the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. The class takes place indoors and will accommodate various dietary requirements if requested at initial registration.



Thursday, October 13

Whitney Plantation

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., \$250/person

The Whitney Plantation is the only former plantation site in Louisiana with an exclusive focus on slavery. Generations of Africans and their descendants were enslaved here to establish and maintain indigo, rice, and sugar crops. This excursion includes a 90-minute guided tour to focus on the history of the site from 1830-1860. After the guided tour, guests will have an additional 60 minutes to explore other areas of the plantation on your own, including three museum exhibitions and an optional self-guided audio tour. This excursion also includes a buffet lunch at a restaurant on Lake Pontchartrain, including non-alcoholic drinks and up to two alcoholic drinks. The Whitney Plantation is about an hour's drive from the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. You will spend 2.5 hours onsite, then drive about 30 minutes to the restaurant on the way back to New Orleans. The tour includes walking outdoors rain or shine on uneven gravel pathways and the ability to walk/stand for 90 minutes.



Cruising the Bayou

11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., \$310/person

Explore the iconic swamp lands of southern Louisiana by airboat on this active excursion. Captains are seasoned airboat pilots who know the swamps and bayous intimately. You will learn about this precious ecosystem packed with amazing animals such as alligators, egrets, turtles, eagles, and nutria. The tour includes a 45-minute bus ride to the airboat landing, a 90-minute airboat tour followed by a Cajun cookout in an outdoor gazebo for lunch, then a 45-minute bus ride back to the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans.





Optional Excursions

Friday, October 14

Crescent City Tour

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., \$145/person

See the striking diversity of New Orleans' neighborhoods on this bus tour with an expert local guide. Locations include the reborn Lower Ninth Ward, the old American Sector, the Garden District, and Lafayette Cemetery No. 1, arguably America's most infamous graveyard and an ancient historic treasure. The tour also includes a stop at the Roman Candy wagon for a taste of their famous taffy. The tour lasts about three hours, including a few stops for restrooms and stretch breaks.

Popes to Pirates Walking Tour

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., \$100/person

Immerse yourself in the history and legends of the French Quarter on this walking tour with an expert local guide. You will learn about the true history of the storied neighborhood as you explore Royal Street, Bourbon Street, Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, the Cabildo, Presbytere, the Mississippi River, and more. This tour leaves directly from the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. While there will be a few restroom breaks and places to sit periodically, the tour includes walking/standing for prolonged periods of time for a total distance of a few miles.

Seaplane and Swamp Adventure

12:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., \$390/person

Experience the thrill of a bird's eye view of New Orleans by seaplane, then compliment that ride with an airboat tour of the beautiful bayous to get a closer look at wildlife such as alligators, egrets, raccoons, nutria, ducks, and many species of water snakes with an airboat captain as your guide. The tour includes a 40-minute bus ride to the seaplane landing, a 30-minute seaplane tour, a 60-minute airboat tour, and a 40-minute bus ride back to the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. Food and beverage are not included. Seaplanes hold 3-4 people, and you must be able to physically transition on your own between modes of transportation. Please note, you will need to leave the Friday reception early in order to be on time for this excursion.

Saturday, October 15

Crescent City Tour

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., \$145/person *See description under Friday.*

Popes to Pirates Walking Tour

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., \$100/person

See description under Friday.

Best of Nola Cooking Demonstration

1:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m., \$125/person

Gather at the New Orleans School of Cooking for a cooking demonstration with a trained chef who will walk you through the steps to making some of Louisiana's most famed dishes while talking about the region's history and unique food culture. This is not a hands-on cooking class, but rather an entertaining cooking demonstration with the opportunity to try samples of everything prepared by the chef. You will also receive recipes of the dishes prepared in the demonstration. Tea, lemonade, and one beer per person are included in the cooking demonstration. The cooking school is a 10-minute walk from the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans. The class takes place indoors with places to sit throughout the demonstration.









accommodations

The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans

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To make your hotel reservation, use the link provided via email or call (800) 542-8680 and indicate your reservation is for the IATL Mid-Year Meeting.

The deadline to book your room is **September 9, 2022**, for guaranteed rate and availability. The group rate is available between October 8 and October 19. Rooms outside these dates are subject to regular rates and availability and can only be booked by phone. Any cancellations made within 72 hours of arrival will be charged in full.





Save the Date

2023 ANNUAL MEETING

The Europe Hotel & Resort Killarney National Park, Ireland April 19-23, 2023 This is a meeting you won't want to miss! The Hotel Europe & Resort offers luxury at its finest. Join us for exciting speakers, entertainers, and excursions that showcase the best of Ireland.





2022 Mid-Year Meeting Registration Form

New Orleans, LA, October 12-16, 2022

Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

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Select ONLY ONE excursion per day	Wednesday, October 12	Thursday, October 13	Friday, October 14	Saturday, October 15	
Nola Style Cooking Class					\$280 x= \$
Whitney Plantation					\$250 x= \$
Crusin' the Bayou					\$310 x= \$
Crescent City Tour					\$145 x= \$
Popes to Pirates Walking Tour					\$100 x= \$
Seaplane and Swamp Adventure					\$390 x= \$
Cooking Demonstration					\$125 x= \$
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