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Laura Ashley

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Laura Ashley is a partner in the litigation practice group in the New Orleans office of Jones Walker LLP, where she represents national and international companies in commercial bankruptcy litigation. She has extensive experience advising creditors and borrowers in out-of-court restructurings, workouts, loan restructurings and liquidations and various other matters involving distressed financings, properties and businesses. She regularly negotiates and drafts workout documentation and various motions in related enforcement litigation and Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. Laura has been recognized as a "Rising Star" in Louisiana Super Lawyers annually since 2016.

An active member of the Louisiana Bankruptcy Bar, she also is co-chair of the Louisiana Network of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation. She is also secretary of the Federal Bar Association Young Lawyer Division and an active member of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. She regularly speaks at legal industry events, presenting on developments in bankruptcy law and best practices and at seminars designed for women in business. In the greater New Orleans community, she serves on the board of the Louisiana A+ Schools, an organization that focuses on integrating arts education into curriculum standards. She is also involved with Liberty Kitchen and the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts.

Prior to joining Jones Walker, Laura served as a law clerk to Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She earned her juris doctor from Loyola University.

Tyler Arbour

Associate

Lugenbuhl, Wheaton, Peck, Rankin & Hubbard

Recently joining Lugenbuhl's New Orleans headquarters, Tyler Arbour provides experience with tax-related issues and has significantly expanded the firm's tax litigation practice. Arbour's practice includes tax planning and tax controversies, tax-exempt organizations, estate planning/administration and litigation, commercial transactions and general commercial litigation.

He currently serves as chair of the Louisiana State Bar Association's taxation section and has been named to the Louisiana Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for the past two years in the field of business/corporate law.

With an active presence in the community, he has served as a Project Lazarus board member since 2015, which provides housing, help and assistance to those living with HIV/AIDS in the New Orleans area. He has also served as a board member of Emerging Philanthropists of New Orleans, which provides grants to local nonprofits and trains young leaders to become effective philanthropists.

Arbour earned his juris doctor from Loyola University and a master's degree in tax law from the University of Alabama.

Timothy Brinks

Partner

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Timothy Brinks focuses his practice on commercial litigation, tort and insurance defense, maritime litigation and professional liability defense. He represents and advises clients at every stage of the litigation process, from initial claim investigation through discovery and trial, as well as also advocating for them in appellate proceedings before circuit courts and the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Drawing on his knowledge and skill sets, Brinks serves and advises clients in many types of commercial disputes, including claims involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, unfair trade practices, defamation and shareholder derivative actions. He also defends clients in professional liability lawsuits, including claims for legal malpractice and director and officer liability.

Brinks also represents and defends a wide variety of organizations, from international energy companies to local small businesses, in tort litigation involving personal injury and premises liability claims. He also gives guidance to clients on methods for reducing their liability risks and exposure.

On the regulatory side, Brinks represents and advises transportation companies and local hospitality businesses in regulatory matters, including administrative proceedings before state agencies and municipal departments.

Brinks attended LSU Law School, where he was selected to serve on the Louisiana Law Review. His undergraduate educational background in business administration and finance informs his legal practice by giving him deeper insight into his clients' commercial issues and conflicts, as well as their operating concerns and long-term goals. He's a member of the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association and previously volunteered for the "Everybody Reads" program in local public schools.

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