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Anne J. Crochet
Environment

Anne J. Crochet represents business and industry by providing environmental regulatory advice, securing environmental permits, handling commercial transactions, defending enforcement actions, and protecting interests through administrative proceedings and litigation. She counsels generators, recyclers, transporters, and treatment, storage and disposal facilities in all areas of environmental media, especially water, waste and remediation.

Vicki M. Crochet
Labor & Employment

Vicki M. Crochet practices in all areas of employment law. Her work has included advising clients regarding policies and procedures; representing them before governmental agencies including the EEOC, OFCCP, the Louisiana Human Rights Commission, and the Louisiana Civil Service Commission; and handling all aspects of employment litigation. Ms. Crochet has also conducted employee training and is a frequent lecturer on employment law issues.

Paul O. Dicharry
Environment

Paul O. Dicharry’s practice covers a broad range of environmental and administrative law matters, including regulatory and legislative drafting, contracting, compliance and litigation. Issues handled include permitting and compliance under all media (air, water, waste) regulated by federal and state environmental programs, as well as assessment and impact statements, wetlands, endangered species, natural resource damages, OSHA process safety management, and drafting and interpretation of oil and gas

documentation. He has led complex remediation and environmental due diligence teams in several multi-million dollar projects and regularly supervises compliance and self-evaluation audits for clients.

Brett P. Furr

Bankruptcy/Restructuring

Brett P. Furr is engaged primarily in a real estate and commercial litigation practice. In the last several years, his work has been related to commercial bank workout and litigation, including foreclosures, bankruptcies, defense of lender liability suits, forgery cases, wrongful seizure cases, and related matters. Mr. Furr is the former chairman of the Banking Law Section of the National Lawyers Association. Recently, he served on a Task Force to update the Local Court Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. Mr. Furr is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy, bank liability, and related matters.

Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr

Litigation: General Commercial

Harry J. "Skip" Philips, Jr.'s primary areas of practice include state and federal civil trial and appellate litigation, including banking, commercial, insurance, personal injury, insurance coverage and products liability cases. Mr. Philips is an adjunct professor of law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he teaches the courses on Professional Responsibility (Legal Ethics) and Insurance. He is a frequent lecturer on ethics and professionalism at continuing legal education seminars. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and president of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. Mr. Philips currently serves as the Firm's Managing Partner and is a member of the Firm's Executive Committee.

Patrick D. Seiter

Healthcare

Patrick D. Seiter represents health care clients in a wide range of general business, transactional and regulatory matters, including business organizations and contracts, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, fraud and abuse, Stark, HIPAA, EMTALA, health information technology, medical staff, reimbursement and alternative delivery and payment systems. Mr. Seiter has extensive experience and interest in the unique relationships and challenges of academic medicine.

Fredrick R. Tulley

Litigation: Securities

Fredrick R. Tulley's primary areas of practice include Commercial Litigation, Securities Litigation, Professional Malpractice, Construction, Antitrust, RICO, Commercial Bankruptcy and Insurance Insolvency. Mr. Tulley is admitted to practice in all Louisiana state courts, in the federal district courts for the Middle, Eastern and Western Districts of Louisiana, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

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