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EDUCATION

Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law School

Juris Doctor

2000

Millsaps College

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science / History

1997

BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

State of Louisiana

United States District Court

Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana

2000

United States Bankruptcy Court

Eastern District

2001

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, 22nd Judicial District Bar Association
- Member, 24th Judicial District Bar Association
- Member, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsell
- Member, Louisiana State Bar Association

ABOUT

David Parnell has been practicing law since 2000 across a broad legal spectrum, which has allowed him to gain wide-ranging experience, while at the same time identify niche fields of law that engage his expertise and allow him to best serve clients needing representation.

CORE PRACTICE AREAS

Workers' Compensation

David brings a wealth of experience representing employers and insurers statewide, having managed and resolved over 1,000 workers' compensation matters. He has successfully obtained claim relief and benefit forfeiture in cases involving fraud, as well as recoveries against the State through second injury claims. David has achieved favorable outcomes before every Office of Workers' Compensation district court, at the appellate level, and before the Louisiana Supreme Court. He is known for balancing assertive advocacy with professionalism, fostering strong, constructive relationships with opposing counsel while consistently advancing his clients' interests.

He offers a strategic perspective on early claim evaluation, helping clients identify opportunities for prompt resolution while focusing resources on claims that require a more robust defense. This approach allows clients to manage risk effectively and achieve efficient, economic outcomes.

In addition to his practice, David presents legal updates, best-practices seminars and in-person claim review sessions. These collaborative settings encourage meaningful dialogue and support thoughtful strategies aimed at successful claim defense and closure.

General Casualty and Liability

David has extensive experience representing both state and national insurers in a broad spectrum of matters, including coverage disputes, first-party claims and third-party liability actions. His client base ranges from local businesses to national retail chains, and he is known for delivering strategic, cost-effective solutions that align with clients' risk management objectives and business priorities.



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

David is actively involved in community organizations and has previously served with the *Fore!Kids Foundation* and the *Re-Entry Mediation Institute of Louisiana*. Through this work, he supports initiatives that promote mentorship, education and equity in the legal system, as well as efforts focused on reintegration and family reunification for formerly incarcerated individuals.

BEYOND THE OFFICE

Outside the courtroom, David enjoys spending time with his family, including visits to his children who attend (or soon will attend) LSU-rivals UGA, Arkansas and Alabama. When not traveling you will find David on the soccer field where he serves as a USSF-certified referee and trainer, an LHSAA-certified high school referee and a NISOA-certified college referee. The soccer fields provide the perfect opportunity for David to practice the art of negotiation and persuasion with parents who seem to really want to know the laws of the game and energetically ask David questions from across the field. If only the Courts would allow whistles when you were about to make a great point of law and issue a ruling!

Municipal Law

With a background as Assistant City Attorney handling multiple city departments, David offers comprehensive legal support in municipal operations, including planning and zoning, law enforcement matters, open meetings compliance, public records compliance and the drafting of municipal ordinances. His practical approach ensures municipalities receive effective, actionable guidance tailored to their unique regulatory and operational needs. David particularly enjoys collaborating with municipal employees at multiple levels on proposed ordinances, assisting with constituent communications and case handling and ordinance-interpretation toward current city issues.

Insurance Coverage and Special Investigations Litigation

David has a focused practice assisting insurers with coverage determinations involving first- and third-party claims, including matters requiring a defense under a reservation of rights. Working within the terms of insurance policies and applicable policy interpretations, he advises clients on insurers' rights and obligations, as well as policy drafting and underwriting considerations.

Whether issuing a coverage denial or providing a defense under reservation, David works closely with insurance adjusters to efficiently manage defense tenders and demands for defense and indemnification.

In addition, David represents a national transportation provider in special investigations and fraud litigation, supporting efforts to combat automobile accident fraud in Louisiana. By taking a proactive, litigation-driven approach, he helps clients pursue cost-effective strategies aimed at early intervention and claim avoidance.