



The Firm Line

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Welcome to *The Firm Line*, a newsletter designed to inform our clients and friends about developments at the firm, legal issues that may impact your lives and businesses, and other items of interest. Our intention is to keep the information we provide to you in this newsletter concise. We welcome any further discussion on the topics discussed herein and hope that *The Firm Line* will provide you with interesting and noteworthy information about the law and our firm.

In Thanksgiving...

This time of year is a time of joy and thanks and for many people, this late-November holiday is their favorite one of all. The hectic pace of Christmas is still a few weeks away, the weather has cooled, and the leaves have turned and floated to the ground.

As we at Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison gathered for our cherished Thanksgiving feasts, we reminisced and reflected, and we were able to recognize and appreciate what we have. We give thanks for our personal and professional families, and we give thanks for you, our friends and colleagues.

Over the past year, we at Jones Swanson have worked hard to give back to our community, both in our partnership with The Pro Bono Project and otherwise. As you have may have seen in a previous Firm Line, this year our own Katie Lasky won the very prestigious Leah Hipple McKay award for outstanding volunteerism. This award is distributed at the Louisiana State Bar Association Annual Meeting to a Louisiana lawyer or judge who has made significant long-term volunteer efforts throughout his or her career. Katie has been a shining example to us in our volunteering efforts.

Some examples of the ways we have found to benefit those in need in our community this year include our provision of legal assistance to the homeless at the Harry Tompson Center through Judge Zainey's HELP program; our representation of several children in the Children In Need of Care (CINC) program, by which we are able to give a voice in court to children who are in the state system; and our provision of legal services to innumerable people who need legal help in a variety of other matters including the preparation of wills, powers of attorney forms, and divorce papers. Outside of our community, our attorneys

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worked pro bono for a conservation non-profit organization in Penobscot Bay, Maine in a successful effort to block construction of a dangerous liquid petroleum gas facility. Our attorneys actively supported this effort to preserve the ecological beauty of Penobscot Bay and to protect the environmentally-based economy in the area. The success of this project protects the quality of life in the region, and helps ensure that current and future generations can enjoy the ecological treasures of one of Maine's most beautiful bays.

The individualized and detailed attention we have afforded each of our clients this year helps to ensure that every client, regardless of their means, receives the legal representation they deserve. Much of our assistance in the community is guided by The Pro Bono Project, but we have found many other outlets that have provided each of us with meaningful opportunities to give back as well. As we prepare for the festive season before us, we are gearing up to help brighten the holidays for children and families in need.

We hope that your Thanksgiving holiday was one filled with joy and the spirit of appreciation that we at Jones Swanson Huddell and Garrison have experienced. Happy Thanksgiving, from our family to yours.

ABOUT THE FIRM

Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison, L.L.C., is a boutique litigation law firm based in New Orleans, Louisiana, which handles complex commercial and environmental/property disputes. In the commercial and environmental litigation arenas, the firm has and continues to represent many of Louisiana's and the Southeast's largest and most active business entrepreneurs and landholders, while also retaining a focus on the representation of small businesses and individuals. Jones Swanson is not limited geographically, having served as lead counsel in litigation elsewhere, including in California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Texas as well as Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana.



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