

THE FIRM LINE - IN THIS ISSUE:

Our favorite moments in pro bono and community work



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Happy Thanksgiving!

At Jones, Swanson, Huddell and Garrison, we are thankful not just to have wonderful friends, families, and colleagues like you, but to be in a position to give back to our community. In this issue of *The Firm Line*, we'd like to share with you some of our favorite moments from the pro bono and community work our attorneys have done recently:



"Serving on the board at [Xavier University](#) has been a wonderful experience. It's very rewarding to see these students plant the seeds that will forever change their lives."

-Glad Jones



"Providing legal representation through the [Child in Need of Care](#) program to an infant boy who had been variously in the care of the State of Louisiana and in foster care. My very young client was ultimately adopted by the amazing couple who had been fostering him, and they were gracious enough to allow me to participate in his adoption ceremony."

-Lynn Swanson



"Speaking at a [law conference 2,400 miles from Louisiana](#) and finding that people truly are concerned about the loss of our wetlands."

-Kevin Huddel



"Returning to my alma mater, Loyola Law School, to participate in a lecture on land loss in South Louisiana and the [SLFPAE v. Tennessee Gas case.](#)"

-Eb Garrison



"Delivering pro bono CLE programs to the annual [LSU CLE program](#), the annual [Louisiana District Attorneys Association program](#), and the annual [Attorney General's staff program](#) with Professor Cheney Joseph. Professor Joseph and I have done these presentations together for decades, and I am always humbled by the difference between my knowledge of criminal law and Professor Joseph's. His is unrivaled."

-Bernie Boudreaux



"Speaking last March on the SLFPAE v. Tennessee Gas case at the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference at the University of Oregon. I was humbled by the audience's accolades and support for this case, and what it means for the [future of Louisiana.](#)"

-Bessie Daschbach



Working together to help five young children stay in the United States legally, after they made the harrowing journey alone from Honduras to [escape the threat of violence](#). Thousands of children, some of them as young as four, five, and six years old, have made a similar journey, only to have to face an immigration judge [without counsel.](#)"

-Katie Lasky & Kerry Murphy



"Crossing the finish line, hot and tired - but inspired - after riding my bike 160 miles across Southeast Louisiana in the [NOLA to Angola bike ride](#). In three days, we raised \$36,000 to help people across the state visit their friends and loved ones in prison."

-Rose Murray

"Coordinating our firm's involvement with New Orleans's literary and arts communities. Recently, we were able to step in with a last-second sponsorship for the annual [Words & Music Conference](#) by the Pirate's Alley



Faulkner Society and their international essay competition."

-Tad Bartlett



"Experiencing the curiosity and intrigue in my daughter's classmates while [teaching](#) them about the [importance of wetlands](#)."

-John Arnold



"Giving the keynote speech to a banquet hall full of talented young writers at the [Scholastic Writing Awards](#) last March. The kids, who were high school age and younger, were determined to make their voices heard. I found their enthusiasm extremely encouraging for our future."

-Maurice Ruffin



"Hearing the Mississippi Sandhill Cranes sing their [mating calls](#) at the [Audubon Center for Species Survival](#), where I volunteer. Through breeding programs, the Center is helping to bring these critically endangered birds back from the brink of extinction. Six cranes raised at the Center were released at the Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge in Gautier, Mississippi in November."

-Lindsay Reeves

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