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Lynn Swanson

Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison LLC managing member

ynn Swanson says that, for her, practicing law is all about fostering collaboration. "Collaboration within the firm fosters more innovative and interesting thinking, bringing ideas and passions to the forefront that might otherwise remain unearthed," she said. "Collaboration outside of



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the firm with partner law firms has allowed our practice to grow in ways I could not have expected when I joined (Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison)."

That mindset has certainly worked for the firm thus far. Over the last 12 years, it has not only grown, but branched out into several new practices. In 2004, Swanson was instrumental in beginning the firm's commercial litigation practice by helping define a single complex tax strategy litigation, which has led to a burgeoning commercial litigation practice over her career.

"We pride ourselves on finding innovative ways to navigate through difficult cases and legal issues; ways that other law firms might not think of," said Swanson, who has practiced law for the past 23 years.



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Very recently, Jones Swanson announced its entry into the realm of international arbitration in collaboration with the law firm of Fishman Haygood. This is the first time that the two firms have developed an entirely new practice area together, and the practice will draw on both firms' resources and legal talents.

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The efficiencies of collaboration have allowed Jones Swanson to grow its environmental practice as well. Working with partners Fishman Haygood and Veron Bice, Jones Swanson filed the first lawsuit, on behalf of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East against oil and gas companies in an attempt to hold them responsible for coastal land loss. Swanson and her husband, Joseph Barras, adopted their children, Grace, 8, and Peter, 7, through Volunteers of America.

She is honored by and takes great pride in her recent appointment to the Board of Directors of the Greater New Orleans' chapter of Volunteers of America, an organization which has made an extraordinary impact in her life. — Whitney Pierce Santora

