

The Firm Line

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As Thanksgiving and the holiday season near, we at Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison are reminded that we are very fortunate to have such wonderful personal and professional families, and such special friends and colleagues. We look forward to spending a little bit of extra time enjoying our families, friends and colleagues during this festive season, reflecting on how much those people mean to

us. During this season, we remember to give thanks for all that we have. We try our best to appreciate the little things, like a great meal spent with those closest to us, or our children first opening their excited eyes on a holiday morning. During this time of year at Jones Swanson, we also try to pay more attention to giving back to our community - providing more assistance and more caring to those in need of our support.

We hope that you, our family, friends and colleagues, also are able to enjoy a bit of reflection and appreciation for what surrounds you during this time of year. To those of you with whom we work in the legal profession, we thank you for your professionalism and collegiality. To those of you who we are honored to serve, we thank you for your confidence in and your commitment to the firm. To all, Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays, from our family at Jones Swanson Huddell & Garrison, to yours.

Be sure to check out our very own Mary Kay Gogreve's family recipe for boiled turkey, which can be found at the following link on nola.com:

http://www.nola.com/food/index.ssf/2014/11/harahan_couple_have_a_new_way.html

"The Downside of the Boom"

As this recent article in the *New York Times* shows, Louisiana is not alone in its fight to try to get the oil and gas industry to clean up its mess and fix what it broke.

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United States Supreme Court Clarifies Pleading Requirements Under Federal Rules, *Johnson v. City of Shelby*

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In a decision issued early this month, the U.S. Supreme Court made clear that, in addressing motions to dismiss claims pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), courts are not to apply the strictures of *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544 (2007) and *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662 (2009) beyond questions of the facts alleged. See *Johnson v. City of Shelby*, 135 S.Ct. 346 (11/10/2014).

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Former UBS Executive Raoul Weil Acquitted of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States

by: Matthew Lindsay

"WE HAVE A VERDICT!!" This was the insistent hand-written message received by U.S. District Judge James Cohn a mere hour after jury deliberation began in the trial of Raoul Weil. Weil, a former high-ranking Swiss executive at UBS AG, faced charges that he conspired with wealthy Americans to hide \$20 billion from the IRS.

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Matthew Lindsay Elected to Serve Broadmoor Neighborhood

Jones Swanson attorney Matthew J. Lindsay recently qualified as a candidate for the public election to serve as a commissioner on the Broadmoor Improvement Association and was elected to that position on November 17, 2014. His term will last for two years, beginning on January 1, 2015. Matthew will represent the constituents of Subdivision C of the Broadmoor district of New Orleans and intends to take a lead role in drafting legislation and working with state and parish officials to ensure the continued resurgence of Broadmoor. Jones Swanson sends its congratulations to Matthew!

Judge Clark Concludes Act 544 is Unconstitutional

On October 31, 2014, the Honorable Judge Janice Clark of 19th Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge issued a minute entry in which she concluded the newly minted Act 544 is unconstitutional.

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Jones Swanson Goes Pink!



Several of our attorneys and staff, along with their families, participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for a Cure in New Orleans last month.

ABOUT THE FIRM

[Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison, LLC](#), is a boutique litigation law firm based in New Orleans, with a second office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The firm primarily handles complex commercial and environmental/property disputes. In those litigation arenas, the firm has a strong nationwide presence, continues to represent many of Louisiana's and the Southeast's largest and most active business entrepreneurs and landholders, and retains a sharp focus on the customized representation of small businesses and individuals. Jones Swanson has served as lead counsel in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, California and Texas, as well as in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana.

The Firm Line is a newsletter designed to inform our clients and friends about legal issues that may impact their lives and businesses, developments at the firm, and other items of interest. Our intention is to keep the information we provide in the newsletter concise. We welcome further discussion on the topics addressed herein, as well as ideas and suggestions as to topics of interest that we could cover in future issues, and thoughts as to how we can deliver better, more insightful information to our readership. Above all, we hope that *The Firm Line* proves interesting and noteworthy.



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