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Marta-Ann Schnabel is the managing director of O'Bryon & Schnabel, PLC in New Orleans, Louisiana. She began her career with the firm of Hammett, Leake and Hammett, where she became a partner in 1986. Prior to the formation of O'Bryon & Schnabel, Ms. Schnabel served for ten years as the managing partner of Leake & Andersson, LLP.

In over 30 years of practice, she has primarily represented clients in business, commercial, and insurance litigation involving a wide variety of issues, including construction, products liability, professional malpractice, ethics, and employment matters.

She is a 1978 graduate of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, with a B.A. Honours in History. She received her Juris Doctorate from Loyola University College of Law in 1981, where she served as a member of Law Review and of the National Moot Court Team. Her training as a mediator includes studies at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University.

She has represented both plaintiffs and defendants and understands the importance of finding practical and affordable solutions to complex problems. She has earned an AV rating from her peers, has been honored as a Super-Lawyer, and has been named one of the top 25 women attorneys in Louisiana.

In June 9, 2006, Marta-Ann became the first woman to serve as President of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Her bar, professional, and civic activities are detailed below.

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

- 2003-15** **Chair**, Access to Justice and Access to Justice Policy Committees
- 2005-15** **Member**, Rules of Professional Conduct Committee
- 2008-15** **Member**, Legislation Committee
- 2010** **Recipient**, President's Award (Advisor to the Executive Committee)
- 2010** **Recipient**, David A. Hamilton Lifetime Achievement Award for Service to Louisiana's Indigent
- 2006-07** **President**
- 2004** **Recipient**, President's Award (Access To Justice Committee work)
- 1997-03** **Original Co-Chair (97-00) and subsequent member**, Practice Assistance and Improvement Committee
- 2000-04** **Member**, Ethics 2000 Committee

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- 2001-03** Secretary and Editor of Louisiana Bar Journal
- 1998-01** First District Representative to the Board of Governors
- 1998** Recipient, President's Award (Practice Assistance Committee work)
- 1993-97** Member, House of Delegates

LOUISIANA BAR FOUNDATION

- 2015** Recipient, Calogero Justice Award
- 1995-2015** Fellow
- 2012-2015** Member, Campaign to Preserve Civil Legal Aid Committee
- 2008-09** Chair, IOLTA Administration Committee
- 2008** Recipient, President's Award
- 2006** Recipient, Horn Blower Award
- 2005-08** Member, Board of Governors

NEW ORLEANS BAR ASSOCIATION

- 2003** Bench/Bar Conference Committee Co-Chair
- 1995** President

LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT

- 2014** Chair, Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee
- 2007-13** Member, Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee
- 2006** Member, Supreme Court Task Force on Lawyer Advertising
- 1996-98** Member, Supreme Court Task Force on Legal Services
- 1996-98** Member, Joint LSBA -Louisiana Supreme Court Task Force on Domestic Violence

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

- 2007-13** Member, Standing Committee on Bar Activities & Services
- 2008-09** Member, ABA Diversity Summit Planning Committee
- 2005-11** Member, House of Delegates
- 1996-97** Member, House of Delegates
- 1995-2015** Member, National Conference of Bar Presidents

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL

- 2014-15** President
- 2010** Secretary-Treasurer
- 2003** Member, Nominating Committee
- 1997-00** Member, Board of Directors

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DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

- 2012-15** **Member**, Law Practice Management Section
- 2013-15** **Editor**, Law Practice Management Newsletter
- 2014** **Contributing Editor**, **Law Firm Practice Management Guide**

PRO BONO PROJECT OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS

- 2007-12** **Member**, Board of Directors

LOUISIANA CIVIL JUSTICE CENTER

- 2007** **Founding Incorporator**
- 2010-15** **President and Chair of the Board of Directors**

LOUISIANA LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- 2014** **Chair of the Board of Directors**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

- 2012-14** **Member**, EDLA Disciplinary Committee

PUBLICATIONS:

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President's Message: These Are Not Normal Times

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President's Message: We Do Pro Bono Work Because We Believe in Justice

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Diversity Retrospective: Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going?

American Bar Association "Women Trailblazers in the Law" Project, July 27, 2009; October 27, 2009; January 15, 2011

Interview and Oral History of Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Catherine D. Kimball

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Boomers in the Millennials' Word: The Future of the Legal Profession (with sidebar "Other Voices/Other Views")

Louisiana Bar Journal, Volume 60, Number 4, December 2012/January 2013

Chief Justice Kimball: Women of the Latest Vintage Have a "Role Model Worthy of Our Gender" (co-authored with Hon. Elizabeth Erny Foote)

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