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Michael A. Patterson is a partner with Long Law Firm, L.L.P. in its Baton Rouge, Louisiana office. His practice is focused in the areas of business litigation, professional liability, mediation, and settlement counsel. Michael A. Patterson is also a founding and managing member of The Patterson Resolution Group, which provides mediation, arbitration and mediation counsel services throughout the State of Louisiana. He has been mediating cases for over 20 years and has handled cases in virtually every area of the law. He is a panel member of the United States District Court, Middle District Register of Neutrals, a panelist on the Louisiana State Bar Association Fee Dispute Resolution Program, and a mediation panel member of the American Arbitration Association. He served as Judge *pro tempore* on the First Circuit Court of Appeal in 2002. He received his B.A. and his J.D. from Louisiana State University and a Certificate in Dispute Resolution and LLM in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University. He was the 2007 recipient of the California Dispute Resolution Council (CDRC) "Excellence in Dispute Resolution Scholarship" for his paper "An Evaluation of Hurricane Katrina Mediation Program Administered by The Louisiana Department of Insurance". He is an Adjunct Professor of trial advocacy and evidence at the Louisiana State University Law School. He was an American Arbitration Association mediator for over 350 homeowners affected by Hurricane Katrina. He acted as settlement counsel for the City of Baton Rouge in disposing of a number of old judgments against the City, some as old as ten years. He, and other members of his firm worked with the Gulf Coast Claims Facility in assisting claimants presenting claims against the fund established by BP.

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

**President** 2010-2011

**President Elect** 2009-2010

**House of Delegates** 1978-1982

**Committee on Bar Admissions** (Assistant Grader 1978-1990, Bar Examiner 1990-1994, Secretary/Director of Character and Fitness 1992-1997; Chairman 1997-2000)

**Section on Bench and Bar** (Secretary/Treasury 1989-1991, Vice Chairman 1991-1993, Chairman 1993-1994)

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**Board of Governors** 1987-1989; served as liaison to Lawyers for Arts Committee, Public Information Committee, Public Relations Committee, Bar Observer to Louisiana Organization for Judicial Excellence; Task Force Election/Selection of Judges

**Multi-Topic CLE Committee** 1990 - 1995

**Louisiana Bar Foundation**, Fellow, Board of Directors 1997 - 2000 (IOLTA Grants Committee 1992 -); (IOLTA Administrative Committee; Vice Chair 1996, Chairman 1997)

**Bar Governance Committee**, Chair 1997 - 1999

**1999 Louisiana State Bar Association President's Award**

**Louisiana Supreme Court *Ad Hoc* Committee to Study the Establishment of a Mandatory Internship Program**, 2000-2004

**Legislative Committee**, Chair 2003-2005

**Lawyers in Transition Committee**, Chair 2007-2009

**Senior Lawyers Division**, Chair 2012-2013

**BATON ROUGE BAR ASSOCIATION**

**Director, Secretary-Treasurer, President Elect, President** (1984-1985)

**During tenure as President, obtained \$15,000.00 grant from the American Bar Association to establish the first pro-bono plan in Louisiana and hired first full time executive director**

**Lawyer of the Year** 1989

**Served as an original Director of Baton Rouge Lawyer Referral Service, the first referral service in the state, Board member and officer for five years**

**Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee** (served as Chairman)

**BBB/Baton Rouge Bar Consumer Arbitration Panel** (served as Chairman)

**Law School Liaison and Civil Courts Committee** (served as Chairman)

**Baton Rouge Bar Foundation, Lifetime Fellow, Chairman of Board of Trustees** 1991-1992.

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**OTHER MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

**American Bar Association**; Section on Litigation, Subcommittee on State Evidence Rules

**Bar of the United States Supreme Court**

**Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals**

**Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit and 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit**

**Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit**

**American Inns of Court**

**Association of Trial Lawyers of America**

**Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association**

**Court Annexed Mediator, United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, 1995-**

**American Arbitration Association, Construction Panel, Mediation Panel**

**Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Chancellor's Council, Chairman 2009-2010, Distinguished Achievement Award 2013**

**LEGAL WRITINGS**

**Co-author:** "The Burden of Proof in a Civil Circumstantial Evidence Case: More Probable Than Not?", Vol. 23 *Louisiana Bar Journal* 263, 1976;

"Discharged Counsel: The Dilemma Solved?", Vol. 27, *Louisiana Bar Journal* No. 4, 177, 1981.

**Author:** "Contingent Fee Contracts: The Dilemma of the Discharged Attorney," 24 *Louisiana Bar Journal* 107, 1976;

"Recent Trends in UM Litigation," *The Forum IX*, Vol. 12, No. 3, 1979.

"Eye on Evidence" (monthly column dealing with current issues of trial evidence.)

"Evaluating the Louisiana Department of Insurance's Hurricane Katrina Homeowners Mediation Program," *Dispute Resolution Journal*, August-October, 2007.

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- Chapter Author:** Woodard, *et al.*, *Louisiana Trial Procedure*, Chapter 8, Hearsay, §8-1 through 8-17.
- Co-author:** "Attorney-client sex: too close for comfort?", *TRIAL*, August 1999.
- Author:** "The Parrot Heard it All," Vol. 65, *Louisiana Bar Journal*, No. 4, 296, December 2017/January 2018.
- Co-author:** "The Qualification of Witnesses to Offer Opinion Testimony: 'Expert' or Not?", Vol. 66, *Louisiana Bar Journal*, No. 4, 248, December 2018/January 2019.

**TEACHING AND SEMINARS**

- Adjunct Faculty, Louisiana State University Law Center (Advanced Trial Advocacy and Evidence);
- Adjunct Faculty, College of Business, Southeastern Louisiana University (1987-1988);
- Inmates Law School 1991;
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, Evidence Update, 1992;
- LSBA, Sandestin Summer School; Ethics Presentation, 1993;
- LSBA, Sandestin Summer School; "Attorney/Client Sex: The Final Boundary Action" - video and interactive program presented with Edward J. Walters, 1994;
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, Bench Bar Conference, Sexual Harassment Seminar, 1995;
- LSBA, Depositions from A-Z, 1996;
- LSBA, Multi-Topic Seminar, "Through the Looking Glass, The Keys to the Daubert Gate," 1997;
- LSBA, Evidence and Procedure Seminar, "The Illusionists: Courtroom Magic--Presumptions to Post-Trial," 1998;
- ATLA Annual Convention, "Attorney/Client Sex: The Final Boundary Action" - video and interactive program presented with Edward J. Walters, July 1999;
- BRBA 1999 Evidence Update;
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, Bench Bar Conference, "Ethical Standards of the Advocate in a Mediation: Are There Any?", 2001;
- LTLA, Spring Break CLE, "Negotiating and Mediating Troubled Business Transactions," March 2002;
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, Bench Bar Conference, "Surviving the Deposition Minefield," 2002;

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- LSBA, 18<sup>th</sup> Summer School for Lawyers, "She can't do that...or can she? A Video Expose' of Ethical Enigmas in the Courtroom," presented with Edward J. Walters, Jr., June 2002;
- LSBA, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer School for Lawyers, "Mr. Gambini, that is a lucid, intelligent, well-thought out hearsay objection . . . OVERRULED!" - Why Can't I Get These Hearsay Objections Right?: An Interactive Video Explanation, presented with Edward J. Walters, Jr., and Scott Fruge', June 2004.;
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, Bench Bar Conference, "Compete for Top Gun – Evidence Competition," presented with Scott Fruge', Frank Holthaus, and Edward J. Walters, Jr., April 2006;
- LSBA, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer School for Lawyers, "What's with THAT Character?: Demystifying Character and Habit Evidence - The Reality Show," presented with Scott Fruge', Frank Holthaus, and Edward J. Walters, Jr., June 2006;
- LSBA 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer School for Lawyers, "The Privilege is All Yours: The Exercise, Defense, and Waiver of Testimonial Privileges in State and Federal Court," June 2008;
- LSU Law Center CLE, "Supreme Court Rule 19: How it Works and What You Need to Know," October 2009;
- LSBA, New York Multi Topic Seminar, "The Intersection of Ethics and Malpractice," presented with Christine Lipsey, November 2009;
- LSBA, New York Multi Topic Seminar, "That's ridiculous. We're leaving -Tested Techniques for Achieving Maximum Success in Mediation," presented with Ed Walters, November 2011;
- Louisiana Judicial College, Evidence and Procedure Seminar, New Orleans, LA, Topic, "Evidence Vignettes: You be the Judge," with Ed Walters, March 1, 2013;
- LSBA, "Professionalism in Mediation", December 2013;
- LSBA, "Electronically Stored Information", with Brooke Barnett-Bernal and Ed Walters at the LSBA Sonoma, California Conference, March 24, 2014;
- BRBA, "Professionalism: You Can't Do That Can You?", with Ed Walters at BRBA Bench Bar Conference, Point Clear, AL., July 24, 2015;
- LSBA "Stuff You Need to Know to Be a Better Advocate in Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration," with Michael McKay at the LSBA Sonoma, California Conference, February 29, 2016; and
- BRBA, "Discovery, Authentication and Admissibility of Social Media Evidence", with S. Brooke Barnett-Bernal and Ed Walters at BRBA Bench Bar Conference, Point Clear, AL., July 21-23, 2016.
- LSBA, "Anatomy of a Trial," Sandestin Summer School, 2017, with Ed Walters, Minor Pipes, Rock Palermo, Larry Centola, Guy Holdridge, Kim Boyle, and Lynn Luker, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin, Florida, June 5-7, 2017; and
- LSBA, "Social Media: The Issues for the Practicing Lawyer," New York, New York – CLE Seminar with Ed Walters, New York, New York, November 18-21, 2017.

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- BRBA, "Social Media: The Issues for the Practicing Lawyer," with S. Brooke Barnett-Bernal and Ed Walters at BRBA Bench Bar Conference, Point Clear, AL, July 26-29, 2018.
- LSBA, Understanding the Ethical Obligations of Using Artificial Intelligence – "I'm sorry Dave. I'm afraid I can't do that." With Rachel P. Dunaway, at the LSBA Seminar-Issues & Trends While Practicing in the Social Media Age, Juban's Restaurant, Baton Rouge, LA, May 17, 2019;
- LSBA, "A Lawyer's Guide to Emojis – What You Need to Know," with S. Brooke Barnett-Bernal – New York, New York, Multi-Topic CLE, November 2019;
- LSBA, "Ethics in Arbitration," with Ingeuneal C. Gray, Esq. – Charting a Course in Unfamiliar Waters – Tips for Winning Your Case in Arbitration, New Orleans, LA, December 2019; and
- LSBA, "Preparation v. Improvisation – The Path to Mediation Success," with Harold J. Adkins, New York, New York, CLE Seminar, November 19-21, 2021.