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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 25 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 approximately 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 worked with the Gulf Coast Claims Facility in assisting claimants presenting claims against the fund established by BP. He served as the discovery Special Master in the consolidated cases involving the construction of the University Medical Center located in New Orleans, LA.

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 5th Circuit and 11th Circuit

Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit

American Inns of Court

American Association of Justice

Louisiana Association of Justice

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

American Arbitration Association, Construction, Commercial and Mediation Panels

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, 18th 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, 20th 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, 22nd 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 24th 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.
- BRBA, "Ethics in Negotiations and Mediation," with Harold J. Adkins at BRBA Bench Bar Conference, Point Clear, AL, April 14-17, 2023.