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Shayna L. Sonnier is a partner with Veron Bice, LLC, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Her practice focuses on estate planning, successions, corporate litigation, and oil and gas litigation. Shayna earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a Juris Doctorate from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law. She received mediation training through the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Caruso School Of Law.

Early in her life, Shayna witnessed the value of a skilled attorney as her family faced a significant legal battle, and this experience inspired her to pursue a career in law. Today she is a partner with Veron Bice, LLC, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Her practice focuses on estate planning, successions, corporate litigation, and oil and gas litigation. Her peers will attest that some of the many characteristics that set Shayna apart are her ability to establish trust with her clients and her hands-on approach to every case.

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Shayna is passionate about her faith, family, community, and work and volunteers her time with numerous organizations and associations.

Her favorite quote is, "We live as though the world were as it should be, to show it what it can be."

Louisiana State Bar Association

- LSBA, President (2023-2024)
- LSBA, President-Elect (2022-2023)
- LSBA, Treasurer-Elect (2018 - 2020 Term)
- LSBA, Immediate Past President (2024-2025)
- LSBA, Board of Governors, District 4 Representative (2013 - 2016)
- LSBA, Young Lawyers Council Past-Chair (2012 - 2013)
- LSBA, Young Lawyers Division, District 4 Representative (2007 - 2013)
- LSBA, Young Lawyers Council, Chair (2011 - 2012)
- LSBA, Board of Governors (2011 - 2012)
- LSBA, Budget Committee (2010 - 2011)
- LSBA, Young Lawyers Council Chair-Elect (2010 - 2011)
- LSBA, Young Lawyers Council, Secretary (2009 - 2010)
- Access to Justice Commission (2019-2020)

Louisiana Bar Foundation:

- Louisiana Bar Foundation, Member (2016 – 2019; 2026-2029)
- President Appointee (2024-2025)
- Louisiana Bar Foundation, Fellow (2012, 2016 – Present)
- Development Chair (2019-2020)
- Chair of Domestic Violence Grants Subcommittee (2018-2021)

Southwest Louisiana Bar Association:

- SWLBA, Member (2005 - Present)
- SWLBA, YLS President (2007, 2008)
- SWLBA, Executive Council (2007 - 2017)
- SWLBA, Secretary (2013)
- SWLBA, Treasurer (2014)
- SWLBA, President-Elect (2015)
- SWLBA, President (2016)
- SWLBA, Past-President (2017)

Community Involvement:

- Whistle Stop (2008-2016); Secretary (2010)
- Greater Lake Charles Rotary Club (2006 - 2011; 2013 - 2017); Rotarian of the Year (2008 - 2009)
- SWLA Law Center (2007 - 2011, 2013 - 2016)
- Member of St. Luke Simpson United Methodist Church; Church Council Secretary (2012; 2016 - Present)
- Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, Board Member (2016 -Present)
- Mad Hot Ballroom Celebrity Dancer & People's Choice Finalist (2016)

Licenses and Court Admissions

- Texas, 2003
- Louisiana, 2005
- Western District of Louisiana
- Eastern District of Louisiana
- United States Tax Court
- Northern District of Texas

Bar Admissions

- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Texas State Bar Association
- Southwest Louisiana Bar Association