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LINCOLN'S EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION: HOW THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF CREATED A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

**A Law Library of Louisiana Free CLE
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**Co-sponsored by the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society
and the A.P. Tureaud Inn of Court**

Thursday, May 2, 2013

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Courtroom, Louisiana Supreme Court, 400 Royal Street

One hour credit

In this CLE program, entitled "*Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: How the Commander in Chief created a New Birth of Freedom*," the speaker will address the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863; the legal basis for the Proclamation, including consideration of the president's war powers under the Constitution; the First and Second Confiscation Acts passed by Congress prior to the Final Emancipation Proclamation; the government's asserted right to seize "contraband of war;" the legal status of persons declared "forever free" by the Proclamation; the Emancipation Proclamation's impact on the outcome of the Civil War; the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865; and the historical significance of the Proclamation from today's perspective.

Speaker:

Phelps Gay, a graduate of Princeton University and Tulane University School of Law, has been a partner of Christovich & Kearney, LLP since 1985. His practice areas include energy and maritime law, products liability and defense of legal malpractice cases and ethical complaints. Active in professional organizations, Mr. Gay served as president of the Louisiana State Bar Association in 2000-2001, focusing on reform of ethical rules and increasing lawyer professionalism. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Louisiana Bar Foundation, the Louisiana Judicial College and the Pro Bono Project. A long-time member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, Phelps received that organization's Hecker Award in 2004, for his article, "Professionalism in Depositions: The Sound of Silence."

*For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Georgia Chadwick
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