



Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

Celebrating
200
years

The
Bicentennial
of the
Louisiana
Supreme Court



2013 Louisiana Supreme Court Justices



1913 Louisiana Supreme Court Justices

1813
to
2013

(Top) Justices of the 2013 Louisiana Supreme Court during the bicentennial ceremonies. From left, Justice Marcus R. Clark, Justice John L. Weimer, Justice Jeffrey P. Victory, Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, Justice Jeannette Theriot Knoll, Justice Greg G. Guidry and Justice Jefferson D. Hughes. Photo provided by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Justices of the 1913 Louisiana Supreme Court during the centennial ceremonies. From left, Justice Alfred D. Land, Justice Frank A. Monroe, Chief Justice Joseph A. Breaux, Justice Olivier O. Provosty and Justice Walter B. Sommerville. Photo provided by the Louisiana Supreme Court.



Louisiana Supreme Court Marks 200th Anniversary

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The Louisiana Supreme Court turned 200 years old on March 1, 2013. The Court is excited to have reached this milestone and is pleased to be able to share the commemoration with the Bar and the public. This issue of the *Louisiana Bar Journal* features articles discussing various aspects of the Court's richly textured history.

Dr. Warren M. Billings, Bicentennial Court historian and University of New Orleans Distinguished Professor of History, *Emeritus*, provides an overview of the Court's 200-year history, from its formation to the present.

E. Phelps Gay, an attorney with the New Orleans law firm of Christovich & Kearney, L.L.P., and former president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, discusses the not-so-straightforward history of professional bar associations in Louisiana.

Professor Olivier Moréteau, the Russell B. Long Eminent Scholars Academic Chair at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, provides a

retrospective of the career of François-Xavier Martin. Martin was the Court's first reporter and an early presiding judge. Moréteau's article focuses on Martin's views about codification, jurisprudence, legal education and practice in Louisiana.

Paul R. Baier, the George M. Armstrong, Jr. Professor of Law at Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, and Georgia Chadwick, director of the Law Library of Louisiana, cover the topic of judicial review in Louisiana, examining a provision of Louisiana's first Constitution that has heretofore received little attention.

Finally, Chief Judge Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux of the Louisiana 3rd Circuit

Court of Appeal reviews the Louisiana Supreme Court's record on civil rights.

Also included throughout the feature section are historical photos and documents and photos from the March 1 Bicentennial ceremonies.

It is the sincere hope of the justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court that readers will enjoy these articles, and, more importantly, learn something new about the Court's history. The Bicentennial is not only a milestone to be proud of but also a time to humbly remember those who devoted their lives to the improvement of Louisiana's justice system.