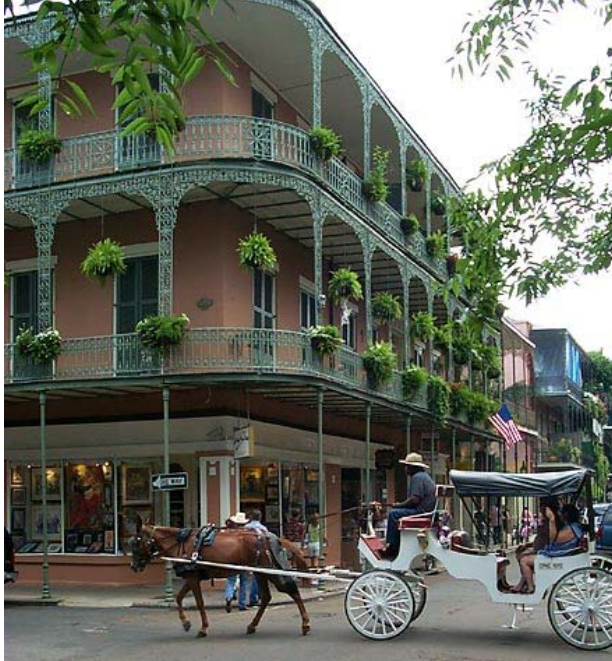


# *National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks* *New Orleans, Louisiana* *August 4-10, 2007*



President Sandra Skinner has issued the official call to attend the 2007 National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks' 34<sup>th</sup> annual educational conference. Enclosed are your registration materials for this year's conference in New Orleans, Louisiana August 4 through 10, 2007, at the Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place. Tom Hall, Clerk for the Florida Supreme Court and Rory Perry, Clerk for the West Virginia Supreme Court, together with the Education Committee have put together a great educational program and vendor exhibition. As co—hosts, we are pleased to inform you that after the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans tourism is on the re-bond -- there are many exciting and fun things to do in the city and you and your families are sure to pass a good time!

## *The Hotel*

### **Wyndham New Orleans at Canal Place**

<http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/MSYCP/main.wnt>

The Wyndham New Orleans at 100 Rue Iberville is located close to the winding Mississippi River on the edge of the historic French Quarter. You will have direct access from the Hotel to the upscale shopping mecca, The Shops at Canal Place. The hotel is also only a short walk away from top restaurants, galleries, antique shops, the business district and Harrah's casino. We feel certain you will enjoy the quality hotel atmosphere and the spectacular view of the river from the seventh floor lobby and most of the guest rooms.

Reservations: Call the hotel directly at 504-566-7006 or toll free at 1-877-662-2625. The group name for reservations is "National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks." Or, simply click on the following link to call up the WebPage for the group and make your reservations on line:

<http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents/458appellatecourt/main.wnt>

Cut-off Date: Reservations must be made by July 4, 2007

**Rates:** The group rate is \$102 per night for single or double occupancy; \$112 for triple occupancy; \$122 for quad occupancy; and for each additional person thereafter, \$25. Hotel sales tax is 13% plus there is a \$2 per room per night occupancy fee.

**Deposit:** A one-night refundable deposit is required to be paid prior to July 7, 2007; to receive a refund, you must cancel your reservation no later than 72 hours before your scheduled arrival.

**Dates:** The group rate will be offered from July 31, 2007 through August 13, 2007 subject to availability.

**Early Departure:** There is no fee or penalty for early departure.

**Check In/Out:** Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and checkout is 12:00 p.m.

**Parking:** THE WYNDHAM DOES NOT OWN PARKING FACILITIES; A PARKING GARAGE is available at the Canal Place which is attached to the hotel; the rates are \$18 per night, no in/out privileges; the rate is \$5.00 for up to 10 hours if you do go in and out.



## *Transportation*

### Getting to New Orleans

Despite the first line of a famous Fats Domino song: "It's time I'm walkin' to New Orleans", we don't advise you to do so in the heat of the summer! However, there are a number of ways to arrive:

**Air Travel** -- Most of you will be flying into the Louis Armstrong New Orleans Intl. Airport located at 900 Airline Drive in Kenner, LA 70062 (<http://www.flymsy.com/>).

### Ground Transportation Options

**Airport Shuttle New Orleans** is available from the airport to the hotel for \$13.00 (per person, one-way) or \$26.00 (per person, round-trip). Three bags per person. Call 1-866-596-2699 or (504) 522-3500 or visit <http://www.airportshuttleneworleans.com/> for more details on service times or to make a reservation. Ticket booths are located on the lower level in the baggage claim area and a \$2 fuel surcharge is added to total fare.

**Taxi Cab** rides costs \$28.00 from the airport to the Hotel for one or two persons and \$12.00 (per passenger) for three or more passengers. Pick-up is on the lower level, outside the baggage claim area. There may be an additional charge for extra baggage and a \$1 fuel surcharge is added to total fare.

**Rental Cars** are available from 7 rental agencies with offices on the lower level of the airport; the list of the rental car agencies is available through the Airport website. The Airport is 16.4 miles from the New Orleans Wyndham. Barring traffic snarls, the ride from the airport is about 25 minutes to the hotel. Take and stay on I-10 East from the airport to downtown; Exit on Poydras Street; take a left on South Peters Street; and a right on Rue Iberville. (See comments about Parking with the hotel information.)

**Driving:** Please visit your favorite website for maps to get driving distances and directions to The Wyndham New Orleans at 100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. (See comments about Parking with the hotel information.)

## *What NOT to Wear!*

### **Attire**

New Orleans is quite warm (actually hot) in August. The average temperatures are a high of 90 and low of 75 with 95% humidity. Therefore, the attire for the education conference and most social activities will be relaxed and very casual. You may, however, want to bring a sweater or light jacket because meeting rooms can be cool. Also, all of the social events are inside in air-conditioned arenas that may also be cool. The attire for Thursday night's banquet will be dressy casual to cocktail. As some previous hosts have advised, you may also want to throw in some suntan lotion and maybe some mosquito repellent just in case!



## Great Events

*Sunday ...*

# *Passing a Good Time!*



Sunday afternoon, we will be doing a repeat of the Clerks Silent Art Auction as a fund raising event; during the afternoon, attendees will get to bid on crafts created by clerks and lawyers from across the country to benefit the education fund. We are asking for your creative side to come out by donating a creation to the auction. Even if you don't personally knit, crochet, paint, draw, etc., and you know another clerk or lawyer who does, ask him/her to help! The items will be sold through a silent auction with the winners being announced one day during the morning announcements. Contact Trish Harrington, Clerk for the Virginia Supreme Court, [pharrington@courts.state.va.us](mailto:pharrington@courts.state.va.us) for more information about the Silent Art Auction.

The Sunday night reception sponsored by BNA and NCACC will be co-hosted by Louisiana Clerks of Court John T. Olivier and Danielle Schott at the Supreme Court and Fourth Circuit Courthouse Building located at 400 Royal Street in the heart of the historic French Quarter. The Chief Justice and Judges in attendance from the hosting Louisiana appellate courts will welcome the group immediately prior to the Morgan Thomas Slide Show.

*Monday ...*



Thomson/West is sponsoring a terrific event at the National World War II Museum on Monday night. From the Home Page of the website: <http://www.nationalww2museum.org/home.html> :

**The National World War II Museum is a national treasure** Dedicated in 2000 as The National D-Day Museum and now designated by Congress as the country's official World War II Museum, this remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era with moving personal stories, historic artifacts and powerful interactive displays. From the Normandy invasion to the sands of Pacific Islands and the Home Front, the Museum brings to life the teamwork, optimism, courage and sacrifice of the men and women who won the war and changed the world.



From 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday evening, the Museum is reserved for us to be wined and dined buffet style with a chance to tour the museum at leisure. Also, as more details are forthcoming about the Thomson/West event, we will send out additional information concerning discounted or free touring opportunities for member/attendees and guests during the Museum's regular hours of operation the week of the Conference.

***Tuesday ...***



On Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., Peter Fitzgerald, Clerk for the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, welcomes golfers to his neck of the woods -- Jefferson Parish on the West Bank of the Mississippi River. The Tournament is scheduled at the Tournament Players Club Louisiana, <http://tpc.com/daily/louisiana/index.html>, a short drive over the Crescent City Connection to 11001 Lapalco Blvd., Avondale, Louisiana. Menus for Boxed Lunches are included in the packet at two levels: Players Boxed Lunch at \$20 and Club Boxed Lunch at \$14; prices include taxes and gratuity.

***Non-golfers have a free afternoon to experience the exciting sites and sounds of the city!***

**Wednesday ...**

BLAINE KERN'S  
**MARDI GRAS WORLD**  
AT KERN STUDIOS

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No one should go to New Orleans without a Mardi Gras fete! We anticipate Lexis hosting a night of family fun at the Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World where "Mardi Gras is made". This museum holds the history of Mardi Gras and invites a long look behind the magic of Mardi Gras in New Orleans. This showcase of carnival with thousands of sensational sculptured props and breath-taking giant figures is truly a treasure of New Orleans. Brian Kern creates exceptional party experiences with true Mardi Gras magic and we believe Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World will be an unforgettable experience for all of our attendees.

**Thursday ...**

Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. we will have the traditional fun run/walk for the fit and famous (or not so famous too), starting at Woldenberg Riverfront Park and heading north along the River toward the French Quarter; we'll circle back close to Dumaine St., returning to the hotel on St. Peters Street passing Jackson Square on the way. Google Pedometer tells us this route is between 1.5 and 2.0 miles long...



Thursday evening is the closing Reception and Annual Banquet that will be held at the Wyndham Hotel. Please be sure to make your meal choice in the Registration Packet!

# *The Big Easy – Forever New Orleans!*



The post-Katrina theme playing on the New Orleans Convention and Visitor's Bureau Website is: "Forever New Orleans". If you haven't been to New Orleans before, you will truly enjoy one of the greatest tourist destinations in the world. If you have been to New Orleans before, we invite you back to see the rebirth of a city. Although our Louisiana world has changed dramatically post-Katrina in how we live and work, we haven't changed how we play! Our joie de vivre is as strong as ever and we want you to be a part of our circle for that one special week when we reunite at our annual meeting to renew friendships and make new friends.

We close our invitation with a listing of Websites (including ours!) that you may find useful in planning your trip. Retired Clerk Kenneth deBlanc, Third Circuit Court of Appeal, is preparing information about his favorite New Orleans sites and activities that he plans to forward to you soon. Information and brochures on tours, attractions, and activities will be available when you arrive; however, any activity that we identify that requires pre-registration will be forwarded to you at the time we receive the information.

Finally, although we regret having to address the topic, please remember that New Orleans is vulnerable to hurricanes from June through November. You may wish to purchase travel cancellation insurance as a precaution.

We are so looking forward to seeing y'all soon...*Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!*

Sincerely,  
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## *Surfing the WEB*

### **NCACC Conference Website**

Please check out the website for the New Orleans conference at <http://www.appellatecourtclerks.org>. Click on Annual Conference and then select Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting. You will find interesting and detailed information about the conference, about New Orleans, about the other beautiful parts of Louisiana you may wish to visit while here, and links to related sites. You can also find these registration materials on the website. Although you can't actually register on-line, you can download them to edit or print them to fill out for mailing????

### **Other Websites of Interest**

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/>

New Orleans Tourism Marketing Corporation (NOTMC) is a private economic development corporation, created under Louisiana state law. Its purpose is to foster jobs and economic growth by developing the New Orleans tourism industry. It is funded by a hotel room occupancy tax and the City of New Orleans general fund and receives additional funding from the Regional Transit Authority/hotel tax. NOTMC's mission is to promote the city as a leisure tourism destination throughout the year with special emphasis on developing visitation during the traditionally slow months of summer and the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

<http://www.neworleanscvb.com/>

The New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau's mission is to create a vibrant, economic growth by developing and marketing the New Orleans region as the premier visitor destination, involving and leading the diverse elements of the hospitality industry and the community.

[www.bigeasy.com/](http://www.bigeasy.com/)

Since New Orleans has 35,000 hotel rooms and endless opportunities for entertainment, BigEasy.com was created to be the one stop shop for your New Orleans travel needs. This guide for visitors and locals was created as a guide to a more exhilarating experience in New Orleans. We are your one stop shop for New Orleans tours, hotel and package reservations.

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<http://www.frenchquarter.com/index.php>

<http://www.louisianatravel.com/>

The Official Louisiana Tourism Website - sponsored by the Louisiana Office of Tourism and the Louisiana Travel Promotion Association

<http://www.crt.state.la.us/>

Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism site.