

Ashley L. Belleau Installed as National President of the Federal Bar Association



Montgomery, Barnett, Brown, Read, Hammond & Mintz, LLP is honored to announce that [Ashley L. Belleau](#), a partner in the firm's New Orleans office, was installed as the 83rd National President of the Federal Bar Association on September 25, 2010, during its annual meeting in New Orleans.

Ms. Belleau maintains a commercial practice with a concentration in arbitration, litigation on the federal and state court levels, mediation and transactional work. Selected as a Louisiana Super Lawyer in the area of Business Litigation, she advises businesses, financial institutions, and individuals concerning bankruptcies, contracts, construction, environmental issues, insurance, medical malpractice, real estate, corporate, and estate matters.

"Montgomery Barnett has always encouraged its lawyers to volunteer their time and effort to participate in the programs of our local, state and national bar associations. For Ashley to have been recognized by the FBA, which includes the premier federal court practitioners and judges all over the country, as its national president is an honor well-deserved and one which we enthusiastically support", said Joseph Tynan, the firm's Managing Partner.

Ms. Belleau's election has been applauded by the local bench. Judge Jay C. Zainey of the Eastern District and a former Louisiana State Bar Association President states:

I believe Ashley is the second member of the Louisiana State Bar Association who will serve as President of the Federal Bar Association. This is a great honor not only for Ashley, but for all of the members of the LSBA. I have no doubt that Ashley will serve with distinction, and, under her leadership, the Federal Bar Association will continue to maintain its high standards of professionalism and service to the public and to the Courts.

Marla Hamilton, Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, states:

Ashley is a role model for lawyers. She relates to everyone in a tactful and diplomatic way. She has good judgment. The Louisiana Bar is fortunate to have her as a member.

Founded in 1920, the Federal Bar Association serves as the national representative of federal legal practitioners. The mission of the FBA is to "strengthen the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and needs of the federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal judiciary and the public they serve." The Federal Bar Association has more than 15,000 members nationwide, including lawyers, judges, and law students, who work together to promote the sound administration of justice and integrity, quality, and independence of the judiciary.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Belleau on this most prestigious and well-deserved national honor. For more information, please visit www.monbar.com or contact Ryan McCabe at rmccabe@monbar.com