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TO SEE SOME OF OUR  
FIRM'S FAMILIAR FACES

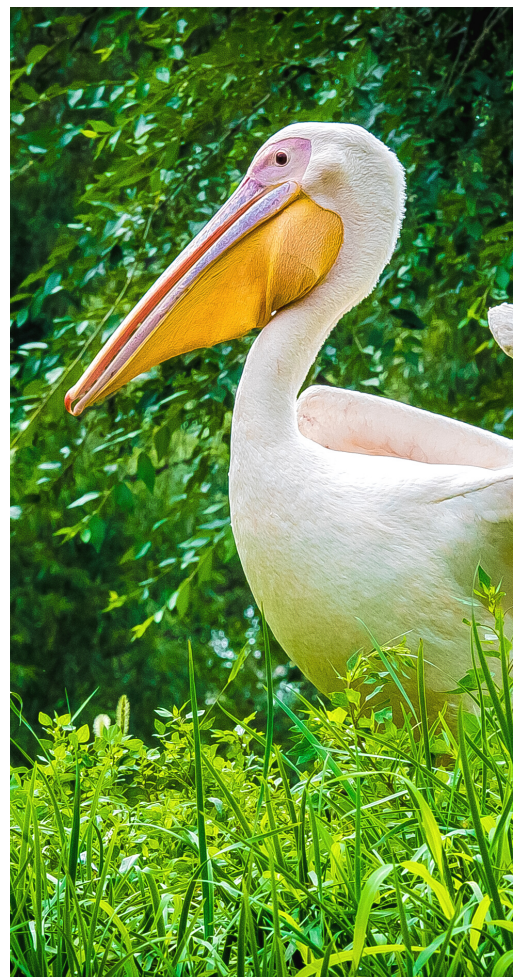


## Driving Violations That Can Cause Insurance Spikes

Car insurance in Louisiana can be costly, and insurance companies do take driving violations into consideration when determining the cost of your policy. Here are some infractions that can potentially cause your rate to go up:

- **Driving with a suspended license** – if your license is suspended or expired, don't get behind the wheel.
- **Reckless driving** – In Louisiana, going 15 mph or more over the speed limit is considered reckless driving, and is a danger to you and everyone on the road.
- **Hit and Run** – never leave the scene of a car accident. Call the police and stay there until they arrive.
- **Cell phone violation** – that text or call can always wait. If it's an emergency, pull over in a safe area and put your vehicle in park before picking up your phone.
- **Improper passing** – always stay calm behind the wheel, and only pass when it's safe to do so. Road rage can cause a serious accident and isn't worth risking your safety.

Not only can these driving violations raise your insurance rate, but they also put your safety and the safety of other drivers at risk. Always stay alert behind the wheel and follow the rules of the road. They're here for a reason, and we want everyone to drive safely in Louisiana.



# From the Desk of Richard Arsenault

Attorney Richard Arsenault, recognized as one of America's 50 Most Influential Trial Lawyers by Trial Lawyer magazine, chaired the LSBA 21st Annual Complex Litigation Symposium on Friday, November 5th, 2021, in New Orleans. Speakers included the nation's leading complex litigation academicians, jurists, and prominent members of the bar. These are the folks that are writing about, presiding over, and litigating the most significant cases in the country.

Topics included "Ethics Associated with Complex Litigation," "Critical Complex Litigation Components," "Litigating in the Digital Age," and more. NBA Attorney Dawn Chmielewski spoke on the topic of "Complex Litigation Witnesses."



***Neblett, Beard & Arsenault***  
*also covered the attendance  
fee for law students currently  
attending law schools in  
Louisiana such as Tulane  
Law School and LSU Paul M.  
Hebert Law Center.*

## Firm News

- **Neblett, Beard & Arsenault** made a donation to PanCAN Purple Stride, which is an organization leading research into detecting pancreatic cancer earlier for a better treatment outcome for cancer patients.
- Attorneys **Richard Arsenault** and **Dustin Carter** spoke at the 2021 Malcom Monroe seminar hosted by the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.
- Attorney **Richard Arsenault**, program chair since its inception, chaired the LSBA's 28th Annual Admiralty Symposium on Friday, September 17, 2021, in New Orleans. Here's what the attendees had to say:
  - "Good dynamics with this panel and yet another group of experienced litigators which helps make this such an excellent seminar."
  - "**Richard** was so excellent. He kept the program running smoothly, transitioned and always had intelligent and thoughtful questions to keep things going."
  - "This presentation exceeded expectations. The practical experience of the group of speakers was very helpful."
- Attorney **Richard Arsenault** has been named one of the Top 10 Environmental Trial Lawyers by The National Trial Lawyers.
- Attorney **Richard Arsenault** has been included in the 28th Edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He has been recognized for his outstanding work in the fields of Admiralty and Maritime Law and Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Plaintiffs.
- Attorney **Mike Koch** was appointed to the House of Delegates by the Louisiana State Bar Association for a two-year term.
- **Richard Arsenault** has been appointed to serve as a Reviewer in the development of a compendium of Multidistrict Litigation best practices by George Washington Law School.
- **Neblett, Beard & Arsenault** donated to the Louisiana State Bar's Hurricane Ida Disaster Fund.
- Attorney **Ted Roberts** co-chaired the LSBA's Closer Look at Workers' Comp Symposium on November 2nd, 2021, in Baton Rouge, LA.
- **Neblett, Beard & Arsenault** sponsored the 3 Day Walk of Faith Conference in 2021.
- Attorney **Richard Arsenault** will be chairing the 2021 Harris Martin Symposium, MDL's: Navigating The Landmines, on December 1st, 2021 in Texas.
- **Neblett, Beard & Arsenault** made a donation to St. Rita's Church to aide in their adoption of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Terrebonne Parish.

# Spring Cleaning

Spring is finally here and lots of folks are looking to de-clutter their storage from winter. Moving clutter around and dealing with cleaning products can be a potential hazard, so we've put together some quick safety tips to keep in mind during your spring cleaning. Check them out below!

- **Check The Label** - limit the use of harsh cleaning products such as bleach or ammonia, and never mix the two as it could create toxic fumes.
- **Proper Ventilation** - when using cleaning products, open a window or door and run a fan to help air circulate.
- **Wear Protective Gloves** - rubber gloves can help prevent skin reactions.
- **Step Stool Safety** - always place stools on a level surface and maintain three points of contact to prevent falls.
- **Lift Carefully** - always lift from your knees and not your back when picking up heavy objects. And know your limits: ask for help with very heavy or bulky objects.
- **Mask Up** - If you have allergies or breathing problems, consider wearing a mask to prevent irritation.
- **Watch for Wet Floors** - after mopping, always allow floors to dry completely before walking on them to prevent falls. You can also turn on a fan to speed up the drying process.



*"**Wes Gralapp** took his time. He was so nice, concerned, and professional. "*

**Susan**

# Kind Words

*"I have known **Mike Koch** for years and highly recommend him. He is an outstanding attorney! He is my choice for legal needs."*

**William**

*"**Wes Gralapp** took his time. He was so nice, concerned, and professional. "*

**Susan**

*"**Mr. Ted Roberts** was my attorney and he did an outstanding job for me with my case. I was happy with the outcome. I will recommend him to any of my family and friends. Thank you so much **Mr. Ted** for helping me with my case. "*

**Amie**

*"I am so appreciative of **Ms. Sonya**. She has always been extremely patient and helpful throughout this process."*

**Melissa**

*"**Polly's** kindness brought me to tears. Every encounter with her is pleasant and she's one of the kindest people I've ever met."*

**Jenny**

*"**Todd Campbell**, thank you for the work on my case. You have always been extremely helpful and informative while still being easy to talk to. "*

**Lisa**



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# Have you been injured in an auto accident?

Our clients are often surprised to learn their case is worth more than what the insurance company has offered.

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