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## What to do when involved in an accident:

1. Check for injuries and call for medical assistance if necessary.
2. Call the police and report the accident.
3. Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver(s) involved.
4. Take photos of the damage to all vehicles involved, as well as any visible injuries.
5. Get the names and contact information of any witnesses to the accident.
6. Do not admit fault or apologize for the accident.
7. Notify your insurance company as soon as possible.
8. Keep a record of any expenses related to the accident, including medical bills, repairs & lost wages.
9. Seek legal advice from a personal injury attorney.
10. Follow all medical advice and attend all scheduled appointments related to your injuries.

It's important to remember that you should always stay calm and not to admit fault or apologize for the accident. Gather as much information and evidence as possible, and contact your insurance company and a personal injury attorney as soon as you can to ensure your rights are protected and your case is handled properly.



# THE LEGAL DOCKET

CLIENT NEWSLETTER

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## Social Security Disability Spotlight

Attorneys Barbara Mixon and Ted Roberts are our firm's trusted Social Security Disability attorneys. Neblett, Beard & Arsenault has over 40 years of experience in our area of practice and achieves a successful result in over 80% of the cases we handle. When you call our firm for Social Security Disability, we will conduct a detailed interview to determine whether technical requirements to obtain benefits are met, and then investigate the medical aspects of the case which can justify a favorable decision. Our attorneys will also explore any other benefits to which our clients may be entitled. Most importantly, we are there every step of the way for our clients, from the first call to the benefit award. We want our clients to feel confident in the work that we do and are always available to speak with them regarding any questions or concerns.

Similarly, if you simply have questions about starting the SSDI application process or other questions related to Social Security Disability benefits, give our office a call. Our knowledgeable staff and attorneys stand ready to serve you, and we would be proud to have an opportunity to earn your business.

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## From the Desk of Richard Arsenault

Since its inception, I have chaired the LSBA's annual Complex Litigation symposium. 2022 marked the symposium's 22nd year, hosted in the vibrant city of New Orleans. As in years previous, our firm paid the registration fee for select students from Louisiana law schools at LSU, Tulane, and Southern. As we look to the future of litigation, we must also look at law schools for the next generation of litigators. It's important to foster in our new and upcoming attorneys a passion for striving to seek new horizons in their chosen field of law. When we combine the experience of seasoned litigators and the fresh perspectives of the next generation, we create a culture of collaboration that is all the more beneficial to what matters the most in our field – our clients.

## FIRM NEWS

Attorney **Richard Arsenault** is regularly involved in symposiums and spoke at many events in 2022 in addition to a National Law Journal Award:

- Selected as a 2022 Elite Lawyer of the South by The National Law Journal.
- Co-chaired HarrisMartin's MDL Conference: Navigating Current Mass Tort Litigation in New York, NY on November 30th, 2022.
- Co-chaired Harris-Martin's MDL Conference: The Current Mass Tort Landscape, on September 28th, 2022 in St. Louis, MO.
- Moderating the Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame Panel at the Mass Torts Made Perfect Seminar on April 13, 2023.
- Spoke on a panel at the Government Entities as Defendants in Toxic Torts seminar in Denver, CO on September 13th, 2022.

Our firm sponsored the luncheon for the Louisiana Association for Justice's regional luncheon hosted in Alexandria, LA on February 2nd, 2023.

Attorney **Ted Roberts** spoke at the Workers' Comp Weathering the Storm seminar on November 14, 2022.

Attorney **Barbara Mixon** had been invited to serve as a panelist for the seminar Law Talks: Social Security & Medicaid on April 12th, 2023.



## LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES

Last fall, the Montez M. Juneau Cottonport Branch Library hosted an informative and engaging talk by Neblett, Beard & Arsenault attorney Barbara Juneau Mixon. The event, which was open to the public, attracted community members who spoke of their own issues with Social Security. Lawyers across the state of Louisiana hosted events at local libraries to provide free services and consultations to the public. Lawyers in Libraries takes place each year during National Celebrate Pro Bono Week, and this year Ms. Mixon along with over 100 other attorneys were able to provide over 300 hours of consultations and workshops to the public.

With almost 40 years of experience in this field and a favorable decision rate of over 80% for her clients, Barbara was able to give experienced and accomplished insight into how attorneys can assist their clients with Social Security Disability filings, appeals, hearings, and more.

The presentation in Cottonport was particularly significant as the library is named in honor of Ms. Mixon's grandmother who served as the librarian there for over forty years. If you missed this event, be sure to keep an eye out for future talks and events at the library, and visit the LSBA's website for future Lawyers in Libraries events at [www.LSBA.org/LouisianaLawyersInLibraries/forlawyers.aspx](http://www.LSBA.org/LouisianaLawyersInLibraries/forlawyers.aspx)

## KIND WORDS

### CRYSTAL

*I was in a terrible accident where I was rear-ended and pushed into oncoming traffic. I needed months of physical therapy. Mr. Wesley Gralapp and his associates took my case and fought for me to get the settlement they felt I deserved, and not what the insurance company wanted to offer me. I was told I would get my settlement resolved before Christmas of that year and 3 weeks before Christmas my case was resolved. If I ever need a lawyer again, I will be more than happy to return to Wesley without question.*

### JOANN

*Mike Koch, you are such a wonderful person. You are certainly an asset to your community and church.*

### ANGELA

*Once again I really want to thank you, Barbara Mixon, for all your hard work in preparing for my case. I was absolutely blown away by your dedication to my case, and it definitely showed at the hearing. After not having one penny to live on for almost two and a half years and never more than thirty cents in my bank account, I honestly felt like I won the lottery. This was truly a blessing. Finally, I'm starting to see light at the end of an extremely long tunnel. You are truly my angel sent by God! Thanks again!*

### GLENN

*With the help of Ted Roberts who was there to answer messages and calls we completed a long Worker's Compensation job injury case. I'm completely satisfied with how he handled my case. Thank you very much Ted.*

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

At Neblett, Beard & Arsenault, we recognize that without you, there would be no us. Our clients have trusted us to help them after an accident for over 40 years, and your support is why we are able to continue helping others. Our clients are our priority, and so is helping our community. In 2022, we sponsored fundraisers and athletic teams for local schools and donated to local organizations like Hope House, Children's Advocacy Network, and Hogs for the Cause. For example, we donated to Cherokee Elementary's classroom for students with autism to provide them with needed supplies. We again sponsored the Dixie Youth All Stars team, coached by attorney Matt Crotty, which placed 3rd overall in the state championship and qualified for worlds. The team won 5 out of 7 games and placed 4th overall in the world championship tournament.

We sponsored several fundraisers and athletic teams last year for local schools such as Alexandria Senior High, Holy Savior Menard, St. Frances Cabrini School, and more. We also supported local organizations working to better our communities, such as Hope House, Children's Advocacy Network, and Hogs for the Cause. We look forward to new opportunities in 2023 to continue uplifting our community and contributing to organizations dedicated to making Cenla a beautiful place to call home.

