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RICHARD ARSENAULT SELECTED TO SERVE AS 2027 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL TRIAL LAWYERS



Neblett, Beard & Arsenault is proud to congratulate our founder, **Richard Arsenault**, on his selection as **THE 2027 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL TRIAL LAWYERS**, an elite, invitation-only organization composed of the nation's premier trial attorneys. This distinguished appointment reflects Richard's decades-long commitment to excellence in advocacy, leadership within the legal profession, and unwavering dedication to securing justice for those he represents.

Throughout his career, Richard has earned national recognition for his work in complex litigation and mass torts, helping shape important conversations on the future of the civil justice system. His selection as President is a testament not only to his professional accomplishments, but also to the respect he has earned among judges, attorneys, and legal leaders across the country.

As President, Richard will help guide the organization's mission of promoting excellence in trial advocacy, fostering professional development, and advancing the interests of the legal community nationwide. We celebrate this well-deserved honor and look forward to his continued leadership and impact on the national stage in the year ahead.

Louisiana Ends Vehicle Inspection Sticker Requirement



A significant change is coming for Louisiana drivers. Following the passage of House Bill 1085 and its approval by Governor Jeff Landry, the state is officially phasing out its long-standing vehicle inspection sticker program.

As part of the transition, Louisiana State Police have confirmed that troopers are no longer issuing citations for inspection sticker violations. Beginning in January 2027, the traditional inspection sticker requirement will be replaced with a $6 QR code sticker system, marking a major shift in how vehicle compliance is monitored across the state.

While many motorists may welcome the end of annual inspection sticker requirements, Louisiana State Police are emphasizing that this change does not affect other traffic safety and vehicle equipment laws. During the transition period, law enforcement's primary focus will be on educating drivers about the new requirements, answering questions, and helping the public understand what to expect moving forward.

Drivers should remain mindful that regulations regarding vehicle safety equipment, registration, insurance, and traffic laws remain fully in effect despite the elimination of inspection sticker citations.



From the Desk of Richard Arsenault

The Texas Tech MDL Judicial Summit once again proved to be one of the most valuable forums in the country for advancing the discussion of complex litigation. Over two days, the Summit brought together an exceptional group of state and federal judges, academicians, and lawyers from both sides of the "V" for thoughtful panel presentations and candid dialogue on the most pressing issues facing our profession. Discussions ranged from best practices in multidistrict litigation and emerging trends in mass torts to the rapidly evolving role of artificial intelligence in the legal industry. The open exchange of ideas, diverse perspectives, and commitment to improving the administration of justice made this year's Summit both educational and impactful for everyone in attendance.

Community Support

At Neblett, Beard & Arsenault, we're proud to support organizations that uplift our community. Whether it's youth athletics, school programs, or charitable events, we believe in giving back where it counts. This year, our sponsorships have included:

- Alexandria Senior High Cheer
- A-Town Astros Baseball
- ACDS Dancing With the Stars Fundraiser
- LPPOA Conference
- Sheriff Mark Wood Golf Tournament
- St. Jude Marathon
- Pineville High School Baseball
- Brame Gators Football
- LPPOA Christmas Joy Project
- MTMP Fellows Program - sponsored LSU law students to participate





Louisiana Expands Training to Reduce Secondary Traffic Crashes

Louisiana officials are taking additional steps to improve roadway safety through expanded Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training, a program designed to help first responders clear crash scenes more quickly and safely. The initiative aims to reduce secondary crashes—collisions that occur when drivers encounter traffic backups or distractions caused by an earlier accident.

The need remains significant. According to state officials, vehicle crashes resulted in more than 750 fatalities across Louisiana in 2024, while LSU CARTS data shows approximately 64,000 crash-related injuries occur each year.

Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Director Lisa Freeman noted that while crash numbers have been trending downward, the state remains committed to continuing that progress. The latest training session adds to a growing network of certified responders, bringing the statewide total to more than 24,000 trained professionals.

By improving coordination among law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and transportation officials, Louisiana hopes to keep drivers safer and reduce preventable crashes on the state's roadways.

Firm News

Neblett, Beard & Arsenault

- Nominated for a 2026 Membership as one of the 10 Best Personal Injury Law Firms
- for dedication to client satisfaction in Louisiana.

Richard Arsenault

- Named as a 2026 AV Preeminent Attorney by Martindale-Hubbell.
- Recognized as a Top Lawyer for 2026 by Martindale Avvo.
- Selected as one of Louisiana's Top 10 Personal Injury Attorneys in the 2026 Raising the Bar Directory.
- Nominated to join the Steering Committee for The Mass Torts Litigation Forum – Plaintiff's Bar.
- Recognized by The Best Lawyers in America 2027 for Admiralty and Maritime Law, and Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Plaintiffs
- Selected as a Member of The Nation's Top One Percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel
- Appointed as President of The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 for 2027
- Appointed to the Council of Directors for the Louisiana Association for Justice for 2026-2027
- Appointed as a member of the Continuing Legal Education Committee for 2026-2027 by the Louisiana State Bar Association



Serious Cases Require Serious Experience



While many people know us for car accident cases, our firm also handles complex and high-stakes injury matters, including catastrophic injuries, workplace incidents, and wrongful death claims.

Serious cases require careful investigation, experienced strategy, and the resources to see them through. Our attorneys have decades of combined experience representing individuals and families facing life-altering circumstances.

No matter the size or complexity of the case, our goal remains the same: to pursue full and fair compensation for those we serve.

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WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING

Thomas

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Can't thank my attorney Wes Gralapp and the rest of the NBA team enough for taking care of me and my case. They were always professional and prompt in their service and making sure that I was taken care of every step of the way. Can't recommend them enough!

Signe

★★★★★

We're so grateful to the firm and attorney Ted Roberts for helping our family through a disability application and appeal process. Someone was always available to take our questions through a very simple texting process, and we appreciated the knowledgeable, thoughtful representation.

Alisa

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Attorney Mike Koch and his team worked diligently and efficiently to make sure all of our questions and concerns were met! Mike was always available anytime I had questions, doubts, or fears about the case. I will definitely use them in the future if the need arise.

Angela

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Attorney Todd Campbell was very thorough and always answered any questions we may have had. I highly recommend this law firm.