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EDUCATION

- 1978 (J.D.) Louisiana State University School of Law
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Honors and Activities: Law Review; Note, "Due Process and the University Student, Academic/Disciplinary Dichotomy," 37 *La. L. Rev.* 939 (sp.1977).
- 1971 (B.A) Southeastern Louisiana University
Hammond, Louisiana
Major: English; Minors: French and History
Undergraduate Honors and Activities:
Full academic scholarship
Enrollment in Honors Curriculum in English; Phi Kappa Phi
Editor of Collegiate Factor (off-campus newspaper)
Graduate-Magna cum lauda
- 1967 (Graduate) Ponchatoula High School
Ponchatoula, Louisiana

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 1987-present Attorney—Sole Practitioner
Law Office of M. Michele Fournet
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
* Specializing in state and federal criminal defense at the trial and appellate level.
- 1985-1987 Attorney
Marabella, Fournet, and Hrdlicka
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 1984-1985 Attorney—Associate
Small, Williamson, Brocato, and Fournet
Alexandria, Louisiana
- 1979-1983 Chief Appellate Counsel and Trial Attorney
East Baton Rouge Parish Public Defenders Office
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1978-1979 Judicial Clerk
Hon. John S. Covington (19th Judicial District Court)
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1975-1978 (law school attendance)

1972-1975 Teacher
Language arts
New Zion Junior High School, St. Helena Parish

ACHIEVEMENTS

Professional Community

- Board of Directors, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1988-1995; (1998-Present)
- Recipient, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Capital Advocacy Award, 1992;
- Recipient, Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers President's Commendation, 1988 and 2001.
- President, Baton Rouge Bar of Criminal Justice, 1987-1988;
- Listing, National Directory of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- AV Rating in Martindale-Hubbell
- Who's Who Among American Women

Client Representation

- State trial level defense in Barry Seal murder case (client: *Jose Renteria Campo*),
- Federal defense in Champion insurance case (client: *Patty Eicher*);
- Federal defense of alleged Mafia involvement in Orleans video poker business client: *Joseph Gagliano*);
- Federal defense in alleged corruption case involving Senators Sixty Rayburn and Larry Bankston in video poker truck stop business (client: *Fred Goodson*);
- State defense in alleged bribery prosecution of *Representative Joe Delpit*;
- Writ Decisions in *State v. Warren Keith Jackson*, 94-1854 (La. 9/16/94), 642 So.2d 180 La.
- Post-Conviction representation of death row inmate Michael Graham (released and charges dismissed after 14 years on death row)
- Appellate reversal of federal convictions in *U.S. v. Newell*, 315 F.3d. 510 (5th Cir. 2002)[client, Clifford Newell]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: June 7, 1949
Place of birth: Hammond, Louisiana