

JOHN RANDALL TRAHAN
Resumé

EDUCATION

- * Law School:
 - a) Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (1987-89) -- degree: J.D. (1989); rank: 1st; GPA: 86.24 (89-pt scale)
 - b) Harvard Law School (1982-83) -- rank: unknown; GPA: B+ (4-pt scale)
- * Graduate School: Philosophy Department, Graduate School, Louisiana State University (1983-85) -- rank: 1st; GPA: 4.0 (4-pt scale)
- * Undergraduate School: Political Science Department, College of Arts & Sciences, Louisiana State University (1978-82) -- degree: B.A.; rank: 1st (in the entire undergraduate university); GPA: 4.0 (4-pt scale)

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- * Full Professor: Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (2008-present); concentration: civil law; courses: Introduction to Western Legal Traditions & Systems: Louisiana Impact (formerly Louisiana Civil Law System) (1995 to present), Property (1996 - present), Obligations(1997-2005), Successions & Donations (1997 - present), Matrimonial Regimes (1999-2000), Husband & Wife in Western Europe: A Comparative Study (LSU Summer School Abroad, Aix-en-Provence, 2001), Persons & the Family (2002 - present), Security Devices (2006 - present)
- * Associate Professor: Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (1999-2008)
- * Assistant Professor: Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University (1995-1999).
- * Associate: Phelps Dunbar (1990-95); concentration: insurance defense & environmental law
- * Judicial Clerk: Judge Alvin B. Rubin, United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit (1989-90)
- * Editor: Articles Editor, Louisiana Law Review (1988-89)
- * Law Clerk
 - a) Phelps Dunbar (Sum 1989)
 - b) Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph (now McGlinchey Stafford) (Sum 1988)
 - c) Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson (Sum 1983)
 - d) District Attorney's Office, 19th Judicial District (1985-88; Sum 1982)
- * Teaching Assistant: Philosophy Department, Graduate School, Louisiana State University (1983-85)

PUBLICATIONS, ADDRESSES & SPEECHES

- * Book Chapter, *Prerequisites to Marriage in Scotland and Louisiana: An Historical-Comparative Investigation*, in MIXED JURISDICTIONS COMPARED: PRIVATE LAW IN LOUISIANA AND SCOTLAND (Vernon Valentine Palmer and Elspeth Christie Reid eds., Edinburgh Univ. Press, forthcoming 2009)
- * Address, *Recent Developments in the Law of Parent & Child*, Louisiana Child Support Enforcement Association (Mar 2009)
- * Lecture, *The Civil Law Tradition: History, Fundamental Concepts & Principles*,

- Procedure*, Iraq Civilian Advisor Support Project, International Human Rights Law Institute De Paul University College of Law, Rule of Law Initiative (Iraq), U.S State Dept. (Jan 2009)
- * Article, *The Distinction Between Persons & Things: An Historical Perspective*, in 1 JOURNAL OF CIVIL LAW STUDIES 9 (2008)
 - * Lecture, *The Civil Law Tradition: History, Fundamental Concepts & Principles, Procedure*, Iraq Civilian Advisor Support Project, International Human Rights Law Institute De Paul University College of Law, Rule of Law Initiative (Iraq), U.S State Dept. (Oct 2008)
 - * Lecture, *Property & Leases—Recent Developments in 2005-2006*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2008)
 - * Lecture, *Family Law—Recent Developments in 2005-2006*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2008)
 - * Lecture, *The Civil Law Tradition: History, Fundamental Concepts & Principles, Procedure*, Iraq Civilian Advisor Support Project, International Human Rights Law Institute De Paul University College of Law, Rule of Law Initiative (Iraq), U.S State Dept. (July 2008)
 - * “National” Report of Louisiana, *Droit et Culture, Journées Louisianaises, l’Association Henri Capitant des Amis de la Culture Juridique Française* (May 2008)
 - * Paper, *Prerequisites to Marriage in Scotland and Louisiana: An Historical-Comparative Investigation*, Louisiana/ Scotland Project Conference, New Orleans, LA (April 2008)
 - * Address, *Recent Developments in the Law of Parent & Child*, Louisiana Child Support Enforcement Association (Mar 2008)
 - * *Saul’s Cause*, ESSAYS IN HONOR OF SAUL LITVINOFF (Center for Civil Law Studies 2007).
 - * Lecture, *Property & Leases—Recent Developments in 2005-2006*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2007)
 - * Lecture, *Family Law—Recent Developments in 2005-2006*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2007)
 - * Paper, *Prerequisites to Marriage in Scotland and Louisiana: An Historical-Comparative Investigation*, Louisiana/ Scotland Project Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland (June 2007)
 - * Address, *Recent Developments in the Law of Parent & Child*, Louisiana Child Support Enforcement Association (Mar 2007)
 - * Address, *Natural Law: An Historical Survey*, Christian Legal Society, LSU Law Center (Feb. 2007)
 - * Article, *Glossæ on the New Law of Filiation*, 67 LA. L. REV. 387(2007)
 - * Address, Civilian Legal Society (Winter 2006-07)
 - * Address, *A Primer on the New Law of Filiation*, Fall Seminar, Louisiana District Attorneys’ Association (Nov. 2006)
 - * Lecture, *Property & Leases—Recent Developments in 2005-2006*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2006)
 - * Lecture, *Family Law—Recent Developments in 2005-2006*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2006)
 - * Address, *A Primer on the New Law of Filiation*, Training Seminar for State SES Attorneys, Louisiana District Attorneys’ Association (June 2006)
 - * Address, *A Primer on the New Law of Filiation*, Louisiana Child Support Enforcement

- Association (Mar 2006)
- * Lecture, *Property & Leases—Recent Developments in 2004-2005*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2005)
 - * Article, *Glossæ on the New Law of Marital Donations*, 65 LA. L. REV. 1059 (2005)
 - * Lecture, *Property, Sales & Leases—Recent Developments in 2003-2004*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2004)
 - * Article, *Recent Developments in the Law of Successions & Donations, 2002-2003*, 64 LA. L. REV. 315 (2004)
 - * Textbook Supplement, A Supplement to “A.N. Yiannopoulos’ CIVIL LAW PROPERTY COURSEBOOK (8th ed. 2003)” (5th ed. 2004)
 - * Article, *The Continuing Influence of Le Droit Civil and El Derecho Civil in the Private Law of Louisiana*, 63 La. L. Rev.1019 (2003)
 - * Textbook Supplement, A Supplement to “Alain Levasseur’s LOUISIANA LAW OF CONVENTIONAL OBLIGATIONS OR CONTRACTS (1998)” (3d ed. 2003)
 - * Textbook, WESTERN LEGAL TRADITIONS & SYSTEMS: LOUISIANA IMPACT (2d ed. 2003) (with Professor Kenneth Murchison)
 - * Textbook, LOUISIANA CIVIL LAW: DONATIONS & SUCCESSIONS—A COURSEBOOK (2d ed. 2003)
 - * Lecture, *Successions & Donations—Recent Developments in 2001-2002*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2002)
 - * Lecture, *Successions & Donations—Recent Developments in 2000-2001*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2002)
 - * Address, *A Primer on Conflicts of Laws in Time*, Louisiana Judicial College (Jun 2001)
 - * Article, *A New Continental Drift Theory: Of the Changing Attitude Toward Jurisprudential Interpretations of Legislation within the American Common Law Tradition*, in LA MÉTHODOLOGIE DE L’ÉTUDE DES SOURCES DU DROIT: ACTES DU 6^e DE A.I.M.J. (2001)
 - * Lecture, *Successions & Donations—Recent Developments in 1999-2000*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 2000)
 - * Lecture, *Successions & Donations—Recent Developments in 1998-1999*, Center for Continuing Professional Development, LSU Law Center (Fall 1999)
 - * Address, *A New Continental Drift Theory: Of the Changing Attitude Toward Jurisprudential Interpretations of Legislation within the American Common Law Tradition*, 6th Congress of l’Association Internationale de Methodologie Juridique (Sept 1999)
 - * Article, *Time for a Change: A Call to Reform Louisiana's Intertemporal Conflicts Law (Law of Retroactivity of Laws)*, 59 LA. L. REV. 661 (Spr 1999)
 - * Address, *A Check-Up for Louisiana's Recently (Re)Born Civil Law Tradition: Diagnosis & Prognosis*, Civilian Legal Society (Oct 1998)

WORK AS EXPERT WITNESS

State of Louisiana, William Kimball et al. v. Sprint Communications Co. et al., 18th No. 26334, consolidated with No. 26304 (18th Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana) (certified as an expert witness on “property issues”)

HONORS & AWARDS

- * Law School
 - a) Order of the Coif (1990)
 - b) Articles Editor, Louisiana Law Review (1988-89)
 - c) Vinson & Elkins Award for Most Outstanding Student Note or Comment (1988)
 - d) Chancellor's List (Fall 1987- Spring 89)
 - e) Recipient of Shell Oil Co. Scholarship (various semesters)
 - f) Candidate, Louisiana Law Review (1987-88)
 - g) Winner, "Write-On" Essay Competition, Louisiana Law Review (Sum 1987)
 - h) Recipient of 21 American Jurisprudence (AmJur) Awards (awarded for attaining the highest score in a law school course) (1987-89)
- * Graduate School:
 - a) Phi Kappa Phi (1983)
 - b) Dean's List (Fall 1983 - Fall 1984)
- * Undergraduate School
 - a) University Medal (awarded for attaining 4.0 cumulative GPA) (1982)
 - b) Honor Society, College of Arts & Sciences (admitted 1979)
 - c) Dean's List (Fall 1978 - Spr 1982)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- * Associated with the Law:
 - a) During Professorship:
 - 1] Member, Council, Louisiana State Law Institute (Jan 2002 to Dec 2004)
 - 2] Member, Persons Committee, Louisiana State Law Institute (Jan 2002 to present)
 - 2] Speaker, Meetings of the Civilian Legal Society (Winter 2006-2007; Oct 1998)
 - 3] Co-Organizer, Criminal Law Pro Bono Project, Progressive Legal Society (Spr 1998)
 - 4] Judge, International Law Moot Court Competition (1997, 1998, 2000, 2003-05)
 - 6] Co-Organizer & Panelist, Orientation Seminar for Incoming Editorial Board, Louisiana Law Review (1995 - 2003)
 - 7] Faculty Advisor to Law Review Candidates (19 in all), Louisiana Law Review (*re* publications required for membership) (1996-2008)
 - b) During Law Practice:
 - 1] Co-Organizer & Coordinator, Haitian Refugee Project, LSU Law School Chapter of Amnesty International (May 1992)
 - 2] Co-Organizer & Panelist, Orientation Seminar for Incoming Editorial Board, Louisiana Law Review (1993, 1994)
 - 3] Speaker, Phelps Dunbar Labor Law Seminar for Clients (1994, 1995)
 - c) During Law School:
 - 1] At Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University
 - a] Assistant to Symeon Symeonides, Reporter for the Committee on Conflicts of Laws, Louisiana Law Institute (1989)
 - b] Articles Editor, Louisiana Law Review (1988-89)
 - c] Candidate, Louisiana Law Review (1987-88)

- 2] At Harvard Law School
 - a] Harvard Defenders Program (Fall 1982)
 - b] Civil Rights Action Committee (Spr 1983)
- * Not Associated with the Law:
 - a) During Professorship:
 - 1] Deacon, Broadmoor Baptist Church (2000 to present)
 - 2] Sunday School Teacher, Broadmoor Baptist Church (1999 to 2008)
 - 3] Member, Board of Directors, Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches & Synagogues (1995 to 2000)
 - 4] Treasurer, Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches & Synagogues (1997)
 - 5] Chairperson, Finance Committee, Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches & Synagogues (Fall 1996)
 - 6] Member, Adult Choir, Broadmoor Baptist Church (1995 to 2008)
 - 7] Member, Baton Rouge Symphony Chorus (2006-07, 2009)
 - b) During Law Practice:
 - 1] Member, Finance Committee, Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches & Synagogues (1994-95)
 - 2] Secretary, Holy Grill Committee, Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches & Synagogues (1994)
 - 3] Member, Adult Choir, Broadmoor Baptist Church (1992-95)

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

- * Intellectual: church history, Biblical studies, theology, comparative religion, philosophy, Cajun history & culture, French language and dialects, other foreign languages
- * Other: sacred music, Cajun music & dancing, cooking (primarily Cajun food)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- * Marital status: married to Kendra Swain Trahan (1985)
- * Children: Camille Marie Trahan (born 1991) & Chanelle Rose Trahan (born 1994)
- * Date / place of birth: March 19, 1960 / Lake Charles, Louisiana