

## News Release

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## Walters Named 2024 LBF Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award Recipient

**Edward J. Walters, Jr. of Walters, Thomas, Cullens LLC in Baton Rouge** is the recipient of the 2024 Louisiana Bar Foundation's (LBF) Curtis R. Boisfontaine Trial Advocacy Award. The award was presented by LBF President Hon. John C. Davidson (Ret.) at the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) General Assembly in Destin, Florida on June 6.

Mr. Walters received the award in recognition of his long-standing devotion to and excellence in trial practice and for upholding the standards of ethics and consideration for the court, litigants, and all counsel. This award carries a cash stipend to any non-profit law related program providing services in the state of Louisiana; Mr. Walters has selected the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (JLAP) to receive the \$1,000 stipend to be donated in his name.

Mr. Walters has been an active courtroom lawyer for over 45 years. He is Board Certified in the field of Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He was presented the LBF 2009 Distinguished Attorney award and was chosen as the L.S.U. Law Center's 2015 Distinguished Alumnus of the year.

He has served as Adjunct Professor of Law at the L.S.U. Law Center for over 30 years, teaching a trial skills course, along with attorney Mike Patterson, entitled "Advanced Trial and Evidence" and has been a member of the faculty of the Law Center's yearly Trial Advocacy program since its inception 25 years ago. He was appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana from 2017 – 2021. He was the Chair of the Commission for 2020.

He is a graduate of Louisiana State University (B.S., 1969) and the Louisiana State University Law Center (J.D., 1975) where he is a member of its Hall of Fame. He is currently the Louisiana State Bar Association's President-Elect Designee, which means he will succeed to the LSBA Presidency for its 2025-2026 term.

The award was established through an endowment to the LBF in memory of Mr. Boisfontaine, who served as president of the LSBA and of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel. Donations from Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel, L.L.P., the Boisfontaine family, and friends established the fund.

Caption: Pictured L-R, Ed Walters and Hon. John Davidson

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