

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award was conceived in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and its purpose is to recognize a lawyer for contributions to community leadership outside the practice of law. The award may be conferred upon an individual or upon a group led by an attorney.



The New Orleans Chapter proudly presents this year's President's Award to Scott L. Sternberg. Few members have contributed as much to the Chapter's recent successes. In the past year alone, Scott not only volunteered his time and expertise to the Chapter's various committees and CLEs, he also redesigned the Chapter's website and, for the fifth year in a row, helped lead the Chapter's Justice Camp, a celebrated summer program that he co-created to expose high schoolers to the legal system and constitutional rights.

Judge van Meerveld observed: "There is nothing Scott can't or won't do. He readily steps up to the plate to volunteer his considerable talents for whatever is needed at the time, whether legal, technical, creative, administrative. Then he executes it well and timely, and always with a great sense of humor. What a wonderful contributor to our legal community and beyond."

Across the state, lawyers and non-lawyers alike know Scott for his First Amendment advocacy. He represents newspapers and television stations in public records, open meetings, libel, privacy, and other media-related matters. As a student at Louisiana State University, he was editor of *The Daily Reveille*; today, he has his dream job: representing media including the newspaper that he grew up reading, *The Times-Picayune*, now the *Advocate*.

Scott is a watchdog for government access. He regularly testifies before the Louisiana Legislature on matters including government access and ethics. The Louisiana State Bar Association has awarded him its Citizen Lawyer award (in 2018) and its Stephen T. Victory Award for writing (in 2015 and 2019). In 2020 and 2022, New Orleans City-Business named him a "Leader in Law."

Scott received his Juris Doctor and Diploma in Civil Law from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he was a member of the Louisiana Law Review and the Moot Court Board and served as president of the Student Bar Association. After graduation, he practiced with the New Orleans law firm Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, LLC.

In 2017 Scott co-founded the law firm Sternberg, Naccari & White, LLC, and as its co-managing partner helped grow it to three offices today. His professional affiliations are many: in addition to this Chapter's board of directors, he serves on the governing boards of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education, the Pro Bono Project, and the American Red Cross of Southeast Louisiana. He is a past chair of both this Chapter's and the Louisiana State Bar Association's Younger Lawyers Divisions, and a past member of the governing boards of the Young Leadership Council, Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, LSU Law Alumni, and Manship School of Mass Communication Alumni. He has taught at Louisiana State University and Loyola University.

Scott and his wife, Breland, are the parents of George (8), Louise (6), Mary Jane (4), and Joel (2).

As a point of pride, Scott has been a member of this Chapter for as long as he has been a licensed lawyer, having joined immediately upon his swearing-in. His grandfather, Sherman Raphael, was president in 1973.