

McGlinchey Stafford Promotes Three New Members in 2019

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McGlinchey Stafford PLLC is pleased to announce the promotion of three attorneys to Membership within the firm, effective January 1, 2019.

- **Melissa M. Grand**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- **Matt D. Manning**, Houston, Texas
- **C. Kieffer Petree**, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"These attorneys share the firm's commitment to excellence in proactive, client-focused legal endeavors," says **Rudy Aguilar**, McGlinchey Stafford's Managing Member. "We're proud to promote our colleagues to Membership in the firm."

Grand focuses her practice on education, consumer finance, and commercial litigation. She has presented extensively on education laws effecting charter schools in Louisiana. She was named to the *Louisiana Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" list for Business Litigation in 2018, and she was selected to the Baton Rouge Area Chamber Leadership Class of 2018. She volunteers with various community organizations and currently serves on the Board of Directors for THRIVE Foundation in Baton Rouge. She earned a J.D. and D.C.L. from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 2009, and she graduated *cum laude* with a B. A. from Louisiana State University in 2005.

Manning works with the commercial litigation, consumer financial services, and the creditors' rights practice groups, focusing on complex bankruptcy and mortgage matters. He also has appellate experience, as the principal drafter of briefs submitted to the Fifth Circuit that resulted in published opinions. He was named to *Texas Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" list for Business Litigation in 2017 and 2018. He holds a J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law where he graduated in 2009, and he earned a B.A. from the University of Houston in 2006.

Petree defends clients in general and commercial litigation matters, focusing on casualty litigation, toxic torts, contractual disputes, products liability, and insurance related matters. She is currently representing a large inspection and testing company in a complex commercial class action and in numerous general casualty matters. She volunteers with St. Aloysius Catholic Church and School and serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. Petree graduated *cum laude* from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law when she earned her J.D. in 2007, and was also a *cum laude* graduate from Louisiana State University with a B.A. in 2004.

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