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### ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

Louisiana Bar #34910— Admitted on April 25, 2013.

United States District Courts for Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana.

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**CROUCH LAW, LLC**, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Attorney/ Notary/ Owner

**January 2014-Present**

- Represent individual clients and diverse businesses in a wide range of legal matters including but not limited to: criminal defense, divorce, child custody, personal injury, successions, estate planning, and business formation.
- Case management and development skills include: initial client interviews, researching potential claims, developing case strategy, and advising clients on likely outcomes.
- Discovery experience includes taking fact witness depositions, propounding and responding to interrogatories and requests for production of documents.

#### Notable Accomplishments

- In April 2019, *State of Louisiana v. John Gilmore*; Lead counsel, 20<sup>th</sup> JDC in East Feliciana Parish. Won Motion to Quash the Indictment on two counts of molestation of a juvenile.
- In February 2019, settled a motor vehicle accident case for \$66,000 during mediation.
- In August 2018, *Theodore v. Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans*; Sole Counsel, Civil Service Commission of the City of New Orleans. Client was one of approximately twenty S&WB employees who were terminated and criminally prosecuted for theft and malfeasance in office based upon allegedly misappropriating and re-selling used brass and copper that they removed from the ground in the course and scope of their employment. I successfully represented client in criminal and civil cases, resulting in the DA dismissing all criminal charges and reinstatement of employment with backpay to the S&WB. Client is the only S&WB of his cohort who won his civil service appeal and was reinstated. See article-- Kevin Litten, [Sewerage & Water Board worker fired for brass theft must be rehired, Civil Service rules](https://www.nola.com/politics/2018/08/swb_theft_brass_employment.html), Nola.com, Posted August 13, 2018 [https://www.nola.com/politics/2018/08/swb\\_theft\\_brass\\_employment.html](https://www.nola.com/politics/2018/08/swb_theft_brass_employment.html)
- Successfully litigated *State v. Julien*, 2017-0557 (La. 10/18/17), 234 So. 3d 21, before the Louisiana Supreme Court, which narrowly interpreted La. C. Cr. P. art. 894 to permit warrantless searches of probationers' homes to those conducted by one specifically assigned probation officer. Co-wrote brief and argued the case at the Louisiana Supreme Court.

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- In 2017, East Baton Rouge Family Court; Sole Counsel. Won Motion for *Ex Parte* Temporary Custody pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 3945 and obtained Civil Warrant to retrieve child from Texas, reuniting him with my client (his mother) after he was illegally relocated by his paternal grandmother from Louisiana to Texas.

**THOMPSON CONSUMER LAW GROUP**, Phoenix, Arizona **October 2016-Present**  
Of Counsel

- Represent clients in federal courts and in arbitration proceedings for violations of federal and state consumer protection laws.

**JULIE TIZZARD, ATTORNEY AT LAW**, New Orleans, Louisiana **May 2014-December 2015**  
Associate Attorney

- Conducted legal research and wrote memoranda, supervisory writ applications, and post-conviction relief applications for criminal defendants in state court proceedings.

**Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office**, Gretna, Louisiana **June 2011-December 2013**  
Law Clerk

- Produced and managed special projects such as establishing formal procedures for purging inactive misdemeanor cases and writing and editing an internal reference manual of closed homicide cases to assist with future plea negotiations, media inquiries, and performance reviews.
- Screened misdemeanor cases to determine whether police had probable cause for arrests and recommend whether charges should be accepted, refused or amended.
- Edited and updated internal reference manual for prosecution of DWI cases.
- Researched and wrote responses to Post-Conviction Relief Applications and direct appeals.

**New Orleans Independent Police Monitor**, New Orleans, Louisiana **June 2010-May 2011**  
Law Clerk

- Advised New Orleans Police Department by drafting Search and Seizure Policies compliant with latest developments in Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence.
- Interviewed citizens reporting incidents of police misconduct.
- Reviewed criminal and administrative investigations of police officers to insure they are handled fairly, timely, and thoroughly.

**EDUCATION**

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE OF LAW**, J.D. in Civil Law **August 2011**  
Honors: Academic Scholarship Recipient; Graduated with 3.0 GPA

**TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW/ HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN** **August 2011**  
Certificate of Advanced Study and Training in Mediation and Dispute Resolution

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**, B.A. in Political Science & Women's & Gender Studies **May 2008**  
Honors: *magna cum laude*, Director's Scholarship for Humanities in London Program, 2007.