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Etienne cares about his clients' business, not just their litigation. Having spent time on the West Coast brokering commercial real estate transactions and with a growth engine start-up company, he approaches his legal practice with a keen business perspective, understanding the livelihood behind companies' management. To Etienne, a client's business is personal, and if he hasn't made his clients business better after working together, then he hasn't done his job. When working with cases, he is always focused on getting the best outcome for his clients as creatively and quickly as possible. He believes every day is another opportunity to grow and be better personally and professionally, which is what drives him to offer excellent service to his clients. Ultimately, his philosophy is simple: stay positive, expect big things, be excellent, and, most importantly, do all these things in the best interest of the client.

## Education

- Louisiana State University, B.A., Political Science
- Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, J.D., Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law (D.C.L.)

## Bar Admissions

- Louisiana, 2016
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, & Western Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

## Publications

- “A Colossal Bird’s Nest: The Backlash Surrounding the Management of the Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Fishery”, Volume IV, Spring Issue II (Spring 2016) of LSU Journal of Energy Law and Resources

## Law School Honors & Awards

- CALI Award for Excellence: Federal Civil Procedure I
- LSU Journal of Energy Law and Resources, Senior Articles Editor (2015-2016), Volume IV; Junior Associate (2014-2015), Volume III
- LSU Law Center Moot Court Board
- ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition External Moot Court Team
- Student Bar Association: 1L Class President, 2L Class President

## Previous Experience

- Over the course of his law career, Etienne has practiced as a toxic tort defense litigation attorney for a Fortune 10 oil company along with other contractor and product defendants.
- Mr. René has worked as a title attorney and licensed title insurance producer for residential and commercial real estate transactions, and previously served as a commercial real estate broker in the San Francisco Bay Area while simultaneously serving as a Growth Executive for an artificial intelligence growth engine startup company.
- While in law school, Mr. René interned with The Honorable Jay C. Zainey, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and externed with The Honorable James Brady, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

## Practice Areas

- Asbestos
- Litigation
- Toxic Tort