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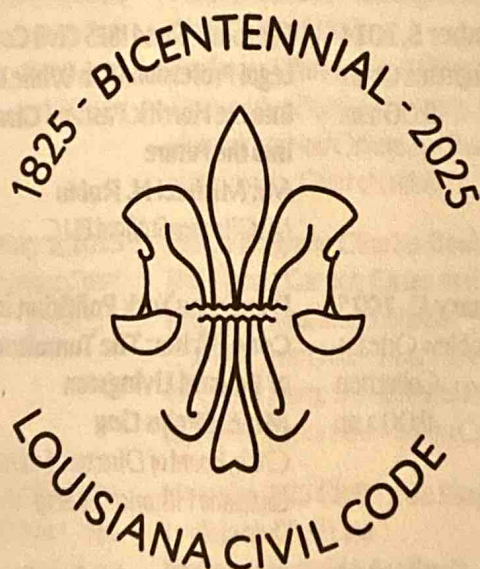
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Professor Olivier Moréteau

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Distinguished Professorship, Assistant Dean & Director of
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**Legal Professionalism While Looking Backwards
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Mr. Michael H. Rubin

McGlinchey Stafford PLLC

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**From New York Politician to Louisiana
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Mr. E. Phelps Gay

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Judge Brady D. O'Callaghan

First Judicial District Court

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University of Louisiana Monroe
5:00 p.m.

Moreau Lislet & the Birth of the Civil Code
Justice Jay B. McCallum
Louisiana Supreme Court

March 20-21, 2025

Louisiana State University
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Paul M. Hebert Law Center
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A Bicentennial Approach to an Exegetical School of Private Law in Louisiana
Professor Agustín Parise
Associate Professor of Law, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- March 27, 2025**
Loyola University New Orleans
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The Role of Unwritten Laws in the 1825 Civil Code of Louisiana in Perspective: From the Past to the Present
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Professor of Legal History, University of Valencia, Spain
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Distinguished Professor of History, Emeritus, University of New Orleans and Bicentennial Historian of the Supreme Court of Louisiana
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INTRODUCTION TO THE SPECIAL ISSUE: THE SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S COMMEMORATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE 1825 LOUISIANA CIVIL CODE

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society, we express our deep gratitude to the editors of *Loyola Law Review* for agreeing to edit and publish the papers written and speeches delivered by a diverse group of scholars, jurists, lawyers, and historians commemorating the Bicentennial of the 1825 Louisiana Civil Code.

The Historical Society's mission is to preserve and promote the history of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, including its influence on the development of civil law; to research, publish, and create items and materials of historical interest; and to make the results of this research available for educational purposes. This publication of our "commemorative efforts" from October 2024 to June 2025 represents a significant milestone in the fulfillment of our mission.

Henry Ford once said, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." With this project, everyone moved together—from the Justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court who gave us their unwavering support to the members of our Steering Committee who organized our events; and from the talented staff at the Law Library of Louisiana who created informative educational exhibits for display at each venue to the Co-Chairs of our Closing Gala who orchestrated our final event on June 20, 2025, at the National World War II Museum. Special thanks also go to the Louisiana State Legislature and Governor who provided financial support to defray our expenses in traveling around the state to tell the story of how the "enduring" Louisiana Civil Code of 1825 came to be adopted.

Of course, for the stories told in these pages, we are primarily indebted to the jurists, scholars, historians, and attorneys who researched, wrote, and delivered them to audiences around the

state. I trust you will agree they have made a significant contribution to our knowledge and understanding of Louisiana history and law.

E. Phelps Gay, Board Chair, Supreme Court of Louisiana
Historical Society

Alan G. Brackett, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee to
Commemorate the Bicentennial of the 1825 Louisiana Civil
Code

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