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### **LAWYER SPOTLIGHT**

Jasmine Bertrand was born in St. Martinville, Louisiana. She was raised in Loreauville, Louisiana, between St. Martin and Iberia Parishes. She graduated from Catholic High School, New Iberia, in 1995. After high school graduation, Jasmine attended University of Louisiana at Lafayette majoring in English and graduating in 1999. She then attended Tulane Law School, earning her law degree in 2005.

The best advice that Jasmine can give is that sometimes the most seemingly complex of issues has a simple resolution, but that other times the reverse is true. Collaboration can therefore be the best tool to most efficiently solve a problem, especially in the area of oil and gas title and transactional work. The lawyers strive to work as a team to get the job done as effectively as possible.



Jasmine has studied ballet her entire life and continues to teach and dance with a local studio and company in Lafayette. She recently put on her point shoes yet again to perform with her daughter in her daughter's ballet debut. She can't wait until her daughter is old enough to fly with her to New York so she can take her to the Met for an American Ballet Theatre performance. Jasmine thinks that her early love of this beautiful art form, which requires so much discipline, perseverance, and self-motivation, played a large part in her becoming a lawyer, which requires very similar qualities.

Jasmine's main area of practice is oil and gas law. Jasmine has recently diversified her practice to focus on providing legal services to the elderly and those with special needs. As the aging population in our community increases, obtaining quality advice and

assistance to navigate the legal system for the care of an elderly family member or for one's own care has become an important need for many. Jasmine's goal is to work with her clients to assist them with the myriad issues that surround aging, in order to help loved ones retain independence, and maintain their quality of life and financial security without becoming a burden on their family members. She hopes that her clients can obtain the peace of mind that advanced planning can bring. Jasmine understands that an elder law practice is not just about obtaining certain legal documents. It is a holistic, individual-centered practice which helps families better respond to the challenges faced by an elderly loved one and helps the individual maintain dignity and control over their lives.