



L to R First Row: James S. Holliday, Jr., Dale R. Baringer, Michael T. Perry; Second Row: Aaron D. Long and Benjamin J.B. Klein; Third Row: David O. Mooney, Douglas A. Arabie and James R. Bullman; Fourth Row: Eileen Wolboldt, Mary Jordan, Elisabeth Baringer and Pam Wiedenfeld.

MERGER CREATES LAW FIRM WITH RIGHT BLEND OF EXPERTISE, EXPERIENCE AND YOUTH

SINCE ITS FOUNDING in 1981, The Baringer Law Firm has steadily built its reputation as a full-service law firm handling a broad spectrum of legal matters for individuals and businesses of all sizes, with a major focus on mergers and acquisitions, construction law, tax law, business disputes, business organizations, real estate law, bankruptcy and complex litigation.

Firm manager Dale Baringer has practiced law for 35 years and is certified by the Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in the field of tax law. He obtained his undergraduate degree in accounting and his J.D. from LSU Law, and his L.L.M. in Taxation from Georgetown Law School. He carries an AV peer-reviewed rating from Martindale Hubbel, and has been selected by his peers for listing in the *Super Lawyers* publication, in the field of tax law, and in *The Best Lawyers in America* publication, in the fields of creditor debtor rights/insolvency and reorganization law and commercial litigation. He is currently serving in his second two-year term as president of the Dean Henry George McMahon American Inn of Court, an organization dedicated to the enhancement of professionalism, ethics and expertise in the practice of law among trial lawyers. Baringer's commitment to excellence in his profession is evident in his well over 100 legal seminar lectures presented to his colleagues at the bar.

"We are a small firm, but we can handle matters from the most sophisticated

business litigation or transaction to the routine transactions a small business runs into regularly," says Baringer.

On the heels of a relocation and expansion in 2012, The Baringer Law Firm merged with the Law Offices of James S. Holliday Jr., APLC. Holliday was looking to consolidate his practice with a firm that had a similar style.

"Baringer was one of a few firms that I would even consider joining, because our practice were so compatible. I was looking for a merger partner to provide continuity of quality legal services to my clients when the time comes for my retirement," says Holliday. "It's an incredible match, like two finely honed pieces of wood or metal that just fit together. We both have our own distinct styles, but they match up so well."

Holliday brings 50 years of experience to The Baringer Law Firm, and his practices emphasizes business and construction litigation, an area in which Baringer also has extensive experience. A pioneer in the field of construction law, Holliday was one of the first attorneys to offer continuing legal educational seminars on the topic. Holliday was also one of the founding members of the McMahon Inn of Court.

Holliday is also a noted co-author of two books from the Thompson-Reuters' Louisiana Practice Series: *Louisiana Corporations* and *Louisiana Construction Law*, published annually. In fact, one of the many benefits of the merger has been the assurance of continuity for Holliday's books, as Dale Baringer has

become a co-author of these works.

The Baringer Law Firm's statewide influence continues to attract major new clients into the fold, such as Jones Masonry Contractors Inc., Walbridge Aldinger Co., a construction company based in Chicago, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Jay Dardenne. These additions join a diverse portfolio of clients that includes Guaranty Broadcasting Co., Guaranty Income Life Insurance Co., Crompton International LLC, Kleinpeter Farms Dairy, Builders Center Real Estate Company LLC, Muriel Land Corp. and many others.

The expansion brought on two new associates: James R. Bullman, a graduate of Southern University, where he was a member of the Law Review, and Douglas A. Arabie, a graduate of the LSU Law Center, who recently was awarded his dual J.D./C.L.-MBA degree from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center and the E.J. Ourso College of Business at LSU.

In addition, Michael T. Perry has joined The Baringer Law Firm in an Of Counsel relationship as of Jan. 1. Perry

brings to the firm 35 years of experience since his graduation, magna cum laude, from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

These new attorneys will join The Baringer Law Firm's robust staff of experienced lawyers, including Aaron D. Long, Benjamin J.B. Klein and David O. Mooney (Of Counsel).

According to Holliday, one of the many rewards of working with the new recruits is the opportunity for mentorship, and he sees a bright future for The Baringer Law Firm.

"I really want to mentor young lawyers, and I enjoy that," says Holliday. "The merger has created a firm with experience, along with younger lawyers with youth and energy. Within a few years they'll be able to step right into our shoes."

In January, Holliday was recognized by the Louisiana State Bar Association at a special ceremony in New Orleans, and by the Baton Rouge Bar Association at its annual Opening of the Court ceremony, for achieving 50 years in the practice of law. The State Bar of Texas will also honor Holliday for his 50-year membership in the Texas bar with a special ceremony in June. The Baringer Law Firm congratulates Jimmy for this major milestone in a distinguished career! ■

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