

Latisha Nixon-Jones

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EDUCATION

Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Juris Doctorate, May 2011

Honors: Cali Award – Criminal Law

Dean's Scholarship

Thurgood Marshall Fellow

Cum Laude – Ranked 11 out of 147

Activities: Managing Editor – *Southern University Law Review*

Contracts, Teaching Assistant

Property, Teaching Assistant

American Inns of Court

Council on Legal Education Opportunity Liaison

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Bachelors of Science in Management and Finance, 2005

Honors: TOPS Scholarship Recipient

Tulane Legislative Scholarship Recipient

Tulane Merit Based Scholarship

Activities: Founding VP of External Affairs for Kappa Alpha Psi Business Fraternity

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

Associate Professor of Law - Fall 2025 - present

Courses:

Lawyering Process I and II

Intro to Environmental and Disaster Law

Jacksonville University College of Law, Jacksonville, FL

Associate Professor of Law - Fall 2023 - Spring 2025

Courses:

Advanced Legal Writing: Intro to Environmental Law

Sports Law

Commercial Law

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Mercer University School of Law, Macon, GA

Assistant Professor of Law - Fall 2021 - Spring 2023

Courses: Torts I

Advanced Torts Seminar

Intro to Environmental Law: Disaster Law Seminar (designed course)

Legal Writing I and Legal Writing II

University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, OR

Visiting Assistant Professor – Fall 2019 to Spring 2021

Courses: Legal Research and Writing I and II
Intro to Environmental Law
Disaster Law Seminar (designed course for in-person and online)

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL

Visiting Professor of Law – Spring 2019

Courses: Legal Writing (persuasive writing/trial briefs)
Disaster and Economic Development (designed course)

Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Assistant Professor of Clinical Law / Equal Justice Works Fellow – January 2017 to June 2019

Adjunct Legal Analysis and Writing Professor – August 2015 to June 2019

Courses: Legal Writing (Full Year);
Disaster Clinic;
Legal Research;
Lawyering Process;
Special Problems in Business Law;
Pre-Law (Summer course for entering JD students)

FELLOWSHIPS

Taproot Earth – New Orleans, LA

Just Transition Lawyering Fellow November 2023 - Present

Selected for a competitive fellowship aimed at advancing just transition initiatives within the legal field. Focused on providing legal support and advocacy for communities transitioning from fossil fuel dependency to sustainable, equitable energy systems. Engaged in research, policy drafting, and community outreach to ensure legal services are accessible, comprehensive, and responsive to the needs of impacted populations. Actively participated in conferences, workshops, and collaborative projects to promote environmental justice and sustainable development.– Jacksonville, FL

Equal Justice Works – Baton Rouge, LA

Disaster Law Fellow 2016 -2017

This is a competitive fellowship for law fellows and students from diverse locations nationally. The program is geared to mobilize fellows to disaster impacted areas to provide free civil legal aid to ensure vital legal services are “accessible comprehensive, and responsive.

Law & Economics Center, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University – Arlington, VA

34TH Economics Institute for Law Professors Fellow – Summer 2019 (Deferred)

This is a competitive fellowship for law professors from diverse locations internationally. The program is geared to help fellows enhance their understanding of economics and broaden their analytical tools to create and foster courses at their academic institutions.

Louisiana State Bar Association – Baton Rouge, LA

LIFT Fellow, 2015 – 2017

LN Jones Law Firm was selected through a competitive process to become a LIFT Fellowship Program. The LIFT program is designed to support new lawyers in developing cutting-edge practices, sustaining profitable careers and serving the public interest through excellent legal services. LN Jones Law Firm participated as a model using high profits areas such as personal injury to balance offering lo-bono or sliding scale services for small and micro businesses.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LN Jones Law Firm, LLC.

Attorney and Owner, 2013 – present

Owned law firm specializing in personal injury, disaster law, and Social Security.
Served as a SCORE Small Business Mentor and Trainer.

Louisiana Workforce Commission – Baton Rouge, LA
Executive Management Officer, 2012 – 2013

Served as a special assistant and advisor to the Director of Unemployment Insurance. Improved performance across multiple departments. Developed new initiatives and benchmarks corresponding to current performance metrics. Served as a subject matter expert and best practices leader in many critical areas. Drafted legislation and promulgated rules for federal conformity. Audited financial budget of 39 million dollars per year.

Affirmative Insurance D.B.A. USAgencies – Baton Rouge, LA
Claims Manager, 2005 – 2008

Oversaw the daily operations for Louisiana and Alabama total loss units. Increased annual total loss recovery by two million dollars per year. Implemented and created performance metrics. Audited salvage vendors quarterly for performance and fraud compliance. Testified and answered responses to litigation, arbitration, and Department of Insurance requests.

Other Experience

LaBorde and Neuner – Lafayette, LA Summer Associate, Summer 2010

McGlinchey Stafford – Baton Rouge, LA Summer Associate, Summer 2010

Taylor Porter – Baton Rouge, LA Summer Associate, Summer 2009

Kean Miller – Baton Rouge, LA Summer Associate, Summer 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Building Resilience: The Role of Public Private Partnerships in Disaster Management for Vulnerable Communities (Published in the Jacksonville University Law Review Volume 1, Issue 1 Spring 2025)

This article provides a compelling historical analysis of the legislative development that have shaped the current framework of disaster management in the United States. By tracing the evolution of these laws, it highlights a crucial shift in the disaster responsibility-from centralized government agencies to a shared burden with the communities they aim to protect.

How Florida's Home Insurance Market Became so Dysfunctional, So Fast (Published in The Conversation – March 7, 2024)

This article explores the rapid deterioration of Florida's home insurance market, analyzing the key factors that contributed to its dysfunction. It examines regulatory changes, market dynamics, and external pressures that have led to significant challenges for homeowners. The research highlights the implications of these issues on property owners and suggests potential reforms to stabilize and improve the market.

How to Get Federal Disaster Aid: FEMA is Running Out of Money, but These Strategies Can Help Survivors of Hurricane Idalia and the Maui Fires Get Aid Faster (Published in The Conversation – September 1, 2023)

This article provides practical strategies for survivors of Hurricane Idalia and the Maui Fires to expedite their access to federal disaster aid amidst FEMA's funding shortages. It outlines the steps individuals can take to navigate the aid application process more efficiently and offers insights into overcoming common obstacles. The research aims to empower disaster survivors with the information needed to secure vital assistance promptly.

Forging Public/Private Partnerships for Equitable Disaster Recovery: A Critical Analysis of Non-Profits, NGOs, and FEMA Collaboration (Accepted for Publication – Jacksonville University College of Law) Slated for Publication Fall 2024

This article researches the benefits and equitable recovery funding of creating public/private partnerships to aid in disaster recovery. It reflects on the disaster recovery scheme used to facilitate recovery after the 2016 flood.

Redlining; Exploring the glass ceiling on small business lending to minorities and women,
(Work in Progress – Forthcoming Summer 2024)

This article researches the lending data for women and minorities small and micro-business owners. It uses the social construct of redlining by banks as the new construct to minimize generational wealth.

Whole Community Approach; Defining the equitable recovery efforts to vulnerable communities,

(Work in Progress, Accepted for Workshop at Writing as a Resistance hosted by UNLV)

This article explored FEMA's Whole Community Approach to communities as a whole and how the inequitable distribution of funds impacts land use and resiliency in low-income communities.

Beyond Recovery, Reimagining the Legal Academy's Role in Disaster Response and Preparedness (Accepted for Publication - Cleveland State Law Review Spring 2023)

This article discusses the need to create a consistent disaster legal curriculum. As disasters continue to increase in size and frequency, more attorneys and advocates are needed to protect the needs of vulnerable populations. The article proposes using the correct National Incident Management system as a framework to create a disaster pipeline.

The Tools for Entry to the Legal Academy, Perspectives, University of Oregon Volume 2 Issue 3 (Spring 2022) (peer edited).

This essay discusses the four major tools needed to navigate the legal academy market from a recent job candidate. It gives the reader concrete tools and steps to navigate the market from the summer prior to going on the market until they receive a job offer.

Growth and Mindset for a Generation as A Profession, Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, Volume 23 (Spring 2019) (peer edited).

This essay discusses the importance of using rubrics and assessments to provide feedback that will provide opportunities for growth for Generation Z. The essay reflects on certain tools learned from presenters at the 2018 LWI Biennial Conference. It concludes with tangible tools professors can implement to enhance their assessments.

Striving for Success as a Lawyer Mom, Baton Rouge Bar Journal, Accepted for Publication

This article explains the growing trend for mothers in the legal profession to withdraw from the profession, start their own practice, or request accommodation from their current employer. It also explores the top trending responses from the industry such as flexible work schedule, reduced billable hours, on-site daycares, and remote work arrangements.

Through Rain, Sleet, or Snow; Creating a Disaster Response Legal Pipeline, Loyola Law School Lawlapoolza, Accepted for Workshop (February 2018)

This paper looks at the current state of disaster law and the response to recent disasters. The article studies the current issues with responding to a disaster with a coordinated approach from law schools and legal service corporations. The article also includes recommendations for changes to future disaster responses.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, GA

Panelist July 2025 - New Scholars

Moderator - Aspiring Law Professors

116TH NAACP National Convention

Keynote Speaker, July 14, 2025

Centering Communities of Color After a Disaster

The Indicator, Planet Money NPR

Expert, April 17, 2024

Profiting off greater risk: the reinsurance game

CBS News, Austin

Expert, April 2024

FAFSA Woes could Shrink Incoming College Freshman Class

Across Ten Podcast

Speaker, October 2023

Retaining Florida's Insurability has National Implications

Federal Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, Emmitsburg, MD

Speaker, June 2023

Five Disaster Post Legal Issues

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL

Panelist July 2023 – Finding your way into the Academy

Panelist - Next Article

Moderator - Aspiring Law Professors

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Destin, FL

Panelist July 2022 - New Scholars

Panelist - Next Article

Moderator - Aspiring Law Professors

Federal Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, Emmitsburg, MD

Speaker, June 2022

Five Disaster Post Legal Issues

LWI One Day Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Speaker December 2021: *Navigating the Job Market*

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Discussion Group Participant, August 2018

The Helicopter Effect: Connecting with Students and Society

112TH AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA

Presenter and Co-Panelist, Winter 2018

A Unique Approach to Access to Justice, Training Lawyers Ready to Serve

Equal Justice Works Leadership Development Weekend, Washington, D.C.

Co-presenter (invited), Fall 2017

Developing a Disaster Clinic and the Future of Disaster Law

7TH Annual Southern Clinical Conference, LSU Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA

Co-Presenter, Fall 2017

Creating Clinical Education Opportunities to Address Trending Community Needs

Louisiana Justice Community Conference, Baton Rouge, LA

Co-Presenter (keynote), Fall 2017

Creation and Updates on the Disaster Clinic and Disaster-Related Laws

Association of Legal Writing Directors 2017 Biennial Conference, University of Minnesota Law Center, Minneapolis, MN

Presenter and Co-Panelist, Summer 2017

Bridging the Age Gap through Project Based Learning – Media Presentation

Upper Level Course and the Use of Adjuncts – Panel Discussion

2017 Louisiana State Bar Association Summer School Conference, Destin, FL

Co-Presenter, Summer 2017

Effects of the 2016 Disasters and Related Disaster Law

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Bar Association Standing Committee on Disaster Preparedness, member since 2023

Board of Governors 2023 - 2026

Harvard University Disaster Recovery Advocacy Group

Member since 2023

Association of Legal Writing Directors, member since 2017

New Member Outreach Committee, 2018 – 2019

Legal Writing Institute, member since 2017

Diversity Committee, 2018 – 2020

Disaster Housing Recovery Coalition, member since 2018