

# KATHERINE MATTES

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

**TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, New Orleans, LA** 2002 to present

**Clinical Professor of Law**

**Faculty Chair of Clinics** 2021 to present

- Serving Tulane Law School's eight clinical programs in an administrative capacity.
- Representing the interests of the clinics and clinicians to internal and external constituencies.
- Fostering professional development and recognition of the clinics and clinicians.

**Director, Criminal Justice Clinic** 2007 to present

- Teach Criminal Advocacy Seminar
- Supervise third-year law students in the representation of criminal defendants in pre-trial, appellate, post-conviction and federal habeas litigation; engage in systemic advocacy through strategic planning, litigation, legislation, and community education.

**Co-director and co-founder, Women's Prison Project**, a collaboration between Tulane's Domestic Violence Clinic and Criminal Justice Clinic 2018 to present (fully launched 2020)

- Advocating on behalf of women whose incarceration relates to intimate partner abuse or sex trafficking through individual client representation, training and education for criminal justice professionals, legislative and policy advocacy.

**Director, Criminal Litigation Intersession- "Boot Camp"** 2015 to present

- Director of the criminal track for the Tulane Law School's annual Intersession program, which provides intensive skills training experience in pre-trial criminal litigation.

**Clinical Instructor, Criminal Clinic** 2002 to 2007

- Supervised third-year law students in their representation of indigent criminal defendants in trial, appellate and post-conviction litigation.

**TULANE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, New Orleans, LA** 2018 to present

**Adjunct Professor of the Practice, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.**

- Teach in the Forensic Didactic Core Curriculum Seminar Series, Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship.
- Direct the Mock Trial for the Forensic Psychiatry and the Forensic Psychology Fellowship.

**INNOCENCE PROJECT NEW ORLEANS, New Orleans, LA**

**Staff Attorney** 2001 - 2002

- Provided post-conviction legal representation to convicted defendants with claims of actual innocence.

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION OF LA**

**Assistant Special Counsel**

1996-1998

- Investigated and prosecuted allegations of judicial misconduct and disability in proceedings before the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana and the Louisiana Supreme Court.

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, San Diego, CA**

**Deputy Public Defender & Presiding Deputy Public Defender**

1991-1995

- Represented indigent defendants at all trial stages of their criminal cases.
- Supervised trial team of three lawyers and two law clerks.
- Served as liaison between judges, deputy marshals, court personnel and litigation team members, resolving conflicts, managing the calendar, setting court procedure.
- Trained attorneys and law clerks on various subjects relevant to a criminal law practice.

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AWARDS and GRANTS**

**Senator, Tulane University Senate**, elected to serve a three-year term as one of the Tulane Law School's three representative to the University Senate. 2022-present.

**Chairperson, and Louisiana State Senator Patrick Cortez' designee, Senate Committee Resolution 45, Survivor Informed Task Force**, created to study and report on recommendations to make the criminal legal system responsive to trauma survivors, particularly criminalized survivors of intimate partner violence. Final Report and Recommendations can be found at: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5fe0e9cce6e50722511b03cc/t/6205b3dad99c855aff36b447/1644540917259/2022.+Survivor+Informed+Task+Force+Final+Report.pdf>., 2021- 2022.

**Member, Criminal Justice Committee, Louisiana Bar Association**, 2020 to present.

**Excellence in a Public Interest Project**, Honorable Mention awarded to the Women's Prison Project by the Clinical Legal Education Association, 2019.

**Member, Louisiana Legislature House Committee Resolution 54 study group**, commissioned to study and report on the statutes governing competency to stand trial, 2018 -2019.

**New Orleans City Business "Leaders in Law" Honoree**, 2017.

**Drafter/advocate legislation, ACT 469**, providing parole eligibility to certain habitual offenders serving life without parole, Baton Rouge, LA 2016.

**Testified, Louisiana legislature** at the request of the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights on the implications of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Miller v. Alabama*, Baton Rouge, LA 2016 and 2017.

**New Orleans Police Department Superintendents Coin for Service of Distinction**, for service teaching in the NOPD academy, 2016.

**New Orleans Behavioral Health Council, Criminal Justice Workgroup**, 2015 to 2017.

**New Orleans City Business “Women of the Year” Award**, 2014.

**Testified, Texas legislature** at the request of Texas State Representative Abel Herrero on the implications of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Miller v. Alabama*, Austin, TX, 2013.

**Board of Directors, Capital Post-Conviction Project of Louisiana**, 2011 to 2019.

**U.S. Attorney’s Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Task Force**, 2011 to 2013.

**Member Advisory Board, Post-Conviction DNA Testing Project Advisory Board**, New Orleans, LA, 2009 to 2014.

**Consultant, amendments to Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure article 648**, regarding competency to stand trial, 2008.

**Criminal defense bar representative to ASPIRES** (*Accountability, Strategic Planning & Integration of Evidence Systems*), New Orleans, LA 2007 to 2013.

**Testified, Louisiana legislature** at the request of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys on criminal defendants found incompetent to stand trial, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

**Papers for Prisoners/ALLIES**, faculty coordinator of Tulane program designed to match volunteer law students with Louisiana inmates who need assistance locating legal documents, 2008 to 2019.

**Co-founder, Orleans Parish Forensic Mental Health Coalition**, later became the New Orleans Behavioral Health Council run by the New Orleans City Health Department, 2007- 2015.

**Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Project, Clinical Legal Education Association**, for the Katrina-Gideon Project, 2007.

## **SELECTED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS and TRAININGS**

**Louisiana State Bar Association, Criminal Justice Summit: Mental Health & the Criminal Justice System**, presenter: *Introduction to Competency and NGRI*, New Orleans, LA, 2022.

**The New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane, Fighting Time: A Conversation on Prison Reform**, moderated panel: Sister Helen Prejean, Dr. Amy Banks, and Isaac Knapper, LA, 2022.  
**Louisiana Criminal Defense Lawyers Association**, presenter: *Competency to Stand Trial*, 2021.

**The Criminal Justice Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Mental Health Association of Greater Baton Rouge Conference**, moderator, and presenter: *Legal Competency & COVID-19*, 2021.

**Tulane Forensic Psychiatry Conference**, presenter: *Kahler v. Kansas: Does the Constitution Require an Insanity Defense?* December 4, 2020.

**Near Eastern delegation of legal professionals through the U.S. State Department**, presenter: *Rule of law, the judiciary, and clinical education*, New Orleans, LA, 2021.

**American Bar Association**, panelist: *Lessons from Past Disasters: Criminal Justice Response to COVID-19*, April 9, 2020.

**American Psychology and Law Conference**, co-presenter: *Ethics in the Courtroom*, New Orleans, LA, March 4, 2020.

**National Book Foundation and Tulane Law School**, panelist: *Literature for Justice: The Gravity of Bearing Witness*, New Orleans, LA 2019.

**Federal Bar Association**, panelist: *Identifying & Addressing Domestic Violence in the Context of Federal Litigation*, New Orleans, LA 2019.

**Inns of Court**, co-presenter: *40 Years of Clinical Education at Tulane Law School*, New Orleans, LA, 2019.

**Saudi Arabian delegation of judges through the U.S. State Department**, presenter: *Clinical pedagogy and the Louisiana Criminal Justice System*, New Orleans, LA, 2019.

**Per(sister) Incarcerated Women of Louisiana**, panelist: *Mass Incarceration and the Law*, New Orleans, LA, 2019.

**LSU Law School, Criminal Justice Reform Symposium**, presenter: *Clinical Education/Pedagogy and the Impact on Criminal Justice Reform*, Baton Rouge, LA, 2019.

**Inns of Court**, co-presenter: *Tulane Law Clinics: teaching a new generation of problem-solving lawyers*, New Orleans, LA, 2019.

**Louisiana Board of Parole and Pardons**, co-presenter: Training on the unique issues and pathways to incarceration for domestic violence victims and victims of sex trafficking, Baton Rouge, LA 2018.

**Louisiana Judicial College Summer School**, co-presenter: *Miller/Montgomery -juvenile life in Louisiana*, Sandestin, FL, 2018.

**Louisiana State Bar Association Summer School**, presenter: *Competency to Stand Trial in Louisiana*, Sandestin, FL, 2018.

**Haitian delegation of judges through the U.S. State Department**, presenter: *Clinical pedagogy and the Louisiana Criminal Justice System*, New Orleans, LA, 2018.

**Disrupting Mass Incarceration: A Panel on Community Involvement**, panelist: Tulane Women in Law and Tulane Public Interest Law Foundation, New Orleans, LA 2018.

**Global Alliance for Justice Education**, presenter: *The benefits of interdisciplinary collaboration on legal pedagogy and the promotion of community social justice – a case study: Tulane University’s collaboration between criminal law clinic and the forensic psychiatry department*, University Tecnologico de Monterey, Puebla, Mexico. 2017.

**Southern Clinical Conference**. Co-presenter: *Teaching Social Justice Lawyering Through Multi-Dimensional, Client-Centered Advocacy*, LSU Law School, Baton Rouge. 2017.

**Louisiana Judicial College Fall Conference**, presenter: *Miller v. Alabama* and *Montgomery v. Louisiana*, New Orleans, LA, 2017.

**Podcast: Louisiana Judicial College on SCOTUS opinions Miller and Montgomery**. Available at: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2Fijmw\\_avtCWjA0N01HU3VISGc/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2Fijmw_avtCWjA0N01HU3VISGc/view) , 2017.

**John Legend’s Criminal Justice Roundtable**, at the invitation of musician John Legend, New Orleans, LA, 2017.

**National Episcopalian Prison Ministry Conference**, presenter: *Proclaiming Hope in the Age of Mass Incarceration, after Miller/Montgomery*, Baton Rouge, LA, 2017.

**NITA (National Institution of Trial Advocacy) Instructor, Navajo Nation Department of Justice program**, Gallup, New Mexico, 2017.

**Tulane Forensic Psychiatry Symposium**, co-presenter: *The Tortorici Shooting: Legal Ethics in Prosecuting Insanity Cases*, New Orleans, LA, 2016.

**Inmate-Counsel-Substitute Training Program**, designed and implemented legal training program taught by student-attorneys for “jail house lawyers” in the custody of the Louisiana Department of Corrections; annually 2015 to present.

**New Orleans Police Department Academy**, Train NOPD recruit classes: *Probable Cause and Reasonable Suspicion*, New Orleans, LA, 2014 to 2019.

**Ukrainian Delegation through the U.S. State Department**, presenter: *Clinical pedagogy and the Louisiana Criminal Justice System*, New Orleans, LA, 2015.

**Association of Women Attorneys**, co-presenter: *Women Who Kill Their Abusers*, New Orleans, LA, 2015.

**Supreme Court of the Dominican Republic**, co-presenter: *Neuroscience and Criminal Law*. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2015.

**Instituto Especializado de Estudios Superiores de Derecho Empresarial**, *The Bill of Rights: The Double Jeopardy Clause and Due Process*, presenter: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2015.

**African delegation through the U.S. State Department**, presenter: *Clinical pedagogy and the Louisiana Criminal Justice System*. New Orleans LA, 2014, 2016 and 2017.

**National Investigators Conference**, presenter: *Investigating and presenting an insanity defense and competency to proceed*. New Orleans, LA, 2014.

**International Conference - Transparency in Democratic Process as Seen From the Academy**, co-presenter: *Judicial Misconduct and Discipline*, Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2014.

**Louisiana Judicial College Summer School**, presenter: *Mental Illness in the Criminal Arena - Where Are We?* Sandestin, FL, 2013.

**Inns of Court**, presenter: *Criminal Justice and Mental Illness in New Orleans*, New Orleans, LA, 2012.

**U.S. District Court Eastern District of Louisiana**, at the invitation of Judge Mary Ann Lemmon, co-presenter: *Katrina and the Law*. New Orleans, LA 2012.

**Louisiana Judicial College Summer School**, presenter: *Competency to Stand Trial*. Sandestin FL, 2011.

**Louisiana Judicial College, Evidence & Procedure Seminar**, presenter: *Mental Health Issues in Criminal Cases: Atkins and other issues relating to Mental Illness, Mental Retardation and Competency to Proceed*, New Orleans LA, 2011.

**The International Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, presenter: *COMPLEX CLINICAL CLIENTS: Changing the Treatment of Criminal Defendants Who Are Incompetent to Stand Trial in Louisiana*. University of California, Los Angeles, CA, 2010.

**Louisiana Public Defender Training Institute.** Instructor, Baton Rouge, LA, 2010 and 2011.

**Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, CLE program,** presenter: *Insanity defense law and practice in Louisiana*, New Orleans, LA, 2012.

**Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, CLE program,** presenter: *Insanity defense law and practice in Louisiana Competency to stand trial – law and practice in Louisiana*, Alexandria, LA, 2011.

**National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists,** presenter: *Unique Considerations in Working with Domestic Violence Victims*, New Orleans, LA, 2009.

**Orleans Parish Public Defenders Office, Training/CLE program,** presenter: *Insanity defense law and practice in Louisiana*, New Orleans, LA 2009.

**Orleans Parish Public Defenders Office, Training/CLE program,** presenter: *Competency to stand trial – law and practice in Louisiana*, New Orleans, LA, annually, 2007 to 2012; 2016 to 2018.

**New Orleans Bar Association CLE Procrastinator’s Program,** panelist: *Civil Rights and Civil Liberties*, New Orleans, LA, 2008.

**Loyola Law School Guest Lecturer,** presenter: *Disparate Treatment of the Mentally Ill in the Criminal Justice Systems*, New Orleans, LA annually, 2008 to 2015.

**Orleans Parish District Attorney Candidate Forum on Domestic Violence and Mental Health Issues in the Criminal Justice System,** *co-moderator*, New Orleans, LA 2008.

**National Innocence Project Conference, ASPIRES panelist:** *Working across the usual divides*, New Orleans, LA, 2008.

**Tulane Forensic Psychiatry Department Fellow Didactic Lecture Series, *Bail through Jail: The criminal justice system in New Orleans*,** annually, 2007 to present.

**Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, CLE program,** presenter: *Competency to stand trial – law and practice in Louisiana*, New Orleans, LA, 2007.

**Tulane Law School Continuing Education Program,** presenter: *Competency to stand trial – law and practice in Louisiana*, New Orleans, LA 2006 and 2008.

**San Diego Office of Public Defender CLE program,** presenter: *The effects of Hurricane Katrina on the Louisiana legal system*, San Diego, CA, 2006.

**Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, CLE program**, presenter: *Katrina's Wake: Evidence issues and related defenses*, New Orleans, LA, 2006.

**ACLU/ Loyola University, CLE program**, presenter: *Reparations for Wrongful Convictions*, New Orleans, LA, 2001.

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES, COMMENTARY & CONSULTING**

**The Advocate**, *Justice delayed: New Orleans crime victims and families fact painful wait for trials amid pandemic*, by Jillian Kramer, March 4, 2022.

**The Advocate**, *Getaway driver serving 2 life terms alongside her abuser: Victim's son says justice served*, by Lea Skene, December 21, 2020.

**The Appeal**, *Louisiana Women Incarcerated for Defending Themselves Against Abusive Partners Seek Clemency Amid Covid-19 Pandemic*, by Jerry Lannelli, May 2020.

**Times Picayune/Advocate**, *New Tulane law clinic aims to aid incarcerated women who survived domestic violence*, by Matt Sledge, March 2020.

**Above the Law**, *Anonymous Law School Donor Gives Big Bucks For Women's Prison Project*, by Kathryn Rubino, February 2020.

**New York Times**, *A Relentless Jailhouse Lawyer Propels a Case to the Supreme Court*, by Adam Liptak. Republished in other news outlets, including **New York Times International** and **El Nuevo Diario** (Nicaragua), August 5, 2019.

**The Advocate**, *Sabine Parish judge rules Louisiana's split-jury law unconstitutional, citing Advocate research: impact unclear*, by Gordon Russel, October 18, 2018.

**The Advocate**, *Do Young Killers Deserve Chance at Parole? Baton Rouge Case Grapples with Question in Court*, by Katy Reckdahl, January 21, 2018.

**The Advocate**, *Appeals Court: Convicted murderer should get new trial at which he can testify*, by Matt Sledge, December 1, 2017.

**The Advocate**, *Judge orders aging spree shooter Carlos Poree transferred to less restrictive facility*, by Matt Sledge, October 31, 2017.

**The Advocate**, *A Chance at Parole for Louisiana Lifers who Have Changed Since Their Juvenile Crimes*, by Katy Reckdahl, June 2017.

**The Lens**, *Louis Gibson and 300 other juvenile lifers could get parole hearings if lawmakers agree on a bill*, by Katy Reckdahl, June 2017.



**The Advocate**, *Louisiana Lawmakers OK bill to Give Juvenile Lifers Parole Chance After 25 Years*, by Katy Reckdahl, June 9, 2017.

**WDSU Channel 6**, *WDSU Investigates: New Problems at NOPD Property and Evidence Room*, interview by Travers Mackel, October 12, 2017.

**WBOK 1230 AM radio, Grapevine**, panel on criminal justice in New Orleans, November 14, 2016.

**The Advocate**, *Appeals court weighs whether mass shooter can leave mental hospital*, by Dan Lawton, September 26, 2016.

**The Times Picayune**, *Experts talk liability after girl drowns in pool at vacant Metairie home*, by Michelle Hunter, May 2016.

**Whole Body Mental Health Radio**, *Criminal Justice and Mental Health*, interviewed by Dr. Jose Calderon, May 4, 2016.

**BBC World Service News Hour**, *Politics and Prisons in the Pelican State*, interviewed by Owen Bennett Jones, April 15, 2016.

**The Advocate**, *Undisclosed firing of NOPD detective at hearing of man's bid for new trial after 17 years in prison*, by John Simerman, March 12, 2016.

**Reuters**, *U.S. Justices expand ban on mandatory life sentences for juvenile killers*, by Lawrence Hurley Reprinted in news media throughout the world including Australia and England, January 25, 2016.

**The International Business Times**, *Juveniles Serving Life Sentences: Henry Montgomery Case Asks Can the US Supreme Court Retroactively Apply Decisions?* by Adam Lidgett, October 16, 2015.

**The Advocate**, *Dismissal fees levied by some Louisiana DA's offices rankle advocates for victims of domestic violence*, by John Simerman, September 7, 2015.

**BuzzFeed**, *Indefensible: The Story of New Orleans Public Defenders*, by Albert Samaha, August 13, 2015.

**Money.pl**, *Reforma System Penitencjarnego w USA, [Reform of the Penitentiary System in the USA]*, by Inga Czerny, Poland, August 26, 2015.

**The Times Picayune**, *Man accused of vandalizing Metairie abortion clinic signs booked with hate crime*, by Michelle Hunter, August 13, 2015.

**Houma Times**, *Killer Dad Judged Insane*, February 2014.

**FOX 8 News** and **WWLTV Channel 4**, stories reporting on U.S. Attorney General Holder's announcement that his office would not seek high sentences on low level drug offenders, August 12 and 19, 2013.

**The Texas Tribune**, *House Debates Sentencing for 17-Year Old Murderers*, by Brandi Grissom, June 21, 2013.

**The Time Picayune**, *Bobby Jindal Proposes Juvenile Justice System Changes, Early Release for Repeat Drug Offenders*, by Lauren McLaughy, February 2013.

**CHASING GIDEON: The Elusive Quest for Poor People's Justice**, consulted, quoted, in book by Karen Houppert, first appearing in *The Nation*, *Locked Up Without a Key in New Orleans*, 2012.

**The Thibodaux Daily Comet**, *Accused Killer's Mental State Still Unclear*, by Katie Urbaszewski, March 8, 2012.

**The Times Picayune**, *Tough Sentencing Laws Keep Louisiana's Prisons Full*, by Cindy Chang, May 16, 2012.

**The Thibodaux Daily Comet**, *Father tells doctors slain son wasn't real*, by Katie Urbaszewski, January 29, 2013.

**The Thibodaux Daily Comet**, *Accused Child-killer Allegedly Talked to a Wall as a Teenager*, by Katie Urbaszewski, February 1, 2013.

**American Civil Liberties Union**, consultant and video commentator *Broken Promises: 2 years after Katrina*, 2007.

**IN DEFENSE OF OUR AMERICA: The Fight for Civil Liberties in the Age of Terror**, consulted and quoted in book by Anthony Romero, Dina Temple-Raston, 2007.

**American Civil Liberties Union**, *Abandoned & Abused: Orleans Parish Prisoners in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina*, National Prison Project, 2006.

**The New York Times**, *In New Orleans, Rust in the Wheels of Justice*, by Christopher Drew, November 21, 2006.

**Le Monde**, *La Double Peine de Katrina*, by Corine Lesnes, August 2006.

**Democracy Now**, Post-Katrina criminal justice system, hosted by Amy Goodman, 2006.

**BBC and Lehrer News Hour**, pursuant to court order, lead and provided commentary for BBC and Lehrer News Hour film crews documenting and describing condition of Orleans Parish Criminal Court evidence room post-Katrina and prior to remediation. 2006.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**ENGAGING STUDENTS IN SYSTEMIC CHANGE: THE ROLE OF LOUISIANA LAW SCHOOL CLINICS IN THE STATE’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM MOVEMENT**, *80 La. L. Rev.* 63 (2019).

**THE TULANE CRIMINAL LAW CLINIC: AN EVOLUTION INTO A COMBINED INDIVIDUAL CLIENT AND ADVOCACY CLINIC**, *18 Clinical Law Review* 77 (2011).

*Representing Battered Defendants in Louisiana – A Criminal Defense Attorney’s Guide to Representing Victims of Domestic Violence*. (Update in progress, 2021).

*Competency to Stand Trial* (Chapter), LOUISIANA CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS GUIDE TO REPRESENTING DEFENDANTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, 2011. (Update in progress, 2021).

*Insanity Defense* (Chapter), LOUISIANA CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS GUIDE TO REPRESENTING DEFENDANTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, 2011. (Update in progress, 2021).

## **EDUCATION**

**University of San Diego School of Law J.D.**, *cum laude*, 1991

**University of California, Los Angeles B.A.**, with honors, 1987

## **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

**CALIFORNIA**, State Bar Member - Number 157160 (inactive status)

**LOUISIANA**, State Bar Member -Number 24726

**FEDERAL COURTS**, United States Supreme Court  
United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit  
United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana  
United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana

**American Bar Association**

**Louisiana State Bar Association**