

# THE BORGHARDT LAW FIRM

## NEWSLETTER



## Opening the Law Firm

The creation of this new entity is being done to better serve clients and meet their legal needs. While this new firm will be separate from the Law Offices of Steven J. Moore, both firms will work together and collaborate on cases.

The Borghardt Law Firm will be a full service law firm that provides legal assistance in multiple facets of your daily personal life and business affairs. The Borghardt Law Firm will provide services in areas including litigation, personal injury, civil rights, business creation, risk management, and family law with a special emphasis on criminal defense.

We are looking forward to serving the Baton Rouge community! Contact us today!

Franz. N Borghardt

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## WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW AND DO BEFORE MEETING WITH A LAWYER FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Most people dread meeting with lawyers. Like with going to visit the dentist, we only meet with lawyers when we absolutely have to because something is wrong. Sometimes terribly wrong. When facing these movements of stress, trauma, frustration, and fear, it is important to have a game plan and strategy as to what to ask a lawyer at the very first meeting. Before meeting with an attorney you should always do your homework and get as much information about the person you are considering hiring to help you handle something incredibly important —your case. This means researching their website, online reviews and presence, cases they have handled, and general word of mouth. Ask people you know if they have ever heard of or used this attorney you are thinking about visiting. Know as much as you can going in. Do they have a good reputation? Do they have information on their website? Do you know people that have used them before?

In meeting with your potential lawyer, bring any and all paper work with you that may be related to your case. If in doubt, bring it. Additionally, get a notebook to take notes about what you discuss and important information. Legal matters can be overwhelming and it is hard to remember every detail of everything you discuss or think about. Write things down! This includes questions. Also, get a folder where you can keep all of your documents safe and secure, both from loss and also from the elements of weather or a kitchen table spill.



## AREAS OF PRACTICE



**Criminal Defense**



**Litigation**



**Civil Cases**



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## WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD YOU ASK A LAWYER WHEN MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME?

1. What is your experience in handling cases or legal matters like this? (How many years have you been practicing? How many of these cases have you tried and what were their results?)
2. What are the possible outcomes of my case and what is your success rate? (Also, what is a good outcome in my case?)
3. What is the general process of the steps of my case?
4. Who will I talk with about my case and how should I expect to communicate? (Who is going to be doing the work on my case?)
5. Have you handled cases with the judge before? With this opposing lawyer?
6. What can I do to better my situation and case?
7. How long should I expect my case to last? (What is my time frame?)
8. What will my fees and expenses be?
9. Do you know any of the witnesses and do you have any conflicts of interest?
10. Where can I learn about you as an attorney?

If you decide to hire an attorney, you need to have asked and received answers to these questions. Most importantly, hire the attorney that you think you can trust. This is your life and your case, so make sure you make an informed decision.



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### Upcoming events:



August 3rd, 2017

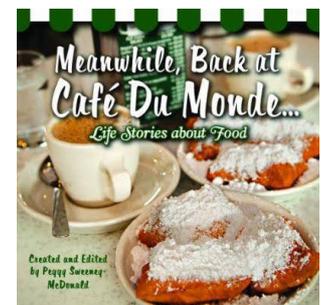
LACDL- Forensics Seminar

Topic: How do you talk to potential jurors about expert witnesses in criminal trials?



August 4th, 2017

Assembly Required: Innovators in Food- Host  
5 - 10 PM at Louisiana Culinary Institute



August 13, 2017

Meanwhile, Back at Cafe Du Monde  
6 PM at the Goodwood Library  
Speaking about my food story



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### Thirty for 30:

Borghardt Law Firm is a proud supporter of the arts. Franz Borghardt participated in the “Thirty for 30” fundraising initiative of Of Moving Colors Productions, a Baton Rouge performing arts charity organization. To celebrate Of Moving Colors Productions' three decades of dance, 30 members of the Baton Rouge community came together to show off their best moves and compete to win!

These amazing individuals range from celebrity chef to local business owners to some of the most talented dancers in Louisiana, and everything in between! Franz Borghardt was named top fundraiser and won the competition.

Here's a link to event fundraiser:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/thirty-for-30/fundraiser/franzborghardt>



### Hunks in Heels 2017

Franz Borghardt of the Borghardt Law Firm and Geaux Rouge has been selected as a 2017 Hunk in Heels. Hunks in Heels is a wonderful awareness event that shows sexual violence does not just affect women, it also affects the men who care about them, their families, their friends, their coworkers, and their communities. Sexual violence is an international epidemic and according to national statistics, every 2 minutes someone in America is sexually assaulted, and 1 in 5 American women are victims of rape in their lifetime. That means someone you know, someone you care about, has been or may become the victim of sexual violence. The selected “hunks” will help raise money and aware for the fundraising initiative and help support the SEXUAL TRAUMA AWARENESS AND RESPONSE CENTER.



Link to program: <https://www.crowdrise.com/HunksinHeels2017>

### Baton Rouge Area Chamber Leadership Program

Franz Borghardt has been accepted into the 2018 class of the Baton Rouge Area Leadership program. The program focuses on key areas of concern such as education, diversity, city and state government, health care and social concerns, economic development, the arts and culture, and law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

Nominees are accepted from public and private agencies, corporations, civic and other organizations, and individual nominators. A committee of leadership program alumni select class members on the basis of demonstrated leadership ability through career or community achievements, concern for the future of the Baton Rouge area and commitment to the program.



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**“The trouble with law is lawyers.” -  
Clarence Darrow**



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## A letter to the audience from Franz:

Maybe Clarence Darrow, perhaps one of the most historic trial attorneys and advocates for civil liberties, was onto something. Maybe the trouble with law is lawyers. We certainly don't have the best of reputations as a profession. And generally speaking, people would rather see the dentist than visit with a lawyer. Lawyers are often associated with something being terribly wrong. They are expensive. Some are thought of as arrogant, greedy, and cocky. Maybe the trouble with the law is lawyers.

Fortunately for me, I have never viewed myself as a lawyer. Sure, I practice law, but I have never viewed myself as a “lawyer.” I have always looked at my job as someone who invests in people. As Arthur Rock once said, “And what I'm interested in is investing in people.” Investing in people means helping them navigate through the worst situations facing their lives towards better ones.

Sometimes this means helping people be better versions of themselves. Sometimes this means helping remove obstacles, real or perceived, that prevent people from realizing their own potential. Sometimes investing in people means being the only one that listens. Investing in others sometimes just means being there for someone and helping share their story.

Maybe the law needs less lawyers and more investors in people. I believe investing in people makes a distinct difference in their lives, in my practice, and in the profession of law.

Franz N. Borghardt

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chance to win  
a Geaux Rouge  
hat!

**Fun Fact about Franz:**  
He is the owner of Geaux Rouge.



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