

## **JEFFREY K. COREIL ('02)**

Congratulations to Jeffery K. Coreil ('02) for receiving a Distinguished Achievement award from the LSU Law Center. Coreil was honored on Sunday, October 11, 2015 in Baton Rouge. He was 1 out of five that also received the Distinguished Achievement award.

Jeffrey K. Coreil, 2009 graduate of the LSU Law Center, served as president of the LSU Law student bar association and president of his class. He earned his B.S. in Business Administration from LSU. Coreil is a sixth-year associate at the NeunerPate law firm in Lafayette, Louisiana, where he devotes the majority of his practice to civil defense litigation, with a primary focus on admiralty and maritime, toxic torts and environmental litigation, and worker's compensation defense.

Coreil serves on the board of directors of the Lafayette Bar Association, Lafayette Bar Foundation, and Lafayette Young Lawyers. He is chairman of the Lafayette Bar Foundation's Lafayette Volunteer Lawyers program which administers pro bono legal services in the Acadiana area. He is also a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association's 2013-2014 Leadership Class, the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel Young Lawyers Committee, and the board of the Acadiana Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association.

In some six years, Coreil has contributed more than 450 hours of legal work to the impoverished and victimized citizens of Lafayette Parish. As chairman of the Lafayette Volunteer Lawyer (LVL) program, he spearheaded the Counsel on Call Program, which offers 15-minute conferences with volunteer attorneys for basic legal advice. As a member of the LVL Protective Order Panel, Coreil also assists victims of domestic violence with their petitions for Title 46 protective orders, and he also accepts pro bono civil cases and coordinates the efforts of volunteer attorneys to assist homeless individuals through H.E.L.P. for the Homeless.

In 2012, Coreil spearheaded the creation of the CLE Committee of the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association to provide quality, low cost CLE opportunities in professionalism and ethics to the region's young lawyers. In 2014, the Young Lawyer Division of the Louisiana State Bar Association recognized his efforts by awarding its Service to the Bar Award to the Lafayette Young Lawyers Association's CLE program. In 2014, Coreil was awarded the coveted American Inn of Court Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Service, which recognizes an American Inn of Court member in practice for ten or fewer years for excellence in public interest or pro bono activities. Coreil also received the 2013 Louisiana State Bar Association Crystal Gavel, the 2012 LSBA Pro Bono Publico Award, the 2012 Young Lawyers Division Pro Bono Award, the LSBA Pro Bono Century Award from 2011 to 2014, and multiple awards from the Lafayette Bar Association.

Since 2011, Coreil has returned to the Law Center to serve as guest speaker at the Louisiana State Bar Association's Professionalism Orientation, stressing the importance of professionalism and ethics to incoming law students. He is a member of the LSU Law Center's Chancellor's Council and has served as a firm leader for the Law Center's Annual Fund campaign. A native of Ville Platte, Louisiana, Jeffrey is married to Hallie P. Coreil ('11), also a practicing attorney in the Lafayette area. They have a two year old son, Jack Riley "Rye" Coreil.