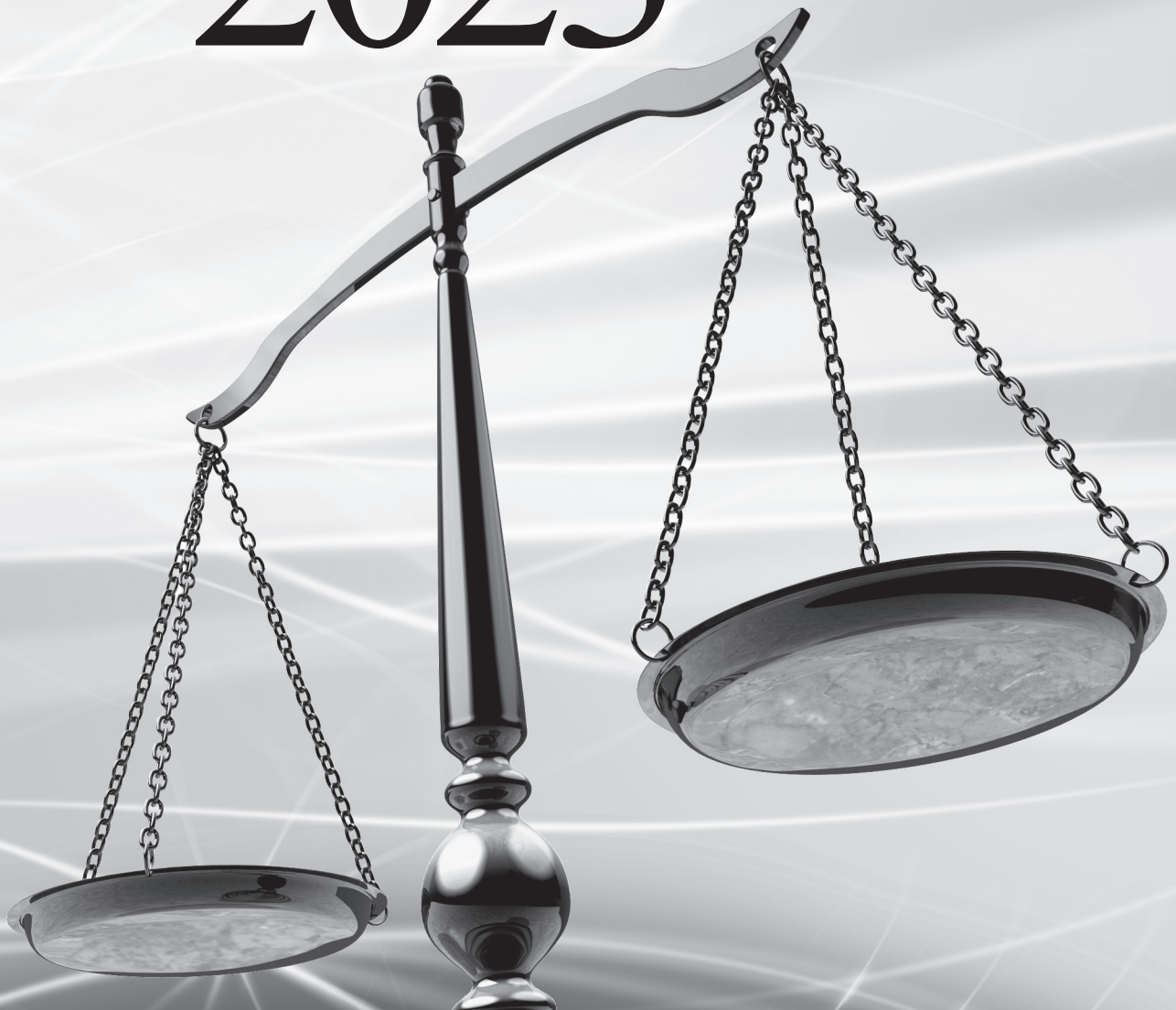


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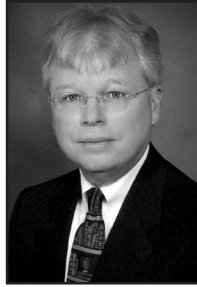
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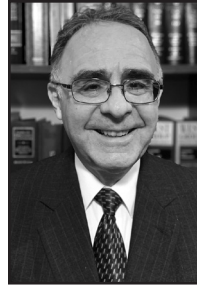
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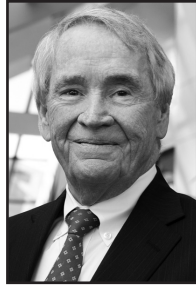
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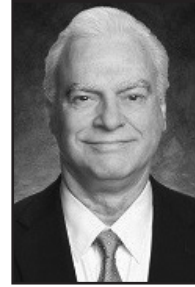
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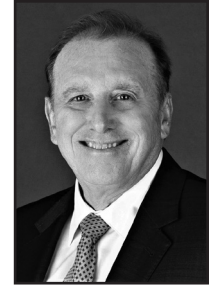
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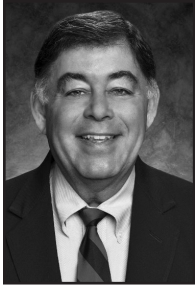
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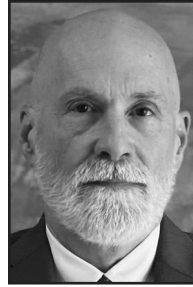
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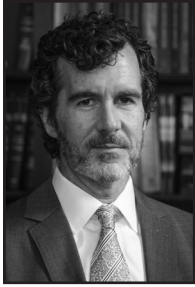
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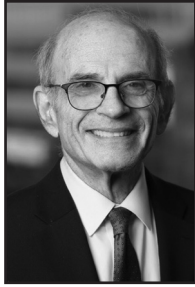
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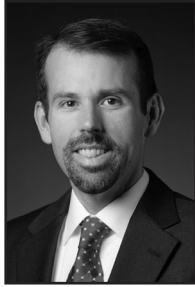
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Gary Zwain graduated from Rutgers University in 1975, *magna cum laude*, and received his JD from Tulane University School of Law in 1978. From 1978-87, he worked as an associate and, later, as a partner in a small defense firm in New Orleans, which included Larry Duplass as a senior partner. In 1987, Gary and Larry founded Duplass, Zwain, Bourgeois, Pfister, Weinstock & Bogart. Zwain's litigation experience spans 38 years and includes general casualty, automobile liability, maritime, construction defect litigation, toxic tort, mass tort, environmental law, oil and gas litigation, insurance coverage, extra contractual and bad faith litigation and class action/complex litigation. He ended his participation in litigation to serve as a mediator with **maps**. He is recognized as a Louisiana mediator after meeting the requirements of La. R.S. 9:4101, *et seq.* He is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts (Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana), the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.
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- ▶ **Civil Mediator Registry:** La. R.S. 9:4106.
- ▶ **Child Custody and Visitation Registry:** La. R.S. 9:334.
- ▶ **Juvenile Mediator Registry:** Louisiana Children's Code Art. 439.

The **Louisiana Mediator Registry Requirements** are located on the LSBA's website at:
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Also on the website are the three **Applications**, the current **Louisiana Mediator Registry** and several **ADR Training Providers**.

Interested parties may contact Registrar Christine A. Richard by email at crichard@lsba.org.



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