

Renee Simien Confirmed to Executive Committee

Renée Simien, Central Staff Director of the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Third Circuit., has been confirmed to the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks (NCACC).

Renée received her B.S. degree in General Studies with a Concentration in Social Sciences from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge in 1986 and her J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, and was licensed to practice law in Louisiana in 1991. Renée began her legal career as a Law Clerk for the judges of the Fourteenth Judicial District Court, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 1991-1992. From 1992-1996, she was the Law Clerk/Research Attorney to present Chief Judge Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Third Circuit. Renée worked, from 1996-1999, in private practice with a law firm concentrating in complex tort litigation. In 1999, she returned to the appellate court as a Criminal Staff Attorney. After two years as a Criminal Staff Attorney, Renée returned to work for Judge Thibodeaux as a research attorney until she was appointed to the position of the Administrative General Counsel for the Court, then promoted to the position of Assistant Director of Civil Staff. In March 2005, Renée was appointed by Conference of the Court to the position of Central Staff Director/Acting Clerk of Court (in absence of the Clerk of Court). Effective September 1, 2018, Renée will be the Clerk of Court of the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Third Circuit.

Renée is a member of the American, Louisiana, Southwest Louisiana and National Bar Associations; as well the Council of Appellate Staff Attorneys having served on its Executive Board as Membership Chair. She is also a member of the National Association for Court Management and the Louisiana Court Administrators Association. Additionally, Renée has been a member, since 2005, of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks where she presently serves on the Site Selection and Convention Assistance Committees.

Renée grew up in New York, New York, and is a black belt in Shotokan karate. She is married to Johnathan and is the mother of two children, a daughter, Jordan and a son, Kendall.

The National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks was established in 1973 with the objectives of improving the skills and knowledge of its members, promoting effective court administration, providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, and maintaining facilities for the dissemination of information concerning appellate court operations. Its membership is comprised of state, federal, and military appellate and Supreme Court clerks from the United States, District of Columbia, territories and possessions of the United States, and tribal appellate courts.