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GRIFFITH-BRAUD SELECTED AS JUNIOR HONORARY MEMBER OF LOUISIANA
STATE LAW INSTITUTE

(Baton Rouge, LA)

Monica Griffith-Braud, an attorney with Derren S. Johnson & Associates, APLC, has been selected as Junior Honorary member of Louisiana State Law Institute. As an honor graduate from the Southern University Law School, her one-year term begins January 1, 2011. "It is an honor to be nominated and selected to the Louisiana Law Institute and I am eager to serve to help accomplish the Institute's purposes," said Griffith-Braud.

According to the Louisiana Law Institute web site (<http://www.lsl.org>), the purposes of the Institute as declared by the Legislature are: "to promote and encourage the clarification and simplification of the law of Louisiana and its better adaptation to present social needs; to

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secure the better administration of justice and to carry on scholarly legal research and scientific legal work." The site further explains, "Louisiana State Law Institute is one of the very first organizations of its kind in this country. It is conceived in a spirit of cooperation, and is dedicated to public service. The By-Laws provide for 150 members, in addition to the Council, nominated by the Membership Committee, and elected by the Council. All judges of the District Courts and Courts of Appeal, all federal judges in Louisiana, and all Justices of the Supreme Court are associate members, as are all members of the Legislature who are lawyers."

The Louisiana Law Institute serves as an advisor to the legislature, provides research, recommends needed reforms and translates civil law materials. Further, the Louisiana State Law Institute "is likewise required to study the jurisprudence, along with the statutes, with a view to recommending needed reforms. It is a duty of the Institute to make available translations of civil law materials and commentaries and to provide by studies and doctrinal writings, materials for the better understanding of the civil law of Louisiana and the philosophy upon which it is based."

Griffith-Braud graduated *magna cum laude* from Southern University Law School in May, 2010.

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