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**Carl J. Barbier** currently serves as a senior judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans. Judge Barbier took the oath of office as an active district judge on October 12, 1998. As of January 1, 2023, he assumed senior status on the court.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge Barbier was a practicing attorney in New Orleans since 1971, primarily representing plaintiffs, consumers and small businesses in civil litigation. He earned his law degree with honors in 1970 from Loyola College of Law, where he was associate editor of the *Loyola Law Review*. He served as law clerk to Judge William Redmann, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, and to Judge Fred Cassibry, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.

Judge Barbier is a past president of the New Orleans Bar Association and formerly served as president of the Thomas More Inn of Court. He previously served for over twenty years on the Board of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Chapter. Judge Barbier is a past president of the Louisiana Association for Justice (formerly Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association), a past member of the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association, and a fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Judge Barbier has served on the board of the Loyola Law Alumni Association for the past twenty years. Judge Barbier has served as an adjunct faculty member for Loyola's law school,

teaching for several years a course in Trial Advocacy in his courtroom. More recently, he taught courses in Comparative Maritime Law for Loyola's summer law school programs. In addition, Judge Barbier has taught hundreds of legal educational programs, including skills courses at the law school.

In 2010, Judge Barbier was appointed to handle the multi-district litigation arising out of the BP-Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. It has been described as the largest accidental oil spill in history and the largest environmental multi-district litigation, ultimately involving hundreds of thousands of claims for damages by individuals and businesses, as well as federal, state and local governments.