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in the New Orleans office of leading  
to be made promptly to the public and  
in other areas of judicial discipline,  
and administrative law. She has  
of discipline, as well as, trial and  
of civil, criminal, constitutional, and  
by Missouri in 2014 after graduation  
of Missouri, Texas, in Florida, and  
and the Supreme Court of Missouri  
in 2014, a member of the Louisiana  
the Bar Association of Louisiana,  
the Bar Association of the United States,  
the American Bar Association, and  
the American College of Trial Lawyers.  
She is also a member of the Louisiana  
Judicial Institute and the Louisiana  
Judicial Conference.



**M. JADE AVANT**  
BIENVENU, BONNECAZE,  
FOCO & VIATOR, LLC  
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After graduating high school, Melissa "Jade" Avant was the first person  
in her family to attend college. Choosing LSU for undergraduate and law  
school. While in law school, Jade was a member of the LSU Law Review,  
graduating magna cum laude and Order of the Coif. During that period,  
she also served as LSU Public Interest Law Society's Committee Head for  
TDRS, a public charter boarding school for at-risk youth where Jade  
volunteered much of her time. After graduation, Jade joined the  
Bienvenu, Bonnecaze, Foco & Viator firm, where her achievements have  
continued to flourish. Most recently, she was the lead author of a writ to  
the Louisiana Fourth Circuit, the grant of which reinstated a defense verdict  
in a single employer, mesothelioma lawsuit, going on to successfully  
reverse the Fifth Circuit's judgment with the Louisiana Supreme Court. Jade  
devotes much of her spare time to serving as a Court Appointed Special  
Advocate (CASA) representing the interests of abused and neglected  
children in State custody. For these efforts she was awarded the CASA  
Member of the Month Award in April 2022. Jade is a lifelong resident of  
Covington, Louisiana, where she lives with her husband and daughter.

