

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

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| 1. Your Name: <u>Erin Monroe Wesley</u>   |     |   |
| 2. Your Title: <u>Executive Vice President + COO</u>  |     |   |
| 3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: <u>Baton Rouge Area Chamber</u>  |     |   |
| 4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?  | Yes | No<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.<br><br><p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">N/A</p> |     |   |
| 6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.   |     |   |

Signature: 

Date: 6/12/15

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## ERIN MONROE WESLEY

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer

##### Baton Rouge Area Chamber

2/13 – present

- Manage the day-to-day operations of a 1,400 member organization, including a 30-member staff and \$4.5 million budget.
- Direct the implementation of *The Creative Capital Agenda*, BRAC's five-year strategic plan.
- Drive constant operational improvement through regular oversight of, and reporting on, departmental activities and specific initiatives that bring new capabilities, infrastructure, and/or practices to BRAC.
- Continue to lead BRAC's governmental affairs and advocacy efforts on the federal, state, and local levels.

#### Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs

##### Baton Rouge Area Chamber

9/09 – present

- Develop and lead the implementation of BRAC's political strategy, relationship development, public policy engagement, and overall business advancement initiatives with key federal, state, and local elected officials and policy makers.
- Instrumental in the creation of a statewide business coalition, Businesses for Improving Louisiana's Development (BILD), consisting of 47 chambers and business groups in support of higher education reform.
- Manage the activities of FuturePAC, BRAC's political action committee.
  - Established track record of successful candidate and issue based endorsements.
  - Raised roughly \$500,000 in support of political action in the nine-parish Capital Region.

#### Executive Counsel

##### Office of Lieutenant Governor Mitchell J. Landrieu

11/07 – 9/09

- Served as the chief legal advisor to Lt. Governor Landrieu.
- Acted as the Lt. Governor's designee on the State Bond Commission, Interim Emergency Board, and the State Board of Election Supervisors.
- Co-founded a leadership institute within the Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism.
- Aided in the development and execution of legislative strategies for the Office of the Lt. Governor and the Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism.

#### Associate Executive Counsel

##### Office of Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

2/04 – 11/07

- Provided legal counsel on varied, complex, and numerous legal issues ranging from granting clemency to state inmates to dealing with managing crisis and emergency situations.

### **Adjunct Professor**

#### **Southern University Law Center**

**8/03 – present**

- Serve as a writing fellow for the SULC Supplemental Bar Review program; Course instruction has included Legal Research, Legal Writing I, and Advanced Legal Writing.

### **Legislative Attorney**

#### **Louisiana State Senate**

**2/03 – 2/04**

- Rapidly developed subject-matter knowledge to provide accurate, useful, and reliable legal advice on the drafting of legislation and amendments to legislation.

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA**

Juris Doctor, May 2002, *cum laude*

*Editor-in-Chief*, Southern University Law Review

Grade Point Average: 3.45

Class Rank: 13/114

### **Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, May 1999

Grade Point Average: 3.03

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## **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP / RECOGNITIONS**

- Capital Area United Way Board of Directors (present)
- City Year Baton Rouge Board of Directors (present)
- East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority Community Development Enterprise Board of Directors (present)
- Junior League of Baton Rouge Community Advisory Board of Directors (present) (sustainer)
- Leadership Greater Baton Rouge Alumni, Inc. Board of Directors (present) (Class of 2004)
- Region's Bank South Louisiana Advisory Board of Directors (present)
- Southern University System President/Chancellor Search Committee (2015)
- Woman of Distinction, Cumulus Media Urban Achievement Awards (2014)
- Southern University Law Center Distinguished Alumni Award (2013)
- Influential Women in Business Award by the Baton Rouge Business Report (2012)
- Most Powerful and Influential Women Award by the National Diversity Council (2011)
- Mary Frey Eaton Community Service Award by the Junior League of Baton Rouge (2011)