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Practice

Mr. Abbott served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force for four years, three years in Altus, Oklahoma and one year in the Republic of Viet Nam. In 1970, Mr. Abbott practiced law at the firm Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere, and Denegre. He became partner in 1973 and then senior partner and a member of the management committee. He was General Counsel-Louisiana of Bell South in 1991 and became Associate General Counsel of BellSouth Telecommunications in Atlanta in 1995 and elected President of BellSouth's Louisiana operations in 1996. Mr. Abbott retired from BellSouth in 2007. He is currently Special Counsel at Jones, Walker and serves as Chairman of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority.

Education

B.A., Tulane University, 1963
J.D., Tulane University Law School, 1966

Memberships/Affiliations

Previously Chairman: Board of Tulane University Hospital and Clinic; Louisiana LEARN Commission; Greater New Orleans Educational Television Foundation; New Orleans Area Council Boy Scouts of America; University of New Orleans Foundation; Metro Vision Partnership Foundation; Committee of 100 for Economic Development; United Way Campaign; Business Council of New Orleans; Board of Governors of Tulane Medical Center; New Orleans Technology Council.

Served on Board of Directors: The Chamber of New Orleans; Bureau of Governmental Research; The National Conference; Jefferson Dollars for Scholars; World Trade Center of New Orleans; Holy Cross College President's Advisory Board; Project Return; New Orleans Regional Educational Foundation; Public Affairs Research Council; National D-Day Museum.

Awards: Times Picayune Loving Cup; President's Award from the New Orleans Bar Association; Spes Utica Award from Holy Cross College.