

# The Townsley Law Firm

## February Newsletter



### Staff Member of the Month

**Jennifer Diamond** is The Townsley Law Firm's bookkeeper. She has been with the firm for 30 years, since the very beginning, and has grown a passion and love for her job. As a bookkeeper, Diamond records, tracks and updates the firm's financials, which includes anything from settlement disbursements to payroll.

At TLF, Diamond has found people she considers family. When she first started, the firm was small, and she is honored to have been able to watch it grow.

Diamond was born and raised in Sulphur, Louisiana, and is married with three kids. Outside of work, she loves to work on jigsaw puzzles while listening or watching true crime podcasts and documentaries. She also loves to read and spend time with her grandson in her free time.

### Townsley Tips...

#### The Importance of Medical Records

In any personal injury or medical malpractice case, medical records are crucial. Medical records serve as evidence in these cases, providing essential information about a client's health and treatment.

Not only do medical records provide base knowledge about an injury, they also serve as the foundation for proving the extent and impact of the injuries and connecting them directly to the incident.

Medical records typically include: the severity and cause of injuries sustained; when, where and what treatments were received; the dates and times of events; and things from the accident that may not be remembered.

All information contained within medical records can help attorneys connect the injury to the incident, serving as a way someone's body can

communicate what happened, where and why – especially if the person doesn't remember specific details of care.

When seeking compensation for an injury, medical records also help attorneys prove how severe the injury is and help quantify certain damages a person could receive.

While quantifying an injury in dollars can be very complicated, an attorney has an additional job to research past cases to apply precedent and show how the justice system has compensated individuals in similar cases.

Medical records are of the utmost importance in injury cases, not only in Louisiana but also in every other state. These records contain valuable information that can shield clients and provide paths for justice.

A client's health is of primary importance. If you have been injured, seek medical attention immediately.

### Results

**\$2,280,000** - Jury Verdict  
MED MAL - (Zachary/Baton Rouge, 2020)

**\$9,500** - Settlement  
MED MAL - (Lake Charles, 2025)

**\$15,000** - Settlement  
MED MAL - (Sulphur, 2025)

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# Story of the Month

## Celebrating Black History

In a month full of love and celebration, there also comes a time of reflection and education. The month of February represents Black History Month, to commemorate the many lives that fought for equality across the nation.

According to an article by the American Bar Association, as of 2024, Black lawyers make up 5-percent of the profession, which is much less than the nearly 14-percent of Black people in the U.S. population. Black women, specifically, make up an even smaller percentage, with only about 2-percent of attorneys being Black women in the U.S.

Two attorneys at The Townsley Law Firm are Black women, who continue the legacy of those who paved the way for them in the legal profession. Precious Anderson and Jordyn Goody are two attorneys who work extremely hard to serve those that face injustices that result in life-altering injuries.

“It has been an extraordinary privilege and honor to serve this community,” Goody said. “I have put in an incredible amount of work to endure, persevere and overcome many obstacles to get where I am today, and I strive to impart pride in all of my work.”

A big part of their job, not only includes standing up for their clients, but advocating for themselves. Anderson said there have been a few instances where she felt disrespected because of her race, and these situations have taught her strength and resilience. Instead of allowing it to affect her work, she uses it as fuel for her work and recognizes the strength she has to help others.

“In life, sometimes people disrespect you, but in those particular times, I felt like it was because of my race,” Anderson explained. “I don’t let it affect my work because I’m not going to hold other people accountable for just one person... If I let it affect my work, that means I’m taking things out on people who don’t deserve it.”

Goody added that in being a minority in the workplace and the legal field as a whole, she has had to learn to navigate the layers of bias and other preconceived notions that exist.

“I accept that I may have to fight for myself first, in order to fight for my client,” Goody said. “When there are so few voices, I must be ready to speak louder to be heard when justice demands it.”

At TLF, Anderson and Goody help to foster the inclusive, family-like quality the firm has built for over 30 years. The environment they seek to create with their staff and fellow attorneys is, again, setting examples for and inspiring others.

“I love feeling like a part of something, like you’re a part of a family,” Anderson said. “At Townsley, I have a lot of freedom and I feel trusted to make decisions... My opinion is valued.”

The Townsley Law Firm aims to uphold precedents that have been set by Black figures throughout history, to set examples for the next generation of aspiring attorneys, paralegals and other staff members.

“I look up to the many black female attorneys and judges in this area and the state as a whole, who have worked so hard to pave the way for my generation,” Goody said. “They exemplify strength, poise and excellence in their fields.”



# Jargon Junction

*Learning the Language of the Law*

Source: Legal Information Institute - Cornell Law School

**joinder**    join · der

the process to consolidate claims or parties into one case.

## Firm Fun

To complete the month of love, one of TLF's own got married! Beginning the night with a beautiful service at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception and ending with a fun-filled reception at Bayou Rum Distillery, staff members gathered to celebrate the unity of Mr and Mrs. Watkins.

Congratulations Hannah and Logan!





# Townsley Talks

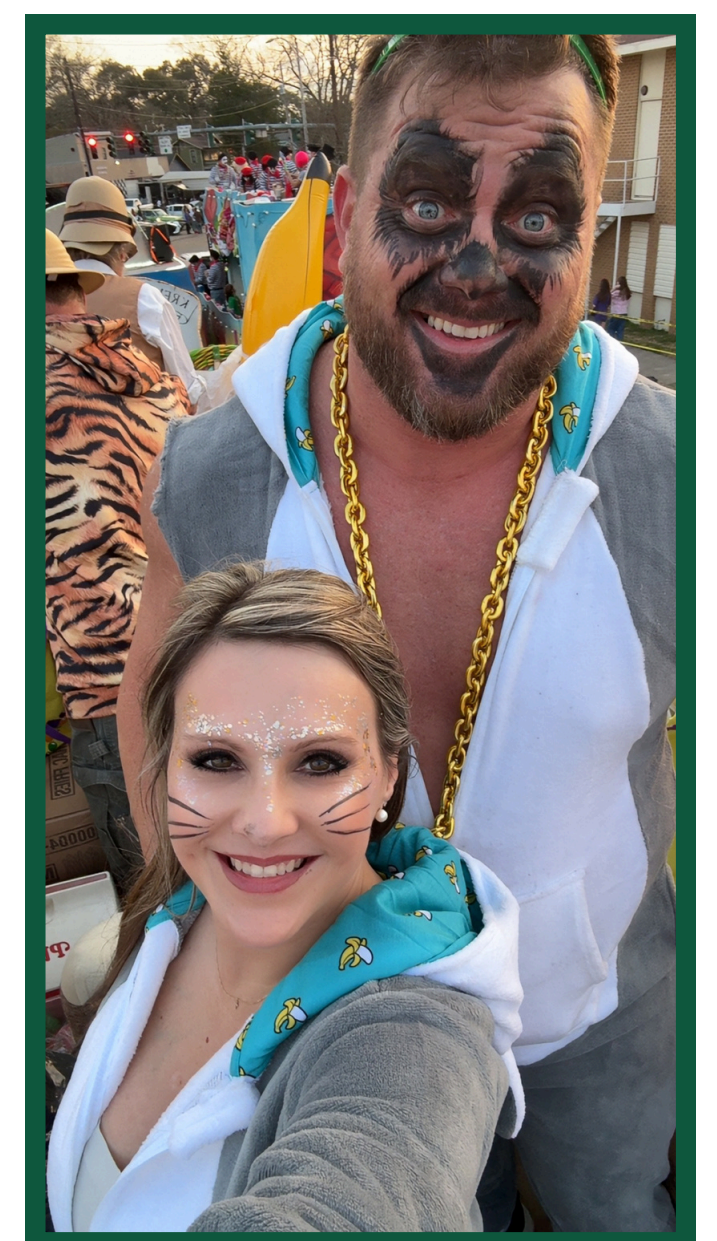
## Mardi Gras Celebrations

This Mardi Gras season, the Townsley Law Firm had a weekend of fun, attending parades and catching beads.

A few parades that staff members and their families went to included: The Children's Parade, the OLQH Parade, and the Many Mardi Gras Parade.

One of TLF's staff members, Brandi Duhon, was in the Krewe of Bonaparte Parade in Lafayette, Louisiana. The theme of her group's float was "The Jungle," so she dressed up as a lemur.

Many members of the firm have Mardi Gras traditions that they celebrate with their families all weekend long. The firm was closed on Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, to allow everyone to enjoy time with their loved ones.



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# February Events

## Men's Basketball

- **Feb. 7** - 4:00 p.m. ..... **W**  
vs. Incarnate Word
- **Feb. 9** - 6:30 p.m. ..... **W**  
vs. Houston Christian
- **Feb. 21** - 7:00 p.m. ..... **W**  
vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi
- **Feb. 23** - 6:30 p.m. ..... **W**  
vs. UTRGV

## Women's Basketball

- **Feb. 5** - 6:30 p.m. ..... **W**  
vs. Houston Christian
- **Feb. 7** - 1:00 p.m. ..... **W**  
vs. Incarnate Word
- **Feb. 19** - 6:30 p.m. ..... **W**  
vs. UTRGV
- **Feb. 21** - 1:00 p.m. ..... **W**  
vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi

\*\*\*Only events in The Townsley Law Arena included – this is NOT a full game or event schedule\*\*\*

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# The Townsley Law Arena

Home of McNeese State University Cowboys and Cowgirls



February was a big month for the Cowboys and Cowgirls, who are wrapping up their regular seasons and preparing for the conference tournaments.

The Cowgirls, for the second time in program history, earned a regular season champions title and No. 1 seed in the Southland Conference Tournament. The team has a 25-4 overall record and 19-1 conference record going into their last regular season game on March 2. This Cowgirl team has made history, and hopes to continue making history through tournament play.

The Cowboys, on the other hand, are still competing for a regular season champions title, going head-to-head with the current No. 1 Stephen F. Austin. The Cowboys are one conference win behind the Lumberjacks and have one game left to even the score. The team, however, accomplished an undefeated season in the Townsley Law Arena, earning their 27<sup>th</sup> straight home victory after defeating UTRGV on Feb. 23.

Both McNeese basketball teams continue to prepare for the challenges ahead, with the men's tournament beginning on March 8 and the women's tournament beginning on March 9. The tournament takes place in the Townsley Law Arena for the fourth year in a row.

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