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Ms. Pearce practices law in New Orleans, Louisiana, focusing primarily on trial development, preservation of error, and appellate practice and procedure. She handles and consults in trial and appellate litigation involving complex commercial transactions, health care and pharmacy law, white collar crimes, contract claims, environmental issues, and oil and gas matters. Ms. Pearce also serves as a Criminal Justice Act panelist representing indigent defendants, and has written numerous *amicus curiae* briefs, including on behalf of the disabled, such as former Saints player and ALS champion, Steve Gleason. Ms. Pearce is a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, serves on the Board of Governors for the Fifth Circuit Bar Association and formerly served on the Board of Directors for the New Orleans Federal Bar Association. She assumed the Presidency of the Fifth Circuit Bar Association for the years 2004-2006 and served as the National Chairpersonship for the Appellate Section of the Federal Bar Association in 2002. For more than ten years, she was the Reporter of Appellate Jurisdiction and Procedure for the Fifth Circuit Bar Association and, for almost twenty-five years, she has taught Appellate Law and Advocacy as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Tulane University Law School. Ms. Pearce graduated *summa cum laude* from Tulane Law School and was voted the Top Civil Law Graduate by the State Bar Association. Ms. Pearce is admitted to practice before the Federal Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, all Louisiana Federal District Courts, and the Federal District Courts of Colorado and Texas.