

# **Tania Tetlow**

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## **Education**

**J.D., Harvard Law School, *magna cum laude*, 1995**

Graduated in top 15% of the class

**B.A., Tulane University, *cum laude*, 1992**

Recipient of Dean's Honor Scholarship at age 16

Highest Honors in American Studies

National Merit Scholar

**Truman Scholar, 1991**

Recipient of Congressional Scholarship given to 80 students nationally for graduate studies in pursuit of a career in public service

## **Employment**

**President, Loyola University New Orleans, 2018-present**

First lay president of a Jesuit university of 4,000 students, 650 faculty and staff and \$100 million budget. Building on our broad academic strengths in the humanities, business, law and nursing. Engaging and inspiring multiple constituencies, including students, prospective students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, neighbors, leaders of business and government and the local community. Anticipating and managing crises. Building the capacity of the university to act entrepreneurially and nimbly.

**Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, Tulane University 2015-2018**

Top strategic advisor to the President, worked with the cabinet to implement the President's academic, administrative and financial vision. Directed Board relations and the Board office, served as Secretary of the University and created strategy of engagement with Trustees and top donors. Supervised Government and Community Affairs to protect the University's interest in state and federal research funding, local zoning and neighborhood relations. Led special projects such as the university's diversity efforts, response to national immigration changes, Title IX, and campus security reforms. Developed President's communication strategy with internal and external constituencies. Point person for the University in a crisis, from weather emergencies to student protests.

**Associate Provost for International Affairs, Tulane University 2015**

Newly created position to coordinate the University's significant international activities across ten schools.

**Felder-Fayard Professor of Law, Tulane University 2005-2018**

**Full Professor.** Scholarship focused on criminal justice system. Taught Civil Procedure, a Constitutional Law Seminar and Domestic Violence and the Law.

- *Tulane President's Award for best graduate and professional teaching, 2009.*

**Director, Domestic Violence Clinic 2005-2014.** Taught students through the representation of clients escaping violent relationships. Organized efforts for criminal justice reform in the City of New Orleans for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Chosen by State Department as one of four US representatives on violence against women for talks in Beijing.

- *Brought in Department of Justice grants totaling \$2.3 million.*

**Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana 2000-2005**

Federal prosecutor specializing in general crimes, violent crimes and major narcotics cases. Conducted 19 jury trials. Worked with FBI and other law enforcement agencies to prosecute cases ranging from financial fraud to arson, from wiretap investigations to bank robberies.

- *Awarded prosecutor of the year by the Victims and Citizens Against Crime.*

**Attorney, Phelps Dunbar Law firm, New Orleans, Louisiana 1996-2000**

Associate in Commercial Litigation Section, specializing in complex contract disputes, shareholder derivative suits and civil RICO. Clients including banks, oil and gas companies, and railroads.

**Law Clerk, Judge James Dennis, United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, 1995-96**

**Aide, Former Congresswoman and Ambassador Lindy Boggs, 1990-1992**

## **National Awards and Honors**

Top Fifteen Women in Business in U.S., National Diversity Council (2017)

National Young Leader Award, National Urban League (2013)

Fellow of the British American Project (2002) One of 50 delegates chosen from both countries as young leaders.

Harry Truman Scholar (1991)

National Merit Scholar (1988)

### **Local Awards and Honors**

Top 25 People to Watch, New Orleans Advocate (2019)

Alumnus of the Year, Norman Francis Leadership Institute (2019)

New Orleans Family Justice Center Champion (2016)

Top Fifty Women Leaders, New Orleans City Business (2015)

Public Service Award, New Orleans Association of Women Attorneys (2011)

Tulane University President's Award for Graduate and Professional School Teaching (2009)

Top Fifty Lawyers, City Business (2009)

Cover of New Orleans Magazine as a Top Ten Woman Achiever (2007)

Prosecutor of the Year, Victim and Citizens Against Crime (2004)

### **Community Service**

Advisory Committee, New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, 2019-present.

Board Member, Benjamin Franklin Charter High School, 2017-2019.

Chair, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Response to Sexual Assault, 2014-2017. Led taskforce to craft reforms in wake of scathing audit of NOPD's sex crimes unit. A 2016 audit showed a complete turnaround of NOPD's performance.

New Orleans Civil Service Commission, 2014-2018. Launched compensation and staffing study of entire city workforce and successfully pushed for greater

efficiencies and automation of the civil service processes to improve functioning of city government.

US Chair, British American Project, 2010-2012. Former leader of U.S. portion of international leadership association, whose membership includes Members of Parliament and Congress, media, and business leaders.

Training the New Orleans Police Department on domestic violence and sexual assault investigative techniques, 2010-2017. Using national best practices to persuade police to do better, volunteering to teach eight-hour workshops for detectives and 6am roll call trainings for patrol officers.

Chair of the Board, New Orleans Family Justice Center. 2011-2014.

Member, Women of the Storm, 2007-present.

Governor's Commission on Women's Policy. 2008-2012. Appointed by Governor Jindal to commission advising the state on economic, social and political issues.

Chair, New Orleans Library Board and Foundation, 2003-2008. After Hurricane Katrina, spearheaded campaign that raised \$7 million to rebuild flooded public libraries.

Chair, Louisiana State Library Board, 2008-2010.

President, Committee of 21, women's political group, 1999.

Ignatius Chapel Choir, 1995-present.