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**Yigal Bander to Discuss Women's Participation in Politics at LSU Symposium**

Yigal Bander, an attorney with Manasseh, Gill, Knipe & Belanger, has been tapped to participate in a discussion at the LSU Breaux Symposium: Politicking While Female.

Bander will speak on a panel discussing "The Gendered Political Environment: How Louisiana's Ethics Board Childcare Debacle Exemplifies the Challenges to Politicking While Female".

Last month Bander testified on behalf of a candidate for a state House seat appealing a Louisiana Ethics Board decision denying her the right to use campaign funds for childcare during campaign events.

"Additional child care that is for the sole purpose of allowing a candidate to attend campaign functions may be a personal use, but it's a personal use related to a political campaign," Bander said at the ethics board hearing.

The ethics board reversed its decision and now Louisiana candidates for public office are allowed use their campaign funds to pay for child care while they are participating in fundraisers, meet-and-greets and other campaign events. Such use of campaign funds already was allowed by federal elections law. Political candidates in Louisiana are routinely allowed to use their campaign accounts to pay for perks like constituent gifts, athletic tickets, Mardi Gras trinkets and monthly cellphone bills - all without penalty.

The annual John Breaux Symposium invites people from a variety of fields and backgrounds to bring their expertise and perspectives to debate a particular aspect of media, politics and public policy. The free, daylong event is sponsored by the LSU Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, part of the Manship School of Mass Communication.

***Links for more information:***

[https://lsu.edu/manship/research/centers-labs/rcmpa/john\\_breaux/2019jbs/genderedpoliticalenvironmentpanel.php](https://lsu.edu/manship/research/centers-labs/rcmpa/john_breaux/2019jbs/genderedpoliticalenvironmentpanel.php)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-john-breaux-symposium-politicking-while-female-tickets-54716915768>

[https://www.theadvocate.com/baton\\_rouge/news/politics/article\\_e629bede-3140-11e9-a378-07f162e83194.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/politics/article_e629bede-3140-11e9-a378-07f162e83194.html)