

2022 Alumnus of the Year | Hon. Carl J. Barbier (with audio description)

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[uplifting piano music]

[Honorable Barbier dons his judicial robe, walks down a courthouse hallway, and enters a courtroom.]

[00:00:04;58]

[door knocker]

[00:00:07;27]

[Court Reporter]:

All rise. Court is now in session.

[00:00:15;11]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

Southeastern was the gateway to everything else that happened in my life.

[00:00:19;10]

[Old photos of students at Southeastern and an aerial view of Southeastern.]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

It's so important to recognize the value of education.

[00:00:24;07]

[uplifting piano music]

[Text on-screen: "Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Awards, October 7th, 2022."]

[Text on-screen: "2022 Alumnus of the Year, Carl Barbier, U.S. District Judge, Eastern District of Louisiana"]

[With a photo of Barbier.]

[00:00:46;19]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

I was able to get a football scholarship, and pay my way through school.

By the time I was there two or three years, I knew that I was going to be at the end of my football career.

I was not going to be in the NFL.

[00:00:57;29]

[uplifting piano music]

[football game crowd]

[00:00:59;29]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

Playing football prepares you for life.

It's a team sport, and you have to be able to get along with everyone else.

It's a great character builder.

[00:01:09;38]

[uplifting piano music]

[football game crowd]

[00:01:11;56]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

I decided I wanted to be a business major, business and accounting.

My degree has helped me because there are many times when we get into accounting issues and other issues where a business degree background comes in handy.

I thought that I wanted to be an accountant, and I had to decide between law school and business school.

I just thought it was something that would be not only interesting, but rewarding in a way to help people.

[00:01:40;09]

[uplifting piano music]

[00:01:41;50]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

I get inspired every day just to come to work because I enjoy what I do.

I think it's important that judges be able to be transparent in terms of explaining to the public what we do and why we do it.

[00:01:55;12]

[uplifting piano music]

[helicopter noise]

[Footage and photos of Deepwater Horizon oil spill.]

[Text on-screen: "As a federal judge, Barbier has handled a number of large complex cases, including the Deepwater Horizon oil spill litigation."]

[00:02:07;39]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

For the Deepwater Horizon oil spill from 2010, we had tens of thousands of cases, involving hundreds of thousands of claimants, or litigants, and hundreds and hundreds of lawyers from all over the country.

It's a pretty amazing experience.

[00:02:24;19]

[uplifting piano music]

[Old photos of students at Southeastern.]

[00:02:26;48]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

I got a great education at Southeastern.

[00:02:29;16]

[uplifting piano music]

[00:02:31;46]

[Hon. Carl Barbier]:

If I hadn't gotten that degree from Southeastern, I wouldn't be sitting here right now.

[00:02:35;09]

[uplifting piano music]

[Inside a courtroom, Barbier wearing his judicial robe, walks to camera and smiles.]

[The Southeastern shield logo appears]

[Text on-screen: "Southeastern Louisiana University."]

[Text on-screen: "Alumni Southeastern Louisiana University."]

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