

Judge Kendrick J. Guidry was elected to the 14th Judicial District Court, Div. H, beginning January 1, 2021. He is a son, father, and husband. Judge Guidry is a 1986 Westlake High School graduate. He is an Eagle Scout. He graduated from McNeese State University in 1990. He is a Distinguished Military Graduate. He served in the United States Army as a 2LT in the Signal Corps.

Following his military service, Judge Guidry returned to Lake Charles and worked in the mental disability field first as the Residential Director for CARC and then as its Assistant Executive Director. Judge Guidry graduated from LSU Law School in May 2000. He began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney from 2000-2006. He prosecuted all levels of crimes with specific focus on Domestic Violence. In 2006, Judge Guidry moved to the civil defense firm of Plauche', Smith & Nieset, LLC working his way to partner level until his election to the bench.

Judge Guidry is a teacher. He has taught CLE's in Employment Law Specialization, Discipline Hearing Committee procedures, Law Office Practices, and Professionalism. He has been a Visiting Lecturer at McNeese State University teaching paralegal courses on Criminal and Employment Law. Judge Guidry has appeared in the United States Supreme Court, *Fox v. Vice*.

Judge Guidry has an extensive history of being involved with his community and has been recognized for his various volunteer activities. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for CARC (President for 3 years), Friends of Sisters Surviving, Inc., and SWLA Center for Health Services, additionally a member of the McNeese Black Alumni Association. He previously served on the Finance Committee for St. John Bosco Church. He also previously served on the boards for the Southwest Louisiana Homeless Coalition, Foreman-Reynaud YMCA. He is Co-Founder of Project Rebuild-Future, a young male mentoring program.

Judge Guidry's law related volunteer activities include SWLA Bar Association (President-2008); SWLA Bar Foundation (former Board member); Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization (Chair: 2012-2013); Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board, Hearing Committee Chair; SWLA Louis A. Martinet Society.

Judge Guidry is a member of the Louisiana Judicial Council/NBA, Louisiana District Judges Association, and the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

Judge Guidry is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church-ACTS Team member, Eucharistic Minister; and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Since taking the bench, Judge Guidry has become an avid participant in the Judges in the Classroom/Students in the Courtroom program.