

Justice James T. Genovese

June 19, 2024

Mr. Mark Romero, Chair
Board of Supervisors
University of Louisiana System
1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-300
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Re: Successor President of Northwestern State University

Sir,

Please consider this letter with accompanying biography/résumé as my intention and request to be considered for the position as the successor president to Dr. Marcus Jones at Northwestern State University, my alma mater.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information. My contact information is listed below:

Sincerely,



Justice James T. "Jimmy" Genovese

BIOGRAPHY / RÉSUMÉ

Genovese, James T. “Jimmy”

Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court

Education:

1967 - High school degree: Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Opelousas, Louisiana;

1971 - B. A. degree: Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana;
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities (1970-71);
Four (4) year scholarship and letterman in tennis;
Outstanding College Athletes of America (1971).
Who's Who Among Greek Fraternities and Sororities of America (1970);
President - Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity
President – Inter Fraternity Council

1974 - Juris Doctorate: Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, tennis and golf.

Legal Background: 50 years in law; 21 years as a trial attorney in the general practice of law in south Louisiana before being elected a judge; 29 years as a judge and associate justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, **1995-2024**.

Judge Ad Hoc of Opelousas City Court by appointment from **1975 - 1989**.

Louisiana State District Court Judge in and for the 27th Judicial District, Parish of St. Landry, from **1995 - 2004**.

Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal Judge in and for the Third Circuit Court of Appeal from **2005 - 2016**.

Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court in and for District 3 with term commencing **January 1, 2017 to present**.

Panelist / Speaker / Lecturer for conferences and continuing education seminars on Recent Updates; Professionalism; Ethics; Summary Judgment; Writs and Appeals; Technology in the Courts; Practices, Procedures and Judicial Review in the Louisiana Supreme Court for over 25 years.

Served on the Louisiana Supreme Court's Judicial Council Appellate Court Work Point Values Working Group.

Served on the Louisiana Supreme Court's Trial Court Committee to Review the Need for Judgeships and as Chairman of its Long-Term Subcommittee.

Serving on the Louisiana State Law Institute's Summary Judgment Subcommittee.

Served as Chairman of the Board for the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund, 2017-2021.

Serving as Louisiana Supreme Court's appointee to the Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission.

Serving on planning committee of Louisiana State Bar Association Francophone Section for Twinning of France's *Cour de Cassation* and Louisiana Supreme Court.

2018 inductee of Northwestern State University's "**Long Purple Line**" Alumni Hall of Distinction.

SUPPLEMENTAL RÉSUMÉ

Higher Education

I have a Juris Doctorate (doctor of laws) having successfully completed 96 graduate hours at Loyola University in New Orleans. For over 25 years, I have lectured at seminars and conferences throughout the state in all aspects of law, including ethics and professionalism. Additionally, I have served on a Louisiana Law Institute subcommittee in preparing proposed legislation to the Louisiana legislature and have assisted in selecting legal continuing education topics for mandatory credit at Continuing Legal Education seminars. While serving on that committee, I have assisted in writing the significant amendments in 2015 and 2023 to the summary judgment law of Louisiana.

Administration

As an associate justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court for eight years I, along with my six (6) colleagues, administer and govern the following matters:

20,000 lawyers relative to ethics and discipline;

372 judges relative to ethics and discipline;

42 judicial districts throughout the state;

over 200 employees;

a \$208,000,000 budget; and,

social programs comprising CASA (court-appointed special advocates),

all drug and specialty courts in the state of Louisiana, all Protective Registry matters in the state, and CINC/FINS (Children in Need of Care and Families in Need of Supervision).

The justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court hold Administrative Conference every week, except when in oral arguments and when serving on summer emergency writ duty. All seven justices handle between 50-60 cases every week, except during summer writ duty wherein all justices are on call for emergency writs.

Finance

Every year for eight years, along with several of my colleagues, I have gone to the Louisiana legislature to secure the necessary funds and appropriations to run the Louisiana judiciary (the third branch of our government). I have spent days and countless hours with our legislature securing the necessary funding for the judiciary and the social programs we administer. I know and understand the legislature and its processes. This year, our judicial budget is approximately \$208,000,000. I can utilize that expertise and institutional knowledge in assisting Northwestern in its legislative appropriations process.