

Stephen M. Gelé

biography

Born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana, Stephen M. Gelé is committed to the culture and institutions of Southeast Louisiana. He grew up in the Gelé family's generational hunting and fishing store, earned a degree in Political Science from Loyola University, New Orleans, in 1990, and then a law degree from Loyola New Orleans School of Law, in 1993. At Loyola School of Law, he served on both Law Review and Moot Court.

He enjoys both the policy and procedure of the law. He has litigated a great variety of disputes in multiple forums throughout his thirty plus years of practicing law, including such diverse issues as internal business disputes, injuries to person and property, construction defect, free speech, campaign challenges, administrative proceedings, and contractual disputes. He has tried cases in state and federal courts across the State of Louisiana. He has argued appeals in appellate courts across the State of Louisiana.

He has also consulted with multiple clients regarding legislation, public policy, campaigns, and public interest organizations. He has represented: a Governor; Congressional leaders; State Legislative leaders; statewide, federal and local campaigns; political action committees; and policy organizations. He earned a Certificate in Insurance Regulation from the Insurance Institute of America.

He has assisted in drafting a Louisiana Constitutional Amendment, Statutes and a Code of Civil Procedure Article, and has testified before legislative committees in the Louisiana and Georgia, as well as submitted written testimony to legislative committees in multiple other states. He has testified regarding multiple topics, including: election law; campaign finance law; public servant ethics law; insurance regulation; Blue Sky laws; foreign law interacting with state law; forum non conveniens; and comity of judgments.

He has been interviewed in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, the Washington Times, the American Bar Association Journal, the National Law Journal, the Associated Press, the American Spectator, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the Baton Rouge Advocate, the New Orleans Times-Picayune and New Orleans City Business, and has appeared on "Follow the Money with Eric Bolling" on Fox Business Network and CNN.com, as well as several radio shows in multiple states and televised news shows in New Orleans.

He revels in his civic engagement, including: acting as Chairman of the Board of a Louisiana think tank focused on improving Louisiana law and government; serving as an elected member of the Orleans Parish Republican Executive Committee; serving on the transition team of a recently-elected Louisiana Sheriff; and enjoying D.C. Mardi Gras as a member of the Mystick Krewe of Louisianians. In the past, he has served as the president of his neighborhood association.