



A lifelong resident of New Orleans, **Justice Piper D. Griffin** graduated from Xavier University Preparatory School, the University of Notre Dame and LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1987.

As a young lawyer Justice Griffin began her legal career practicing in the New Orleans area, focusing on casualty litigation.

Justice Griffin was elected to the Orleans Parish Civil District Court in 2001 and served as its Chief Judge in 2012. In November, 2020 Justice Griffin was elected to serve as an Associate Justice for District 7 representing portions of both Orleans and Jefferson parishes, following in the footsteps of Chief Justice Bernette J. Johnson and Justice Revius Ortique.

Prior to joining the Court, Justice Griffin served on several court committees and knew she had entered a noble profession and that her skills as a lawyer could be used to help her community. She volunteered with the Juvenile Courts in the Teen Court program, became active in the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society, eventually becoming its Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. She worked with the New Orleans Bar Association and was elected as the first African American Chair of the Young Lawyer's Section and was a board member of the Louisiana Law & Civil Education Association.

Justice Griffin was a volunteer with Lawyers in the Classroom and became a frequent Continuing Legal Education speaker. One of her crowning achievements was when she was selected as a grader for the Constitutional Law Bar Exam and eventually named the Constitutional Law Bar Examiner by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

As a member of the bench, Justice Griffin's volunteerism did not stop. She is second vice president of the Louisiana Association of District Court Judges; the Secretary of the Louisiana Judicial Council Foundation; the immediate Past President of the Louisiana Judicial Council/National Bar Association; immediate Past President of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judges Association; a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court Budgetary Control Board; a former member of the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics; and, a member of the Testing Committee of the Committee on Bar Admissions. She continues to be a frequent speaker for the Louisiana State Bar Association, the New Orleans Bar Association, the Louisiana Judicial College and has been featured on many other national and local programs.

Several years ago, Justice Griffin was tapped to serve on the Law Institute Committee that rewrote the Louisiana Motion for Summary Judgment Statute. She was subsequently appointed and continues to serve as a member to the Louisiana State Law Institute Council.