

Speaker Biography



Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., a native of Natchitoches Parish, received his education in the Natchitoches Parish School System. He later obtained an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Northwestern State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of Texas at Dallas. Benjamin received his Juris Doctor from Southern University Law Center in 1998.

Cloyd Benjamin has served in various capacities, including Deputy Sheriff with the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Department; Federal Corrections Officer with the United States Department of Justice; and City Prosecutor for the City of Shreveport, Louisiana. Presently, he serves as First Assistant District Attorney in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Benjamin was first appointed Assistant District Attorney in 2008, and in 2017, District Attorney Billy Joe Harrington appointed Cloyd as First Assistant District Attorney. He manages all District Court and City Court dockets and oversees the day-to-day operations of the District Attorney's Office.

Benjamin formerly practiced trial law with Piper and Associates Law Firm and Benjamin Law Firm, LLC. He is the founder of Dreams Natchitoches, Inc., an organization that sponsors the Annual *Christmas Party with a Purpose*, which provides toys to children, scholarships to high school students, and engages in various community empowerment activities.

Benjamin serves on several boards, including the Northwestern State University Foundation Board Executive Committee and the Louisiana District Attorneys Association ADA Board. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Benjamin believes that through faith, preparation, and courage, there are no impossibilities.