



## CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN L. WEIMER

Chief Justice John L. Weimer became the 26th Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court January 1, 2021. He began his service on the Supreme Court in 2001 when he was elected to serve as an Associate Justice, District 6, comprised of the parishes of: Assumption, Iberia Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, Terrebonne, and a portion of the west bank of Jefferson, which includes Grand Isle. In 2002 and again in 2012, Justice Weimer was re-elected to 10-year terms without opposition.

In 1998, he was elected to serve on Louisiana's First Circuit Court of Appeal. In 1995, he was elected to serve as Judge, Division A, of the 17th Judicial District Court and re-elected in 1996 without opposition. He began his judicial career serving as Judge pro tempore, Division D, of the 17th Judicial District Court in 1993 following an appointment by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Judge Weimer was honored with the Outstanding Judicial Award from Victims and Citizens Against Crime and with the Outstanding Jurist Award from Crimefighters, Inc. - both statewide organizations dedicated to victims of crime.

Justice Weimer was also honored by Common Sense Against Crime and Crimefighters with an Award of Merit. In 2006, Justice Weimer was named as one of the leading judges in America by a national publication, The Law Dragon. He also was recognized for his significant assistance in establishing the Lafourche Parish Drug Treatment Court. He formerly served on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education. He frequently teaches at schools throughout the district he serves and re-established and coordinates the Lafourche Parish Student Government Day Program.

Prior to taking the bench, Chief Justice Weimer was a full time faculty member at Nicholls State University where he taught law and ethics classes for 16 years. He received the Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence and was also named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He also served as director of the Free Enterprise Week Program at Nicholls. He practiced law in Thibodaux and was certified as a mediator.

Chief Justice Weimer serves as a volunteer in the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Company No. 1, and previously served as a member of the Pastoral Counsel at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church for decades. An award winning self-taught amateur painter whose donated works have raised thousands of dollars for countless charities, Justice Weimer was commissioned to design the posters for the 2005 and 2007 International Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo. His paintings have also appeared on the cover of the Louisiana Bar Journal and were hung in an exhibit at the Historic New Orleans Collection.

Chief Justice Weimer was born and raised in Lafourche Parish, graduated from Thibodaux High School, and was an academic honors and Hall of Fame graduate of Nicholls State University, where he twice served as student body President. He received his Juris Doctorate from LSU. Chief Justice Weimer is married to Penny Hymel, a former elementary school teacher, who was born and raised in the River Parishes. They are the parents of three daughters: Jacqueline, Katherine, and Emily.