

## **BIO FOR GEORGE R. KNOX**

George was born and raised in Youngsville, Louisiana, where he now makes his home. He is the son of Janet Viguerie and the late John R. Knox, Sr. He attended Green T. Lindon Elementary, Youngsville Elementary, and then graduated from the Episcopal School of Acadiana in 1983. While at E.S.A., George served as Student Body President for 3 of his 4 years, attended Louisiana Boys' State, and lettered in Tennis, Basketball, and Soccer.

George received a National Merit Scholarship from R.J. Reynolds and attended Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor Of Arts Degree in History in 1987. His undergraduate honors included the Distinguished Student Award, the Outstanding Freshman Award, and the Outstanding Sophomore Award. He was a member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets where he served as a Battalion Commander, and was also a member of the Ross Volunteers, the Honor Guard for the Governor of Texas. At graduation, he was also commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve. He would later attend and complete the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After graduating from Texas A&M, he attended the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University where he received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1990. While at law school, he participated in the Louisiana Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Louisiana Association of Trial Lawyers. His team placed first in 1989, and finished second in 1990. He was also recognized in the Who's Who Among American Law Students.

Upon graduating from law school, George worked with the firm of Marabella and Moore from 1990 – 1993 whose specialty was in the fields of Criminal Defense (State and Federal) and Personal Injury. George also handled other cases for the firm such as Successions and Wills, and Family Law (divorces, child custody, child support, and visitation).

George returned to Lafayette, Louisiana in 1993, and set up shop as a solo practitioner sharing office space with Thomas E. Guilbeau. His practice again focused on the areas of Criminal Defense, Personal Injury, Successions and Wills, and Family Law. Upon his return to our area, he was asked to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Episcopal School of Acadiana. George was also successful in his first bid for public office with his election to the Board of Alderman for the Town of Youngsville in October of 1994. From 1995 – 1998, George was an attorney with the law firm of Jeansonne & Remondet. His practice focused on Insurance Defense, Criminal Defense, and Family Law.

In 1998, George left Jeansonne & Remondet to form a partnership with David A. Blanchet, a Family Law Practitioner who specialized in Family Law Matters. The two formed Blanchet & Knox, L.L.C. and practiced together from 1998 until 2002 when David A. Blanchet was elected as a Judge in the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, presiding over Division “H” as one of our two Family Court Judges. In 2003, George formed George R. Knox, L.L.C., a law firm specializing in Family Law Cases.

In 2002, George was asked to be the City Attorney for the City Of Youngsville by former Mayor Wilson Viator. He served as City Attorney under Mayor Viator for twelve (12) years, and upon the election of Youngsville's current Mayor, Mayor Ken Ritter in 2015, he was asked to remain as the City Attorney for the City of Youngsville and remains in that post.

George is the father of three boys who reside with him in Youngsville: Rob, Jack, and Alex.

Rob graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Business. He is starting the MBA program at U.L. this year and was awarded an Assistantship under one of the MBA professors, which gives him free tuition and an office to assist the professor with research and writing. Jack is a Junior at ESA and wants to be an attorney and is working for his Father at George Knox Law Firm this summer. Alex will be an 8th grader at Youngsville Middle School.

One of George's proudest moments was having the opportunity to coach each one of his boys in soccer. There were so many great friendships with the parents who entrusted him to coach their children and develop them into soccer players, even from when they were a very young age.

George is running for Family Court Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court-Division M and is asking for your vote, November 3, 2020.