

Stephen Michael Gelé

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Legal Experience

Member of the Bar 1993

State of Louisiana; Louisiana Federal Courts for Eastern, Middle and Western Districts; Notary Public
Former President, New Orleans Association of Defense Counsel, 2008

Smith & Fawer, LLC

2010 to present

Trial attorney handling general casualty, commercial and environmental litigation, intellectual property, construction defect, federal practice, general civil, domestic and free speech, as well as campaign finance and governmental relations. Assisted in drafting Louisiana Statutes and Code of Civil Procedure Article, and testified before the Louisiana and others state Legislatures regarding complex legal issues.

Ungarino & Exkert, LLC

2000 to 2010

Trial attorney litigating professional liability, personal injuries and death, products liability, toxic tort, construction defect, insurance and public records. Tried jury trials in the Parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, St. Charles and Lafourche, and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Handled appeals in the Louisiana First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Circuits, the Louisiana Supreme Court and the U.S. Fifth Circuit.

Corporate Litigation Counsel for State Farm Insurance Companies

1993 to 2000

Trial attorney handling dozens of casualty lawsuits through settlement or trial.

National Institute of Trial Advocacy Graduate

1995

Certified Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU)

1998

Certified in Insurance Regulation, Insurance Institute of America

1997

Clerkships

Capitelli & Wicker

1992 to 1993

Terriberry, Carroll, & Yancey

Summer 1991

Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office

Deputy Sheriff 1989

Central Lockup Doorman

Loyola School of Law, 1993

GPA: 3.448; Top 10%

Law Review, Runner Up Outstanding Comment Competition

Moot Court

Sports Law Team Quarterfinalist, Tulane Invitational Tournament, 1992

Loyola 1993 Spring Moot Court Team

Full tuition scholarship; Study Group Coordinator

Who's Who Among American Law Students; Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honor Society)

Published: Economics and Contract Law, *Loyola Student Journal of Economics* 5 (December, 1990)

Loyola University, 1990

B.A., Political Science, Economics minor; GPA 3.679, cum laude; Dean's List status 7 semesters

Presidential Scholar, Honors Diploma

Political Science Award; VP Pi Sigma Alpha honorary; VP Loyola Debate Society

Loyola Union Ideas & Issues Chairman – Programmed major speakers for University. Allocated \$25,000 budget.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity –

Scholarship Chariman / Secretary / Delegate to Conclave / Interfraternity Council Secretary / Treasurer

Wesley P. Moynan Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior

Quality of Greek Life Committee Chairman, addressed minority participation in Greek Life

Alumni Association of LA Γ Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

Board of Directors, Past President

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Speaking Engagements

Continued Legal Education Seminars
Selection of Experts 2017
Louisiana Election Law 2011
Loyola Institute of Politics

Civic Involvement

Audubon Riverside Neighborhood Association

Past President 2003
Chairman of Planning & Zoning Committee 2002

The Pelican Institute for Public Policy

Co-Founder, Current Chairman 2008-present
Advise state think tank that conducts scholarly research analysis of Louisiana public policy to advance the principles of free enterprise, individual liberty and constitutionally limited government.

Young Republicans

Greater New Orleans Republicans

Director since 1996 / Past President and Chairman

Louisiana Young Republican Federation

Chairman 2005-2007

Young Republican National Federation

General Counsel 2007-2009

Republican Party of Louisiana

Elected Louisiana Presidential Caucus as delegate to 2008 Louisiana State Convention
Elected by Louisiana Republican State Convention as a Delegate to 2008 Republican National Convention.
Elected Chairman of Delegation from First Congressional District to 2008 RNC
Orleans Republican Parish Executive Committee, elected 2012 and 2016 to four year terms.

Mystic Krewe of Louisianians

Nominated by Congressman Steve Scalise

Krewe Member 2008 to present

Young Professionals for Fred Thompson for President 2008

Chair of Fred Force

Future Leaders for John McCain for President 2008

Chairman of Policy Committee

Louisiana Lawyers for Life

Past President

Louisiana Choose Life Advisory Council

Attended public meetings at State Capitol per La. R.S. 47:463.61.

Member

Media

Quoted in *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Times*, *Associated Press*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Voice of America*, *The American Spectator*, *N.O. City Business*, *N.O. Times-Picayune*
Appeared in *Christian Science Monitor*, *Esquire Magazine*
Interviewed on CNN. Com, Fox Business Network, several local radio shows in multiple states
Published articles on American Thinker and Big Peace

Pelican Politics, Inc.

Directed Louisiana political web site listing all elected officials and describing Louisiana governmental structure.

CEO 1996-1997

Personal

Married to Monica Sansui Gelé, father of Julia, Emma and Vivian Gelé
Member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church