



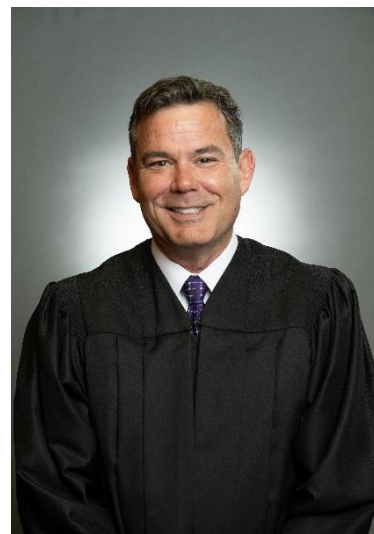
## **LOUISIANA HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Judge Timothy Marcel appointed as Judicial Outreach Liaison for the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission**

**Baton Rouge, LA** – The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission (LHSC) is pleased to announce the selection of Judge Timothy Marcel as the new State Judicial Outreach Liaison. Judge Marcel is the third judge to serve in this role, succeeding the late Judge Jules Edwards, III, whose exemplary four years of service as State Judicial Outreach Liaison, was widely recognized for improving highway safety.

Judge Marcel serves on the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal. He previously presided as district judge on the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for nine years, where he was chief judge from 2018 through 2023. Judge Marcel was a Louisiana District Judges Association executive committee member for four years, having served as its first vice president.



With a distinguished judicial career and steadfast dedication to public service, Judge Marcel brings a wealth of experience and judicial insight to this role. His tenure as a district court judge included presiding over the court's adult drug court program and creating a juvenile treatment court program. Additionally, he was an executive committee member of the Louisiana Association of Drug and Specialty Court Professionals and the judiciary's representative on the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention Education (HOPE Council).

Judge Marcel completed National Drug Court Institute judicial training at the National Judicial College, and he is now on the AllRise training faculty. AllRise is a national organization leading in treatment court best practices and employing a comprehensive justice system approach to substance use and mental health disorders.

Judge Marcel is a past member of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program Advisory Council, and he currently co-chairs the LSBA Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

As Judicial Outreach Liaison, Judge Marcel will be a resource for impaired driving and highway safety issues primarily through peer-to-peer judicial education. Judge Marcel's appointment reflects LHSC's ongoing commitment to enhance road safety and lessen the impacts of alcohol-

impaired and drug-impaired driving through informed legal perspectives and strategic collaboration.

“We face new challenges in our efforts against impaired driving. As Judicial Outreach Liaison, I look forward to facilitating meaningful dialogue on evidence-based enforcement and sentencing practices to reduce impaired driving recidivism,” stated Judge Marcel. “By working collectively, we can make a real difference in reducing traffic-related injuries and fatalities across Louisiana.”

LHSC Executive Director, Lisa Freeman, noted that “Judge Marcel’s qualifications and expertise are significant, and we could not be more optimistic about the direction of highway safety with his selection.”

In this new role, Judge Marcel joins fellow judges from across the country as part of the ABA Judicial Outreach Liaison and Fellows Program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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