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Since 1998, Mr. Cravins has been a practicing attorney and a member of the Louisiana Bar Association. In 2004, he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives. At that time, he and his father, State Senator Don Cravins, Sr., made Louisiana history by becoming the first and only father and son to serve in the Louisiana Legislature at the same time. In 2006, Mr. Cravins was elected to the Louisiana Senate for the seat vacated by his father. During his tenure in the Senate, Senator Cravins was heavily involved in post-Hurricane Katrina issues as the Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee and was an active member of the Juvenile Justice Commission of Louisiana.

In January of 2009, Senator Cravins left the Louisiana Legislature to serve as Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. As Staff Director and Chief Counsel, he oversaw the activities of the Committee including supervising its employees, developing policy and legislation affecting small businesses throughout America as well as advising its Chairman and 19 members. In January of 2013, Mr. Cravins began serving as Chief of Staff for U.S. Senator Mary L. Landrieu of Louisiana. Upon leaving the U.S. Senate and before going to the National Urban League, he was the Deputy National Political Director at The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

In addition to his duties at the National Urban League, Mr. Cravins is an adjunct professor at George Washington University where he teaches Prosecution and Litigation in Intellectual Property. He also serves as a captain in the District of Columbia Army National Guard Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps with the 352nd Legal Operations Detachment.

Mr. Cravins is a native of Southwest Louisiana and a graduate of Louisiana State University where he received a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He attended Southern University Law Center where he graduated with honors.

He is married to Attorney Yvette Puckett Cravins and they have three children, Dominique Claire, Trey and Chloe Denise. Mrs. Cravins serves as Chief of Staff for Congressman William Lacy Clay, Jr. of Missouri. Mr. Cravins and his family currently reside in Washington, DC.