



Senator Dan Claitor was born and raised in Baton Rouge and is a product of the Baton Rouge public schools. Senator Claitor graduated from LSU in 1983 with a degree in finance and from Loyola Law School of New Orleans in 1987.

Senator Claitor tried his first jury trial, the defense of a manslaughter case, as a senior in law school in the fall of 1986. That year he was awarded the 1986-1987 Charles C. Foti, Jr. Award for Excellence in the Field of Criminal Justice. After graduation, he returned to the courtroom as an Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish. He prosecuted thousands of cases that ranged from child support issues to murder. Since leaving the District Attorney's Office in 1990, Senator Claitor has been self-employed. Collectively, he has tried more than 100 admiralty, civil and criminal jury trials.

Senator Claitor has been the Louisiana State Senator for District 16 since April 14, 2009, when he was elected in a rough and tumble campaign in which Governor Jindal actively opposed him. Senator Claitor was re-elected in 2011 without opposition and elected again in 2016. His reputation in the Legislature is that he is prepared and inquisitive. Senator Claitor designed and carried through the legislative process important legislation relative to access to charter schools by those with developmental disabilities, transparency in the Governor's Office, and buy in and oversight of Office of Group Benefits rate setting.

Senator Claitor has been an active member of the Baton Rouge Bar Association's Law Day Committee for many years and encourages you to participate in that event.