



Senator Jean-Paul "JP" Morrell was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. He attended McDonogh #15 Elementary School and graduated from the prestigious Metairie Park Country Day School. Senator Morrell received his Bachelor of Political Science from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama before returning the New Orleans to earn his Juris Doctorate from Tulane University Law School.

Before joining the legislature, Senator Morrell served as member of the Orleans Parish Office of Indigent Public Defender Program (OIDP) for Magistrate Court, providing legal services for clients who could not afford an attorney for misdemeanor offenses.

Senator Morrell was first elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives in 2006, in a special election, to fill the unexpired term of his father, Arthur Morrell, who had previously represented House District 97 for 24 years. As a House Member, Senator Morrell was heavily involved in Hurricane Recovery under Governor Kathleen Blanco. After being re-elected with opposition in 2007, Senator Morrell was selected to chair the Municipal and Parochial Affairs committee making him one of the youngest chairmen in the history of the Louisiana House.

Senator Morrell currently serves as a member of the Senate Judiciary B Committee, Senate Labor & Industrial Relations Committee, Senate & Governmental Affairs Committee. He also serves on the Select Committees for Disaster Recovery Committee and Oversight of the Deepwater Horizon Claims Facility. He serves as a member of the Bond Commission, Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget as well as Joint Committee on Capital Outlay. Senator Morrell is also a member of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, the Louisiana Rural Caucus, the Senate Democratic Caucus, the Orleans Parish Delegation as well as the Jefferson Parish Delegation.

Outside of the legislature, Senator Morrell is currently 'of counsel' with the Middleberg Riddle Group Law Firm, a multi-state law firm, located in Louisiana and Texas. As an attorney, he specializes in insurance, health care, regulatory and compliance law as well as environmental, land use and zoning advocacy.

Senator Morrell and his wife, Catherine live in the Gentilly area of New Orleans with their three children; Jude, Fiona and Alexander.