

Keynote Address

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(Professionalism)

Salon 2

*Professionalism in the
Context of Louisiana's
Fiscal Crisis*

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Tanner D. Magee is a lawyer and a Republican member of the Louisiana House of Representatives. He was first elected to the District 53 seat (Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes) in 2015. As a freshmen legislator, he was appointed by the Speaker of the House to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and by the Republication delegation to the Policy Committee. A Houma native, he received his JD degree from Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, where he was named to the Chancellor's List and served on the Moot Court Board. He began his legal career in New Orleans with the insurance defense firm of Taylor, Wellons, Politz & Duhe, A.P.L.C. He later moved back to Houma and developed his reputation as the top felony criminal defense attorney in Terrebonne Parish. He worked for the public defender's office for a year and worked as a contract lawyer for Samanie and Stipelcovich, A.P.L.C. Magee is president-elect of the Terrebonne Bar Association. In 2015, he was recognized by the National Trial Lawyers Association as one of the "Top 40 Under 40" and by the Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce as a Young Achiever. In 2017, he was recognized as a *Louisiana Super Lawyers* Rising Star. In his community, he is an alumnus of Leadership Terrebonne and is involved with Le Petit Theatre.

PROFESSIONALISM IN THE CONTEXT OF LOUISIANA'S FISCAL CRISIS

A. INTRO

- a. Name
- b. Graduated LSU Law 2010
- c. Worked in Insurance defense
- d. Moved back home and hung a shingle
- e. Decided to run of La. House at 36 with no prior political experience

B. The "Crisis"

- a. 1 Billion dollar shortfall
 - i. Process on how shortfall is determined
- b. The causes of shortfall
 - i. Stelly,
 - ii. Price of oil, etc
 - iii. Bad fiscal policy/management

C. The Response

- a. Temporary Sales Tax
 - i. 3 years at penny to "force" reform that didn't happened
 - ii. 7 years at .45

D. Professionalism and the role it played in the crisis

- a. Cultural norms in the legislature – expectations of conduct
- b. The past – living with the ghosts of dinosaurs
- c. New members – rise of hyper partisanship
- d. Examples from crisis

E. Passing bills in this era and why professionalism matters

- a. Role in Criminal justice reform
 - i. Backdrop of reform
 - ii. Bills and my role
 - iii. How professionalism matters
 - iv. Listening and thinking of others and what position they are in