

Judge Steven Jupiter

Judge Steven Jupiter was elected to the New Orleans Traffic Court, Division D in 2013. He graduated from Xavier University in 1992 with a B.A. in Philosophy. Upon graduation, he worked in Washington, D.C. as a congressional aid and obtained a law degree from Catholic University/Columbus School of Law in 1996.

Judge Jupiter began his legal career as the law clerk to the Honorable Michael G. Bagneris, Orleans Parish Civil District Court. In 1998, he went into private practice with the law firm Leblanc, Maples & Waddell, LLC and honed his skills as an advocate and Litigation Manager. He oversaw the administrative affairs of the New Orleans office which included the claims of people exposed to asbestos and other occupational hazards. In 2005, he began the Jupiter Law Firm, concentrating in the areas of toxic torts/asbestos, real estate, estate planning, commercial transactions and personal injury. Judge Jupiter also serves as “Of Counsel” to the Haley Law firm, responsible for trial and appellate advocacy on behalf of corporations, municipalities and governmental agencies.

As a member of the Silverback Society, NAACP’s Gulf Coast Advocacy Center, and the Louisiana Justice Institute, Judge Jupiter has demonstrated a commitment to working in the community. He has been a volunteer with the New Orleans Juvenile Court Conflict Attorney Panel where he provided free legal assistance to underserved youth.

Judge Jupiter is married to Tonya Rhodes Jupiter and they have two daughters.