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Supreme Court Election Dec. 8, 2012

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Conservative-vs.-Liberal Battle for Control of Court

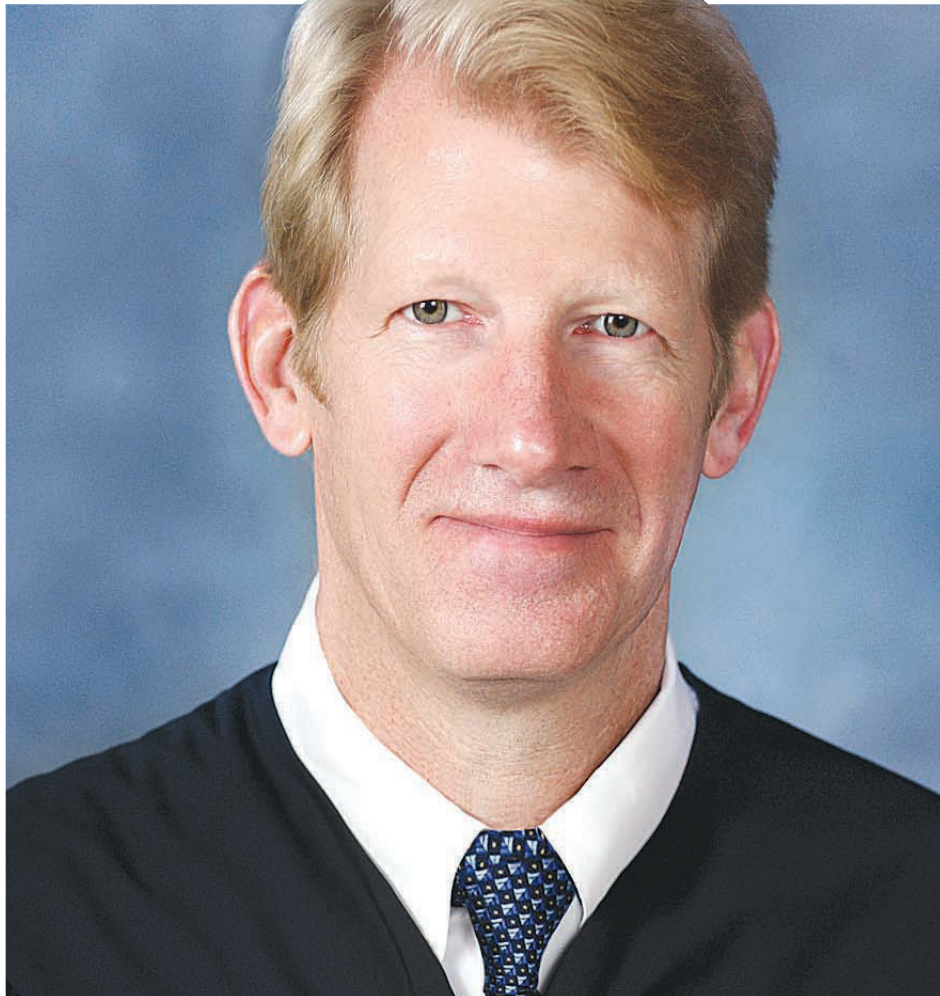
Supreme Court at Stake

Liberal Democrat Takes Reins as Chief Justice of Supreme Court

NEW ORLEANS — After several months of controversy and a federal lawsuit, the Louisiana Supreme Court has agreed on a new Chief Justice. Associate Justice Bernette Johnson will replace current Chief Justice Kitty Kimball on Jan. 1, 2013.

Justice Johnson is a Democrat and the most liberal member of the court. As Chief Justice, she will be the Chief Administrative Officer of the judicial system of the state, subject to rules adopted by a majority of the Supreme Court. Controversy arose because she has been an elected

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REAL-LIFE CONSERVATIVE Judge Jeff Hughes stands for the principles found in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. and Louisiana Constitutions.

Republicans Support Hughes, Democrat Party Backs Guidry

BATON ROUGE — Five Republican judges entered the race for the Louisiana Supreme Court in the Nov. 6 primary. Court of Appeal Judge Jeff Hughes emerged from that crowded field and will face Democrat Judge John Michael Guidry in the runoff Dec. 8

Now the Republican Party is rallying around Hughes. The Louisiana Republican Party has endorsed Judge Hughes, as has the largest local party organization in the state — the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish. The

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Judge Jeff Hughes Election Will Give Conservatives 4-3 Majority on State's Supreme Court

BATON ROUGE — The Dec. 8 runoff election for a seat on the Louisiana Supreme Court could make history by giving the court a Republican majority for the first time ever.

If Republican nominee Judge Jeff Hughes is elected, four of the seven members of the court will be Republicans. Philosophically, the court would have a 4-3 conservative majority as well. But if Democrat Judge John Michael Guidry is elected, the court will continue on a more liberal path.

Who turns out and votes Dec. 8 is the key. Hughes is the favorite
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**Judge Jeff Hughes
Member, Louisiana
Court of Appeal**

**Republican Nominee
for Supreme Court**

**12 Years Law Practice
14 Years District Judge
8 Years on Louisiana
Court of Appeal**

**Conservative Republican
Native of Denham Springs**

WHAT I BELIEVE by Judge Jeff Hughes

- U. S. Constitution
- Right to life
- Right to property
- Keep & bear arms
- Traditional Marriage
- Capital Punishment
- Judges should apply the law to the facts of a case — not try to make the law!

Opponent Lacks Trial Court Experience

BATON ROUGE — One of the most important issues facing voters in the Dec. 8 runoff for a seat on the Louisiana Supreme Court is trial court experience. Both Judge

Jeff Hughes and Judge John Michael Guidry currently serve on the Louisiana Court of Appeals. However, Judge Guidry has no experience as a trial judge.



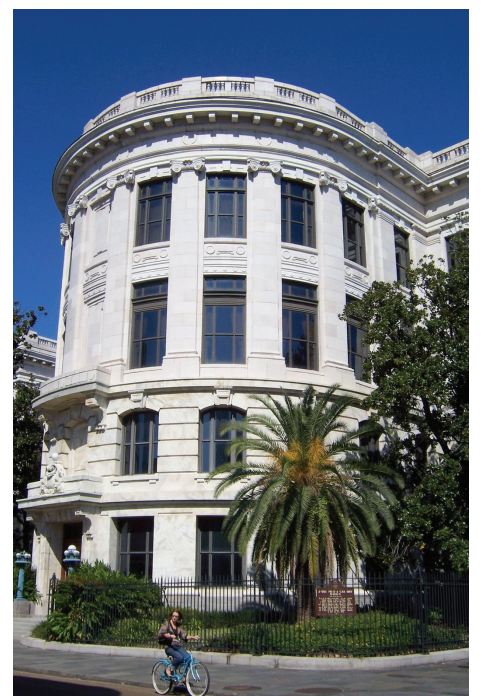
Judge Guidry As a result, he has never tried a civil case, never tried a criminal case, never conducted a jury trial, and never conducted a murder trial. On the other hand, Judge Hughes served as a District Court judge for 14 years and has extensive experience as a trial judge.

Trial Court Experience • Comparison

Jeff Hughes Served as District Judge 14 Years, While John Michael Guidry Never Served as a Trial Judge

Guidry	Type Trial Experience	Hughes
0	No. of Civil Cases Tried	1,000+
0	No. of Criminal Cases Tried	1,000+
0	No. of Jury Trials	100+
0	No. of Murder Cases Tried	10+

Note: Before being elected to the Court of Appeal from an inner city district, Judge Guidry had only very limited experience as a practicing attorney, while Judge Hughes practiced for 12 years and tried hundreds of cases in court.



Louisiana Supreme Court

As a Boy, Jeff Hughes Grew Up in Denham Springs of 1950's-1960's

In Hughes' World, Home and Family, God and Country Meant Everything And They Still Do

DENHAM SPRINGS — Court of Appeal Judge Jeff Hughes remembers growing up in Denham Springs in the 1950's and 1960's as very much like the TV series, *Leave It to Beaver*.

"For us kids, life revolved around sports. We lived a couple of blocks from Denham Springs High. From the time I was six years old, I was at the school playing whatever sport was in season — before school, during recess, and after school." Through sports, Jeff made countless friends who remain his friends more than 50 years later.

"Our mom was the perfect mother. She had dinner ready every night, washed the clothes, and took us to practice. She has a degree in chemistry and is very smart, but she was totally devoted to raising the three of us," Hughes remembers.

Jeff was the oldest. Sister Barbara was two years younger and brother Paul was two years younger than Barbara. "I was always very close to my brother and sister. Of course, we fought like cats and dogs! But we're still close today. Very close."

Their dad, J.D. Hughes, was a forester and rose to be manager of Crown Zellerbach's forestry operations in the Florida Parishes.

"Dad had a lot of responsibilities, and most days he would come home dog tired from a hard day. But I was always there waiting for him to pass me the football or hit



LEAVE IT TO BEAVER — For Jeff Hughes (left), growing up at the Hughes household in Denham Springs was like the television series, *Leave It to Beaver*. "A wonderful life!" Hughes said. Shown are Paul, Barbara, dad J.D., mom Betty, and Jeff Hughes.



Denham Springs High Yellow Jacket basketball team. Jeff is 2nd on 3rd row.

pop flies I could catch. No matter how tired he was, he always made time for me," the judge said.

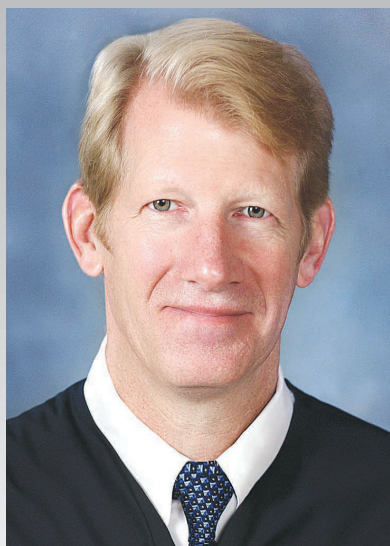
Jeff remembers his dad coming in late at night from fighting forest fires. A series of fire towers was used to sound the alarm. Jeff often travelled with his dad. He watched forests being replanted and learned the importance of conservation.

Hunting and fishing were a big part of life. "My dad gave me a BB gun when I was 6. Later I got a Benjamin pump. Then a .22. By the time I was 13, I had my first shotgun."

"Growing up in Denham Springs was like life in *Leave It to Beaver*. My buddies and I would get on our bicycles and cover the entire town. We'd ride downtown, ride to the woods, ride to the river. Our parents had no idea where we were. We just had to be home by dark. We never got in any trouble."

Besides his mom and dad, Jeff says he was influenced by great

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A Pro-Life Champion for Supreme Court

Vote Jeff Hughes

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Hughes Began as Scholar-Athlete At Denham Springs High School

Jeff Hughes Was Nat'l Merit Finalist, Salutatorian at Largest School in Livingston Parish

DENHAM SPRINGS — For young Jeff Hughes, Denham Springs High School was about opportunity — a great high school in an All-American city where he could achieve success in academics, leadership, and sports.

Great teachers opened the door of opportunity for Hughes, allowing him to become one of Louisiana's few National Merit Finalists — an honor achieved by fewer than 1/2 of one percent of the students who take the SAT test every year. Some schools will go 20 years without having a National Merit Finalist. Others never achieve that honor.

At Denham Springs High, principal Grady Hornsby and teachers such as Mrs. Genelle Montgomery (English), Mrs. Eulalie Genius (al-



JEFF HUGHES

gebra and trigonometry), Horace McCann (history), and Olen Davis (science) made the world of academics interesting and sometimes

As National Merit Finalist, Future Judge Was in Top 1/2 of 1% of Nation's Youth

challenging. "I especially had to study for Mr. Davis, who liked to ask trick questions," Hughes said.

Hughes finished his four years of high school with straight A's... except for one B — one B too many, as it dropped him into a tie for Salutatorian with Winton Aubert and allowed a girl to win Valedictorian, a much-deserving Pat Glover.

Hughes said his parents never pressed him to make straight A's. "In the first grade, I came home with all A's except for one B. My parents simply asked me if anyone had made all A's. I said yes and got the message. If they could do it, I could do it!"

At Denham Springs High, Hughes was an officer of Key Club International and had many opportunities to serve the Denham Springs community through Key Club.

He was chosen to represent Denham Springs High at Pelican Boys State, where he was elected to the State Senate. "The Boys State Sen-

ate met in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol, and it was my first introduction to politics," he said.

Hughes was one of the state's top basketball stars and was offered a basketball scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi. However, his high SAT score and selection as a National Merit Finalist drew the attention of LSU, which offered him a full academic scholarship.

In the end, Hughes chose not to pursue a basketball career and decided instead to accept the academic scholarship to LSU.

Jeff Hughes: 2-Time All-District, Named MVP in Livingston Parish

DENHAM SPRINGS — In high school, Jeff Hughes loved sports and was a four-sport athlete for most of his high school career.

But his passion was for basketball. Standing 6'4", Hughes was impressive during his junior and senior years, averaging 19 points a game and earning All-District honors both years.

In his senior season, Hughes was named MVP for Livingston Parish high school basketball.

His role model was head basketball coach Alton Leggett. Jeff Hughes said, "Coach Leggett had polio as a child and played basketball with a false leg, but he had really developed his upper body and was probably the strongest man I ever saw. He could do something I've never seen before or since. He would take a basketball and slam it down on the basketball court floor so hard that it would fly all the way to ceiling! It was pretty amazing!"

During the 1969-1970 season, the starting five for the Denham Springs Yellow Jackets was James Howze and Harvey Armstrong at guard, Ronnie Scivique and Monty Morales at forward, and Hughes at center. They lost only five games

during the season and made into the State AA Playoffs, finally losing to Ponchatoula. "It was a sad day for me, as I realized that I would never again put on the jersey of Denham Springs High!"

PHOTO: Hughes vs. Central in 1970



**Associate Justice,
La. Supreme Court**

**Runoff Election on
Saturday, Dec. 8,**

**John M. Guidry (D)
Jeff Hughes (R)**

Ascension, East & West
Baton Rouge, East & West
Feliciana, Iberville, Living-
ston, and Pointe Coupee .

**Low Turnout Is Expected.
Every Vote Will Count**

At LSU, Jeff Hughes Developed Love Of History, and He Excelled at the Law

At LSU Law School, Hughes Was Named To LSU Law Review, An Honor Reserved For Top Students

BATON ROUGE — Arriving at LSU in the fall of 1970, Jeff Hughes threw himself into the Honors program while soaking up all the Tiger football, intramural sports, parties, and social life he could.

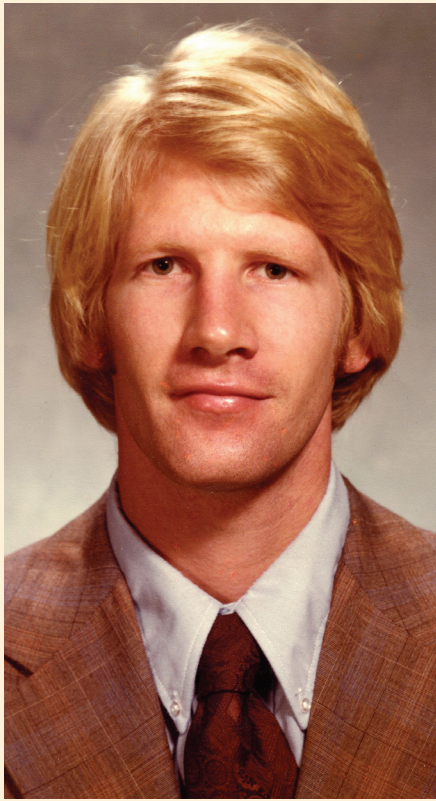
He studied under Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian Prof. T. Harry Williams and read everything he could on the Greeks and Romans, American history, and the Civil War. His great-great-grandfather, Peter Hammond, was the founder of Hammond, LA, and had Swedish ancestry. So Hughes also waded into the history of the Vikings.

“Looking back, I wish I’d spent more time reading at LSU, but there were lots of distractions for a young college student on campus!”

Despite the distractions, Hughes managed to earn a B.A. in history with honors. Then he took his father’s advice and went to law school. “With a law degree, you can practice law or become an FBI agent or go into business,” his dad advised.

At the LSU Law Center, Hughes admired professors such as Pascal,

Fresh Out of Law School, Jeff Hughes Became 1st Attorney in Town of Walker



JEFF HUGHES
Walker’s first Attorney at Law

Some Clients Paid With Fresh Eggs, Turnip Greens, and Other Farm Crops

WALKER — When Jeff Hughes began the practice of law in the late 1970’s, the Town of Walker in Livingston had one red light, one bank, and no lawyers.

But, with a population of 3,000 and growing, Walker was the land of opportunity.

Jeff Hughes hung out his shingle in a building he rented from Lester Hodges right next to the Walker Town Hall. Hughes admired Hodges, who owns the Old South Jamboree and whom Hughes considers a shrewd businessman. Soon people were calling or stopping by for advice.

The advice of a young lawyer wasn’t worth that much, and sometimes Hughes didn’t charge

anything at all. Then he met with a client for an hour and made a \$25 fee, later \$50, and then the grand sum of \$100 for a single hour of his time! Finally, a “big” case came in, and he earned \$500! “I knew we’d be able to pay for the copy machine!” he said.

Young Hughes handled a wide range of cases — from domestic to business to criminal. He learned and grew as an attorney, earning the respect and trust of people in the Walker area.

Now there was one red light, one bank, and one lawyer in the Town of Walker.

One of Hughes’ clients, George Thomas, had some property, and he liked to donate an acre of land to a son or daughter. George was always bringing fresh eggs, turnip greens, or squash to the office. “I couldn’t charge George in cash,” Hughes remembers. “You charge what the traffic will bear, and there was nothing more valuable than George Thomas’ produce!”

Litvinoff, and Hargrave — all legions in the legal community today. With a grade point at or near the top 10 percent of his class, he was invited to serve on the Law Re-

view, one of the school’s top honors. He wrote a noteworthy article on the Right to Resist Unlawful Arrest. In the summer, he clerked for the law firm of Fayard, Mor-

risson & Kuhn. After graduation, he clerked for federal Magistrate Frank Polozola. After a brief stint at a larger law firm, he decided to hang out his shingle in Walker, LA.

After 12 Years in Private Practice, Jeff Hughes Elected District Judge for 21st Judicial District

As District Judge, Hughes Conducted Thousands of Trials, Gained Real-Life Judicial Experience

LIVINGSTON — In 1990, after 12 years in the private practice of law, attorney Jeff Hughes decided to run for District Court Judge from the 21st Judicial District, which consists of Livingston, Tangipahoa, and St. Helena parishes.

As a native of Livingston, he would normally have been at a disadvantage because most of the population was in Tangipahoa. But Hughes’ great-great-grandfather, Peter Hammond, was the founder of Hammond, and the Hughes family was well known and respected in Tangipahoa Parish.

Hughes won that election, defeating the incumbent District Judge, thus beginning his 14 years of service as a trial court judge.

In Louisiana, the District Court is the court of original jurisdiction, and it handles almost every type of civil and criminal case.

In his years on the District Court bench, Judge Hughes presided over thousands of civil and



Judge Jeff Hughes sworn in by Justice of the Peace Jeff Sasche

As a District Judge, Jeff Hughes was known for fair sentences. Something funny happened during this campaign. He knocked on a door and asked the man for permission to put up a yard sign. To his surprise, the man said, “In 1997, you put me in jail!” Then he said, “But you did the right thing. I deserved it. No, I wouldn’t mind if you put up that sign!” Endorsements from the governor and other high officials are impressive, but none so impressive as from someone you put in jail!

criminal cases, including jury trials and murder trials. This kind of experience is invaluable, because it includes finding the facts of the case and applying the Constitution and law to those facts. In the process, the judge is expected to render justice for the parties to the litigation or, in the case of criminal trials, to the defendant, the victim, and the families involved.

Judge Hughes said he loved the work. “More than anything, the challenge of the District Judge is to do justice and help people through some very tough times in their lives.”

“The really difficult part of the job is sentencing a criminal defendant,” Hughes said. “You have to realize that there is evil in the world, and some people are a menace to society. Sometimes very long sentences are justified. At other times, criminal defendants are not a real threat to anyone else, and that needs to be considered.”

“The worst thing that can happen is to let someone go free and find out later that they murdered someone. Fortunately, that never happened in my court,” he said.

Hughes said he supports capital punishment, although he never had occasion to sentence anyone to death as a District Judge. Although Hughes was considered by some to be very tough as District Court judge, he said he feels he was fair.

Elected to State Court of Appeal in 2004, Judge Hughes Takes Conservative Stand

As Appellate Judge, Jeff Hughes Reads Legal Briefs, Hears Oral Arguments, Writes Opinions Reviewing Decision Of District Judges

BATON ROUGE — In 2004, District Judge Jeff Hughes defeated an incumbent judge for a seat on the Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal from the Florida parishes.. “Serving on the Court of Appeal is completely different from serving as a trial judge,” Hughes said. “We hear oral arguments only two days a month, and the rest of the time we’re reading briefs, digging through the record, and writing opinions. As a District Judge, you don’t have much staff, sometimes not even a part-time law clerk. But on the Court of Appeal, we have staff, and that’s a big help.”

Judge Hughes has written opinions in some well-known cases, including denying the appeal of Derrick Todd Lee and upholding the constitutionality of using Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) to build Cabela’s in Ascension. This led to the approval of the Bass Pro Shop in Denham Springs.



Judge Jeff Hughes of the Louisiana Court of Appeal, 1st Circuit

“I am a strict constructionist. It is the duty of the Legislature, not judges, to make the law. I consider the Constitution to be an inspired document... The Founders strove to protect us from an overreaching government.”

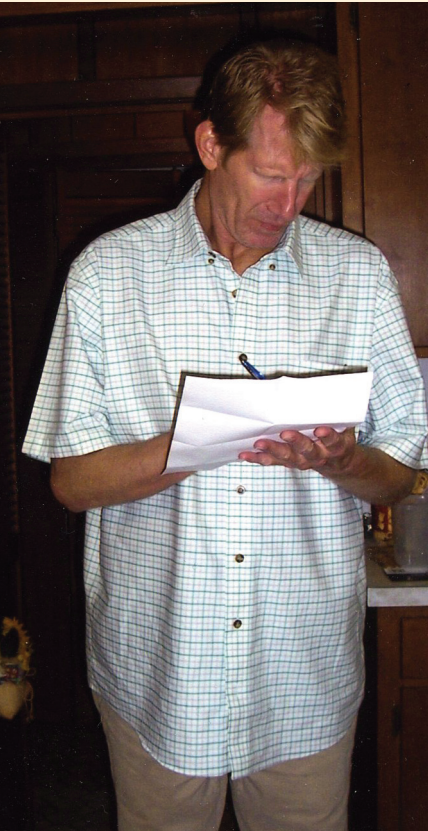
— Judge Jeff Hughes

Judge Hughes Wrote Opinion Denying Appeal Of Serial Killer Derrick Todd Lee

BATON ROUGE — In the investigation of accused serial killer Derrick Todd Lee, Lee was ordered to submit to a DNA test by use of a subpoena, rather than a search warrant. The DNA evidence was critical in connecting Lee to the crimes.

Without the DNA evidence, Lee might never have been linked to a number of murders in the Baton Rouge area. An illegal DNA test could have invalidated Lee’s conviction, as “fruit of the poisonous tree.”

Lee’s appeal of the use of his DNA went to the Court of Appeal where Judge Jeff Hughes wrote the opinion upholding the use of the DNA and denying his appeal. Hughes’ opinion was critical to the ultimate outcome in the case. Today serial killer Derrick Todd Lee is in Angola awaiting execution.



JUDGE JEFF HUGHES often works late into the night on a crucial decision like that of murderer Derrick Todd Lee.

Judge Jeff Hughes Answers Key Questions

NOTE: In 2002, the United States Supreme Court ruled that candidates for judicial office have the right to announce their views on disputed legal or political issues. The following are some of Judge Hughes’ answers to a questionnaire submitted to him by the Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Question: Who are your judicial role models?

Judge Hughes’ Answer: I admire John Marshall for establishing the rule of law early in our history and Roger Taney for helping break the stronghold the Bank of the United States had on the economy of a young republic. My favorite justices on the U. S. Supreme Court today are Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, because I share their values and they get the job done without

a lot of fanfare. I believe that a good judge, like a good umpire, should remain in the background and let the game, or in this case, the law, take precedence. Showboating can prove detrimental to one’s cause.

Question: What is your position on the right to property?

Judge Hughes’ Answer: I am a strong proponent of the right to property. I disagree with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Kelo v. City of New London* that allowed private property to be taken for the benefit of a taxing authority rather than the public good such as a road or a bridge. I am strongly in favor of the protection provided by Louisiana law for jury trials and full and just compensation in expropriation cases. I am suspicious of “quick-taking” approaches and forfeiture

proceedings.

Question: What about the right to privacy?

Judge Hughes’ Answer: I am grateful we have strong protections in the Louisiana Constitution. One of my favorite books is Orwell’s 1984. “Big Brother” has become a cliché but the book’s theme of the middle class being drained and deprived by unending war against a vague, unseen enemy is eerily relevant today.

Question: What is your position on access to public records and on open meetings law?

Judge Hughes’ Answer: I am committed to protecting our Louisiana Constitution’s guarantees of access to public records and open meetings. Sunshine is the best disinfectant. The only exception I consider is an ongoing criminal investigation.



JEFF HUGHES with his staff at Court of Appeal



Judges of Louisiana Court of Appeal. Judge Jeff Hughes is to the left of the state seal.

Hughes' Election Would Give Republicans A Majority on Supreme Court for 1st Time

First-Time Ever Opportunity for Conservative Court Majority

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in the race, but only if conservative voters show up at the polls.

Guidry's base is the inner city of Baton Rouge and majority black precincts in the River Parishes.

Hughes' base consists of Central (4 percent), Livingston Parish (16 percent), Ascension (14 percent), and Southeast Baton Rouge (16 percent), or about 50 percent of the registered voters.

In the Nov. 6 primary, Republican candidates received 57 per cent of the vote. If those voters show up on Dec. 8, Hughes will be difficult to beat. The concern among Republicans is that conservative voters might stay home and not bother to vote. In the Nov. 6 presidential election, President Obama's campaign turned out his supporters in the swing states at an even greater rate than in 2008. The result was an Obama victory.

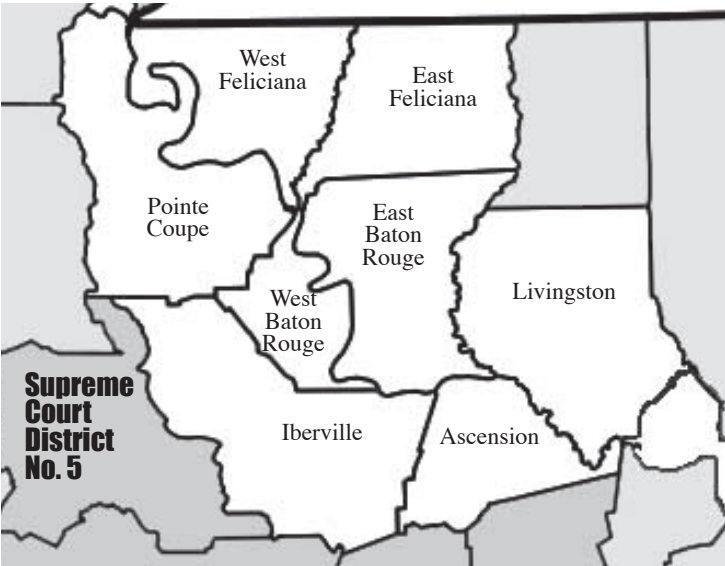
With the elevation of liberal Democrat Bernette Johnson to the post of Chief Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the election of a Republican majority to the court would tend to limit her actions, while the election of another Democrat could give her more freedom to move not only the Supreme Court but the entire Louisiana judicial system to the left.



NEW CHIEF JUSTICE Bernette Johnson of the Louisiana Supreme Court is expected to take the court in a more liberal direction unless Judge Jeff Hughes is elected.

What Judge Hughes Hopes to Accomplish On Supreme Court

BATON ROUGE — Judge Jeff Hughes said there are several goals he hopes to accomplish as a member of the Louisiana Supreme Court. The judge said, "Of course, the most important thing is to follow the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of Louisiana to administer justice in the courts of our state. But I also hope to improve the image of our courts by setting high ethical standards. We want to make sure that cases are decided on the merits and not based on who takes a Supreme Court justice to lunch or who funds their campaigns. As we do this, public confidence in our court system will improve."



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SUPREME COURT

John Michael Guidry (D) []
Jeff Hughes (R) []

COURT OF APPEAL - 1st Circuit

Gideon Carter III (D) []
Michael McDonald (R) []

BATON ROUGE CITY JUDGE

Tiffany Foxworth (D) []
Suzan Ponder (R) []

Meet Judge Jeff Hughes for Supreme Court

PERSONAL BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION

- Lifelong resident of Livingston Parish, Louisiana
- Son of J. D. and Betty Hughes of Denham Springs
- Brother of Paul Hughes and Barbara Hughes Favre
- Graduate, Denham Springs High School
 - Salutatorian, Class of 1970
 - National Merit Finalist
 - All-District Basketball Player (2 years)
 - Most Valuable Player for Livingston Parish
- B. A. degree in History with Honors, LSU, 1974
- Juris Doctor degree in Law, LSU Law School, 1977
 - LSU Law Review (Top law school students)
- Member, Shady Bower Church
- Loves to hunt, fish, read, and spend time with family

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Attorney at Law, 1978-present
- First attorney to practice in Town of Walker
- 12 years in private practice of law, handling all type cases
- Elected District Judge for 21st Judicial District (Livingston, Tangipahoa, and St. Helena parishes), 1990-2004. Heavy docket of civil and criminal cases, including jury trials and murder cases.
- Elected to Louisiana Court of Appeal, 2004-present
- Republican nominee, Louisiana Supreme Court, 2012
- Endorsed by Republican Party, Tea Party of Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal, Livingston Parish News, and many others



JUDGE JEFF HUGHES
Judge, Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal
Candidate, Associate Justice, Louisiana Supreme Court

To Support Jeff Hughes for Supreme Court, Call 225-278-8181

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Tea Party rally on steps of State Capitol in Baton Rouge. The Tea Party of Louisiana has endorsed Judge Jeff Hughes for Supreme Court.

GOP, Conservative Leaders, Newspapers for Hughes

Key Endorsements for Judge Hughes For Associate Justice, Supreme Court

BATON ROUGE — Since leading the Nov. 6 primary, Judge Jeff Hughes has received a number of endorsements from community newspapers, elected officials, Republican Party organizations, and conservative groups.

Among Hughes' supporters are:

- Gov. Bobby Jindal
- Livingston Parish president Layton Ricks
- Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard
- Ascension Parish Sheriff Jeff Wiley
- Livingston Parish Assessor Jeff Taylor
- State Sen. Dale Erdey
- State Sen. Bodi White
- State Rep. Valarie Hodges
- State Rep. Sherman Mack
- State Rep. J. Rogers Pope
- State Rep. Clay Schexnayder
- East Baton Rouge Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Walker
- City of Central Mayor Mac Watts
- Ascension Parish School Board member A. J. Nickens
- Denham Springs Marshal Jerry Denton
- **Livingston Parish News**
- **Capital City News**
- **Central City News**
- Tea Party of Louisiana
- Louisiana Republican Party
- Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish
- Republican Party of Livingston Parish
- Former Supreme Court candidate Jeffry Sanford, an independent in Nov. 6 primary.



Gov. Bobby Jindal Endorses Judge Jeff Hughes



Republican Party Endorses Judge Jeff Hughes



Tea Party of Louisiana Endorses Judge Jeff Hughes

Republicans Unite Behind Hughes

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Livingston Parish Republican Party has added its voice to party support for Judge Hughes, who has 22 years on the bench.

Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal has also endorsed Judge Hughes for the Louisiana Supreme Court. Hughes' election would create a 4-3 Republican majority on the court and represent a tilt away from the liberalism which has dominated the court since the 1970's. The results

from the election were as follows:

Louisiana Supreme Court 5th Supreme Court District

John Guidry (D)*	93,117
Jeff Hughes (R)*	71,910
Mary Pierson (D)	49,990
Duke Welch (R)	37,520
Toni Higginbotham (R)	36,663
Bill Morvant (R)	36,117
Tim Kelley (R)	10,395
Jerry Sanford (N)	3,256

The two Democrats — Guidry and Mary Olive Pierson — re-

ceived 143,107 voters, or 42.2 percent, while the five Republicans — Hughes, Welch, Higginbotham, Morvant, and Kelley — received 192,605, or 56.8 percent. The independent candidate, Jerry Sanford, received 3,256 votes, or 1 percent.

Theoretically, if the Republican voters do in fact unite behind Hughes, he should have an easy victory. But that theory leaves open the question of whose voters will actually be motivated to go vote.

Livingston Parish News Endorses Judge Jeff Hughes

The conservatives have made their choice. Now the majority merely need to follow up the results of the Nov. 6 primary by going to the polls Dec. 8 to vote for Jeff Hughes in the runoff for the District 5 seat on the State Supreme Court.

Hughes was the top vote getter among five Republicans on the Nov. 6 ballot that together garnered nearly 57 percent of the vote. His runoff opponent, John Michael Guidry, prevailed between the two Democrats in the field that took only 42 percent.

Voters from this district clearly desire a conservative Republican who will reflect their views on the high

court. To see that happen, we simply need to show up and vote one more time. Don't forget about it. With the Supreme Court race the only one on the ballot except for a Board of Aldermen runoff in Walker, turnout may be one third or less of what it was the first Tuesday of November. Every vote matters.

Once again we enthusiastically endorse our Livingston Parish candidate for the job. Hughes, like Guidry, currently serves on the First Circuit Court of Appeal. Unlike Guidry, who came to the bench from the state Legislature, Hughes has been a judge at both the district and appellate court level for

two decades, and before that he practiced law for 12 years. He has presided over civil and criminal trials, dealt with juries and lawyers and wrestled with the issues of fairness and impartiality that will give him invaluable insight on the state's highest court. He is a fiscal and social conservative with a pro-life, pro-gun, and pro traditional marriage philosophy. That comes from growing up in our community, where he was a star basketball player in high school and remains an avid lover of the outdoors, hunting and fishing.

Now we have a rare opportunity to send the high court a man from our area well prepared to handle the job.

He has distinguished himself intellectually since his days at Denham Springs High School, where he was Salutatorian and a National Merit Finalist. He was a top student at LSU Law School, where he made Law Review. No other candidate in this race has had qualifications even approaching his.

He is prepared to use this background and experience on a high court that is now divided evenly between conservatives and liberals. He will make sound, fair, impartial and independent decisions if we do the one thing required to make that happen. We must remember to vote.

Baton Rouge Democrats in Disarray, Sue One Another, Endorse Guidry

BATON ROUGE — The East Baton Rouge Democratic Parish Executive Committee is mired in controversy — with members of the committee suing one another. According to a report in the Baton Rouge Advocate, the committee is divided over the issues of gay marriage, open meetings, and whether

members of the PEC were properly sworn in. On gay marriage, the Democratic committee strongly supports gay marriage. Meanwhile, the Democratic PEC did agree to endorse Judge John Michael Guidry for the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Democratic committee member

Donald Hodge, Jr., sued the committee, alleging that the committee tried to bully him for supporting gay marriage. He also alleged that

- The Democratic PEC violated the open meetings law.
- The committee purchased campaign cards for candidates in violation

of state law.

• A member failed to take the oath of office in a timely manner.

According to the Advocate, another committee member, Charlotte McGehee, said Hodge libeled her by alleging that she did not support gay marriage.



Millionaires vs. Billionaires...

The Supreme Court race Dec. 8 has taken on a life of its own — with powerful forces lining up for Hughes or Guidry — seemingly for no logical reason.

The biggest driving force behind most of the TV ad spending is the “legacy lawsuit” issue. Some landowners (who’ve made millions from oil production on their land) want to sue some of the major oil companies (who’ve made billions drilling oil on the same land), claiming those oil companies damaged their land. They want more money for cleanup. The oil companies got the legislature to pass legislation prohibiting so-called “legacy lawsuits.” Now the major oil companies (billionaires) are supporting a moderate Democrat (Guidry) and landowners (millionaires) are supporting the conservative Republican (Hughes).

Here’s the irony: Neither Hughes nor Guidry has ever handled a legacy lawsuit case, and neither has expressed his views on the topic. No one knows for sure if the issue will ever get to the Supreme Court, what the case would look like, or how either candidate would rule.

Here’s what Judge Hughes said about the controversy: “As a judge, my job is not to favor or reward any group but to apply the Constitution and laws to the facts of each case. That’s what I will always try to do in every controversy.”

Here’s some advice: Ignore the big money being spent on TV and think about the issues that actually affect you and your family. If you’re pro-life, pro-gun, and pro-traditional marriage, then

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HUGHES FAMILY — (Left to right, 1st row) Raine Favre and Ellie Hughes, nieces. (2nd row) sister Barbara Favre, dad J.D., mom Betty, sister-in-law Anne and brother Paul Hughes,

Family Means Everything to Appellate Judge Jeff Hughes

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teachers and great coaches, such as Alton Leggett, Louis Carlisle, and Boysie Degeneres, who made a lasting impression on his life.

“Looking back on what it was like to grow up in Denham Springs, I see all the great values that our parents, teachers, and coaches instilled in us — love of God and country, the importance of home and family, and the blessing of liv-

ing in a great community. These are all things that are still worth fighting for and defending. When I talk about the right to life, the right to keep and bear arms, the value of traditional marriage, the right to own and control private property, I’m really talking about all the things have been so important to my family throughout my life. These are the things our community stands for and that America is built upon.”

New Chief Justice Known as Liberal Democrat from NOLA

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member of the Supreme Court only since 2000. Justice Jeff Victory has served as an elected member of the Supreme Court since 1996 and felt he was the oldest in point of service under the state constitution.

Johnson was appointed as a temporary eighth member of the court as a result of a federal court order. The court reverted to seven members in 2000, when she was elected to the court.

The Chief Justice is the head of the Judicial branch of state government and has far-reaching power.



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WEDDINGS. Over the years, Judge Jeff Hughes has performed hundreds of weddings. It’s not an obligation of his office but it is something he treasures doing because it is such a joyous occasion. Last week, he performed a wedding ceremony for friends Philip and Alisha Gabourey at Greystone Country Club in Denham Springs.