

Benjamin Luke was born in Baton Rouge, LA and raised in Avoyelles Parish and graduated from Marksville High School. From 1986-1990, he attended Louisiana State University, where he received his B.A. in Political Science with a focus in American Government. In 1993, Ben graduated from Tulane University Law School where he served on the Honor Board and a member of the Student Government Association. Afterwards in 1993, he served as a criminal staff attorney with the Louisiana Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, in Lake Charles, LA before joining in 1995-1998 the law firm of Rimmer, Rawlings, MacInnis and Hedglin in Jackson, MS, practicing in the areas of commercial transactions and litigation, real estate transactions and litigation, employment law, estate law, creditor's rights and bankruptcy, and banking law. From 1998-2007, Ben was a Member/Manager of Roy and Roy Attorney's in Marksville, LA practicing Corporate Law, Banking Law, Wills, Successions, Real Estate, and Business, and Collections/Foreclosures. Also, from 1998-2007, Ben served as Vice President and General Counsel of The Cottonport Bank.

Since 2007, Ben Luke has been the sole Member/Manager of Benjamin A. Luke, Attorney at Law, LLC and of Benjamin Luke Abstract & Title Co., LLC. His areas of practice are Real Estate, Wills, Successions, Estate law, Asset Protection, and Business law. Ben is a licensed attorney in LA & MS, licensed title insurance agent, abstractor, and notary public. He has offices in Marksville, Alexandria, and Bunkie, Louisiana.

Currently serving as:

Immediate Past President and on Board of Directors of Louisiana Association of Independent Land Title Agents, 2009-present;

Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, Board of Directors, 2014- present;

Central Louisiana Community Foundation, Board of Directors and Grant's Committee Chairman, 2015 to present;

Holy Savior Menard High School, **Advisory Board**, 2014 to present;

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 6, Troop Committee & **Advancement Committee Chairman** from 2010 to present.

Ben lives in Marksville, LA with his wife, Celeste, and three children: Ascher Luke age 18, Hynson age 16 and Anna Kate age 14. During his free time, Ben enjoys running marathons and attending his children's cross country meets, hiking, camping, sailing, and canoeing with his sons in the Boy Scouts. He is always looks for a reason to host a Cochon de Lait with his friends and family at his house in Marksville.

Benjamin A. Luke, born Baton Rouge, Louisiana, May 10, 1968; admitted to bar, 1995, Louisiana; 1996, Mississippi; also admitted to practice before U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; U.S. District Courts, Eastern, Western and Middle Districts of Louisiana and Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi. Preparatory education, Louisiana State University (B.A., Political Science/American Government, 1990); legal education, Tulane University Law School (J.D., 1993). Honor Board, 1991-93. Student Government Association Committee. Co-Founder and President, Law School Democrats. Judicial Law Clerk, Criminal

Staff, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Third Circuit, 1993-94. Editor, Gaming Law Reporter, 1995. Associate, Rimmer, Rawlings, MacInnis and Hedglin, Jackson, Mississippi, 1995-99. Attorney, Teen Court of Avoyelles, Inc., 1998-2000. Town Attorney, Cottonport, Louisiana, 1998-2000. Vice-President and General Counsel, The Cottonport Bank, 1998-2007. Partner, Roy and Roy, Marksville, Louisiana, 1998-2007. Manager/member, Benjamin A. Luke, Attorney At Law, LLC, 2007-. Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference, Inc., 1996-98. District Chairman, Boy Scouts of America, 1998-2000; Executive Board of Directors; Nominating Committee, 2000; Funding Committee, 2009-; Louisiana Banker's Association, 1998-2007. Avoyelles Rotary Club, 1998-2007; Board of Directors, 1999-2007; President-Elect, 2000-01; President, 2001-02. Avoyelles Parish Medical Alliance; President-Elect, 1999-2000; President, 2001-03; Alcohol and Drug Committee. Marksville Chamber of Commerce, 1998-. Board of Directors, Avoyelles Hospital, 2001-03. Board of Directors, Le Theatre De Bon Temps, 2001-04; Finance Committee, 2001-04. Board of Trustees, Avoyelles Hospital, 2001-03; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, 2003. Board of Directors, St. James Episcopal Day School, 2004-06; Chairman, 2005-06. Coach, Marksville Little League, 2004-08. City of Marksville Parks and Recreation Committee, 2005-08. Member: Avoyelles Parish (Elected, Secretary-Treasurer, 2000; President-Elect, 2001; President, 2002) and Louisiana State Bar Association (Title Standards Committee, 2013); Mississippi Bar (Young Lawyers Division); Jackson Young Lawyers Association (Literacy Committee, 1998). Louisiana Association of Independent Land Title Agents, Coach - Marksville Little League, 2004-2008, Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation from 2014 to present; Holy Savior Menard High School Advisory Board Member from 2014 to present; Troop 6 BSA Advancement Committee Chairman from 2010 to present; Central Louisiana Community Foundation Board and Grant's Committee Chairman, 2015 to present.