

# JUDGE DANNY WILLETT



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For the past 17 years, I have had the honor and responsibility of serving as your Judge of the 35th Judicial District Court. I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me.

As a court of general jurisdiction, our court handles a wide range of matters each day including: adoptions, civil disputes, criminal cases, custody and divorce proceedings, foreclosures, property disputes, and successions. Behind every case are real people facing serious legal challenges that deserve prompt, fair, and impartial resolution. Over the last 17 years, we have managed thousands of filings annually while maintaining a strong commitment to efficiency, professionalism, and justice. Through ongoing education with the Louisiana Judicial College, I have remained current on changes in the law, best practices for complex cases, and improvements in judicial administration.

Your Court operates with a small but highly dedicated team. Judicial Administrator Michelle Calk brings more than 22 years of combined court experience. Certified Court Reporter Vickie Jolissaint has faithfully served the Court for over 11 years. Our Law Clerk, Nola Parker Day, joined the Court this past year. Together, we have worked diligently not only to manage a significant docket of civil, criminal, juvenile, and domestic matters, but also to strengthen the Court's administrative operations.

During my tenure, we have:

- Launched the Court's website (35jdc.com) to provide public access to dockets, jury information, legal resources, and courtroom policies.
- Implemented virtual hearing capabilities for incarcerated defendants and witnesses unable to appear in person.
- Established a Continuity of Operations Plan to ensure the Court remains accessible during disasters or courthouse disruptions.
- Maintained full-time office staffing during business hours to better serve the public.
- Re-staffed the FINS program to assist parents, students, and schools with behavioral intervention.
- Partnered with the Police Jury, Homeland Security, Sheriff, and District Attorney to install courthouse security cameras.
- Advocated for additional bailiff support to enhance courtroom safety.
- Assumed Title IV child support contempt and review duties to expedite collections.
- Adjusted court scheduling to reduce continuances caused by conflicts in neighboring parishes.
- Transferred misdemeanor probation supervision to the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office to improve compliance and collections.
- Worked with the Child Advocacy Network to establish a CASA program, ensuring children in need of care proceedings have a voice.

While I am proud of what we have accomplished together, there is still important work ahead. After prayerful consideration, I am announcing my candidacy for re-election as your District Judge this fall. I humbly ask for your prayers, your support, and your vote. If re-elected, I will continue focusing on the serious challenges facing our community; addiction, domestic violence, mental health concerns, poverty, and educational barriers. My wife and I, as parents of two daughters, share your concerns about drugs and crime in our parish. Like you, I want our schools, neighborhoods, and streets to remain safe.

In a world where conflicts and hardships are inevitable, the role of judge is both unique and solemn. My duty is to determine the facts fairly, apply the law faithfully, and ensure justice is delivered with clarity and conviction. As a conservative jurist, I remain firmly committed to protecting the rights guaranteed by our Constitutions and Statutes.

In the months ahead, I look forward to visiting with you and hearing your concerns and hopes for the future of our parish. I will continue working every day to earn your trust.

With your support, and if the Lord permits, I will continue striving to provide the citizens of Grant Parish with a court system that is fair, efficient, and worthy of your confidence.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren D. Willett". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Warren "Danny" Willett  
District Judge, 35th Judicial District