



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-152

FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF – JUSTICE MARCUS CLARK

WHEREAS, the Honorable Justice Marcus R. Clark, retired Louisiana Supreme Court Justice, passed away on Wednesday, September 25, 2024;

WHEREAS, he was born February 24, 1956, and was the son of the late Hilda and Gerald Clark in Sulphur, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Sulphur High School in 1974, Northeast Louisiana University, now known as the University of Louisiana at Monroe in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice, and the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1985;

WHEREAS, he worked in the Ouachita Parish District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney and in 1990 he was promoted to Chief Felony Drug Prosecutor;

WHEREAS, he helped co-author the Louisiana's Drug Asset Forfeiture Law and co-develop the National TOP Gun Seminar for law enforcement;

WHEREAS, in 1997, he began his judicial service after he ran for and won an open District Judge seat in the 4th Judicial District;

WHEREAS, he served as the judge for the newly established Drug Court from 2000-2001, and he also served as Chief Judge from 2004-2006;

WHEREAS, he served on a number of committees and boards designed to move the judicial system forward;

WHEREAS, in 2009, he was elected as an Associate Justice to the Louisiana Supreme Court to the Fourth Supreme Court District;

WHEREAS, he served on several Supreme Court boards and committees including as Chairman of the Judicial Budgetary Control Board, and as a member of the Internal Audit Committee and the Human Resources Committee, as well as serving as the Supreme Court's liaison to the Louisiana District Judges Association. He also served as a member of the Sheriff's Executive Management Institute Board;

WHEREAS, he retired from the Louisiana Supreme Court in June 2020;

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife Allyson Ayers Clark, his daughter Nicole Clark Smith (Chase), and son Cooper Charles Clark. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Addie and Patrick Smith, his brother Kenneth Streater (Carmel), sisters Karen Clark McManus (Jim), Phyllis Clark Granger (Mike), numerous nephews and nieces, and Patsy Ayers, his mother-in-law;

WHEREAS, he was as preceded in death by his parents, brother, Gary Clark, and niece, Lynne Streater Ward;

WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his legacy of service and dedication to the legal community, the judiciary, his friends, and his family; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana owes a debt of gratitude to his many contributions to our state.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: As an expression of respect and to honor Justice Marcus R. Clark, the flags of the United States and the State of Louisiana shall be flown at half-staff over the State Capitol and all state buildings from sunrise until sunset on September 30, 2024.

Section 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until sunset,
September 30, 2024.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana on this 27th day of September 2024.

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Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Landry", written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE