

Judge Scott Gardner
District Judge, Division “G”
22nd Judicial District Court

Scott graduated from Tulane University with a degree in Public Policy, and from Tulane Law School. He was Chief of Trials in New Orleans, and the Career Criminal Prosecutor at the DA’s office in Washington and St. Tammany Parish. He was elected district judge in the 22nd Judicial District in 2013. He has served on the Governor’s Domestic Violence Prevention and Sex Trafficking Commissions. He created and implemented Gwen’s Law hearing protocols for felony cases in the 22nd JDC. He served on the Louisiana District Judges’ Association Executive Committee, and the LDJA Legislative Committee. He began and currently chairs the Family Justice Initiative. He is a member of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He has general jurisdiction, and additionally handles all delinquency and neglect cases in his district. He supervises two of the seven Family Preservation Courts in Louisiana. His team has introduced innovations for families and children, including Best for Baby, the Kidsense Waiting Room, and a therapy dog in the courtroom. He is the 2020 CASA Judge of the Year.