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LAWYER SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Blanchard was born in Sulphur, Louisiana. Because his father is a Methodist minister, he had the opportunity to live and go to school in many places, including Lake Charles, Kinder, and Shreveport. He even spent a couple of years in the Appalachian Mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, where his father ran a Methodist mission and Kevin developed a mean outside jump shot.

Kevin graduated with honors from C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport, where he played varsity basketball and golf. Kevin held his first two full-time newspaper reporting jobs—first at the Hammond Daily Star, then the Baton Rouge Advocate—while still finishing up his college degree in journalism from LSU in Baton Rouge. For ten years he worked as a reporter for The Advocate, mainly covering government and politics for the Advocate's Acadiana Bureau in Lafayette. As a reporter, Kevin learned the importance of maintaining respectful and cordial personal relationships with people who are professional adversaries.

To better provide for his growing family (three girls and a beautiful wife, Heather) Kevin took a leap of faith and enrolled in law school at LSU. Kevin commuted from Lafayette to Baton Rouge for three years, while his heroic wife managed her own career and the children. In law school, Kevin served as Editor-in-Chief of the Louisiana Law Review and was honored to be one of Professor Frank Maraist's research assistants. He also spent his spare time in law school working as a consultant for the telecommunications industry.

He and his family attend Covenant United Methodist Church, where his dad, Chris, is the preacher. Kevin enjoys tackling home improvement projects. He and his wife have remodeled two homes themselves and are working on a third. Kevin wishes he had more time to golf.