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Gary Kraus was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. He spent his childhood growing up in Lake Charles, Shreveport, Alexandria and Houma, Louisiana. His Dad was a troubleshooter for BellSouth and he was relocated several times to assist underperforming districts.

Gary started high school at Houma Central Catholic High, which was formed when the girls and boys St. Francis Catholic High Schools were combined, beginning with the sixth grade. His class was the only graduating class to legitimately be in high school for six years. The name of the school was changed when Gary was a freshman to Vandebilt Catholic High School, where he graduated in 1971. After graduation, Gary attended Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina and earned his Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics in 1975. He then attended Louisiana State University Law School, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board and graduated in 1978.

Gary debated in high school and two years in college, and still likes to judge at speech and debate tournaments when the opportunity arises. He is also a big fan of science fiction in all of its forms and avid movie goer. The best advice Gary has received is there is no substitute for one's integrity.

Gary's practice area has changed over his thirty plus years of practicing law. His career began in admiralty and insurance defense. The last several years Gary has had cases concerning insurance coverage, environmental defense, construction coverage, and oil field legacy suits.