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STATE SENATOR JONATHAN PERRY  
ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR  
3<sup>rd</sup> CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL

**KAPLAN** – Today, State Senator Jonathan Perry officially announced his candidacy for Louisiana’s 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal.

“I feel now is the time for me to take my years of community service, law enforcement, legal and legislative experience to the Court of Appeal”, Perry said, speaking to friends, family, and Senate colleagues.

A 45 year old Republican, Perry was born, raised and still resides in Kaplan. A graduate of Kaplan High School, his educational background includes a bachelor’s degree from Northeast Louisiana University (currently the University of Louisiana at Monroe) in Criminal Justice along with a minor in Sociology.

Following the completion of his bachelor’s degree, Senator Perry recognized his passion to help others at the age of 25, and enlisted in the police academy. He rose to the rank of Sergeant for the Kaplan Police Department, serving as an F.T.O. (Field Training Officer) and Shift Supervisor. While attending A.L.E.T.A. (Acadiana Law Enforcement Training Academy), he was selected Cadet President, in addition to being awarded The John “Dooley” Hardy award - given to the Hardest Working Cadet. “It would be an honor and privilege to use my experience of serving and protecting both as a police officer and prosecutor on the Third Circuit Court of Appeal.” Perry said.

With determination to further his education he entered law school in pursuit of a Law Degree. At the age of 28, while attending law school he continued his career of public service when he was elected to the city council in his hometown of Kaplan.

Senator Perry previously served as an Assistant District Attorney for the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court where he practiced as a prosecutor. He is the founding and managing attorney of Perry Law Firm where his law firm concentrates exclusively in Elder Law and Estate Planning.

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From 2008 to 2011 he served in the Louisiana House of Representatives, representing Cameron and Vermilion Parish, until he was elected to the State Senate in 2011. He currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Senate Judiciary C committee and the Acadiana delegation in addition to being a member of the Rural Legislative Caucus.

Senator Perry has been very active in community service specifically through his time volunteering as an auctioneer, Cajun comedian and emcee, having helped to raise much-needed funds for many charities and non-profit organizations through out Acadiana. “God has blessed me with the ability to make people laugh with good clean Cajun humor and I love helping great causes. I believe in giving back,” Perry said.

“I consider myself a public servant. I am extremely proud of how I have represented the great people of Acadiana. I will bring those same values, work ethic, and commitment to the courtroom as a judge,” Perry concluded.

Senator Perry resides in Kaplan with his wife of 19 years, Christine LeBeouf Perry and their four children, Mollie (16), Meredith (16), Major (13) and Marlee (8).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Section 4F seat covers all of Vermilion and portions of Acadia and Lafayette parish.

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