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**SENATOR CLAITOR TAKES OATH OF OFFICE**  
**AS NEW DISTRICT 16 STATE SENATOR**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION**  
**AMONG TOP PRIORITIES**

Dan Claitor is the new state senator for Senate District 16. The Baton Rouge republican won a special election earlier this month to replace Senator Bill Cassidy who now serves in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. He was sworn in Tuesday morning by Secretary of State Jay Dardenne, who previously represented the people of District 16 as state senator.

"It is indeed my honor to have the opportunity to represent the hard-working citizens of Senate District 16," Sen. Claitor said. "I look forward to working with all of the citizens across the district, including those who did not support my election, to help move Baton Rouge and the state of Louisiana forward."

Senator Claitor comes to the Louisiana Senate after years of hard work as an attorney, businessman and publisher. He was raised in Senate District 16, attended Lee High School and worked for his family business, doing everything from payroll to driving the delivery truck.

Senator Claitor brings his experience in small business to the Senate where he will focus on the need to retain and create good jobs in the region and the necessary government reforms, education and infrastructure improvements needed to make that happen. Because of his long history in the area he understands the special relationship between LSU and its related systems like Pennington and their crucial role in economic development.

"Preserving and promoting LSU's flagship university status and stabilizing the Pennington Biomedical Research Center are among the important issues I will focus on in the Louisiana Senate," Sen. Claitor said. "The university and the research center are vital economic engines in our community and we must make sure the institutions have the necessary state support."



**Senator Claitor is a graduate of LSU in Finance and received a law degree from Loyola University. He is a former prosecutor for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office and now works as a legal counsel and runs the family business. He and his wife Sharmaine have two children.**

**Senate District 16 runs from the lakes of LSU to the southeastern corner of East Baton Rouge Parish.**

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