

**Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr.**  
**District – 19**

State Senator Gary Smith is an attorney and businessman and a lifelong resident of St. Charles Parish. He and his wife, Katherine, have one son, Henry, and one daughter, Anna Pierce. Senator Smith represents St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes and parts of Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes. The conservative democrat is serving his second term in the Senate. He previously served three terms in the House of Representatives.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Louisiana Senator (2012-present)
- Louisiana House of Representative (2000-2012)
- Attorney - (1998-present)
- Management - Magnolia Holdings, Inc (1997-present)
- Executive - Magnolia Companies of Louisiana (1998-present)
- Associate - Tarza & Gelderman, LLC (1998-1999)
- Law Clerk - Tarza & Gelderman, LLC (1997-1998)
- Supervisor - Maintenance Dredging, LLC (1992-1997)
- Field Hand - Maintenance Dredging, LLC (1985-1992)
- Intern for U.S. Representative W.J. "Billy" Tauzin (Summer 1993)
- Intern for U.S. Senator John Breaux (Summer 1992)
- Page for 101<sup>st</sup> Congress (Summer 1989)

**EDUCATION**

- Tulane Law School - L.L.M. (1999)
- Loyola Law School - J.D. (1998)
- Louisiana State University - B.S. (1994)
- Destrehan High School (1991)

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- First Baptist Church of Norco
- Norco Civic Association
- Montz Civic Association
- Sons of the American Legion (SAL)
- 29<sup>th</sup> JDC Bar Association
- 40<sup>th</sup> JDC Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Ducks Unlimited
- American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)
- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
- Southern Legislative Conference (SLC)
- National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL)
- Acadiana Delegation

- Rural Caucus Executive Committee
- Jefferson Caucus
- Sportsman Caucus (Co-Chairman)
- Democratic Caucus
- River Parishes Caucus

## **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

- Fifth Circuit Judges Association Legislator of the Year
- Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association Triple Crown Award
- LegisGator of the Year
- Who's Who in American Politics
- Louisiana House Rural Caucus Achievement Award
- State Legislative Session Business Champion Award
- Tobacco Free Living Legislative Champion Certification of Appreciation
- Nicholls State University Higher Education & Bayou Region Certification of Appreciation
- Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Key Women Educators of the River Parishes Golden Apple Award
- Humane State Legislator of the Year Award