

**JON A. GEGENHEIMER**  
**RESUME**  
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**Professional Experience**

- Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court: July 1988-present. Elected November 1987. Re-elected October 1991. Re-elected without opposition in 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019. [The Office of the Clerk of Court has 250 employees and works collaboratively with all the courts (state and local), the sheriff, the district attorney, the public defender, the assessor, the registrar of voters, the secretary of state, and various other state and local agencies.]
  
- Member: Louisiana State Bar Association, Jefferson Parish Bar Association, Bar of the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, Bar of the Federal District Court - Eastern District of Louisiana, Bar of the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Bar of the U. S. Supreme Court.
  
- Assistant Examiner: Louisiana Bar Examinations Committee (1995-present).
  
- Lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Holy Cross New Orleans, LA (1979-1987).
  
- Staff attorney, Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources (1980-1987).
  
- \* City attorney, City of Gretna (1982-1988).
  
- As the elected clerk of court: pioneered the digitization of all court records, land and UCC records, and jury-management records. All paper records have been replaced by totally secure electronic images accessible via the Internet.
  
- As the parish's chief elections officer, the clerk of court is responsible for the conduct of national, state, and local elections occurring in his/her jurisdiction. Election results are reported in real time via the Internet and an innovative election-reporting application available on mobile devices as well as standard computers. For those innovations, Mr. Gegenheimer received the *Harvard Award for Best Practices* in 2011.
  
- Recipient (2014): *G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Innovation in Jury Management* from the National Center for State Courts.
  
- Honored by the Louisiana Supreme Court (2014) for receiving the Munsterman Award.
  
- Recipient (2014): *Public Official of the Year Award* from the National Association of County Recordors, Election Officials, and Clerks.
  
- President, Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, 2003-2004.
  
- The Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court's Office has garnered nationwide respect due to its efficient, customer-oriented service *at reduced costs*. See [www.jpclerkofcourt.us](http://www.jpclerkofcourt.us) for an account of the office's many innovations and accomplishments.

- Over the years, the Jefferson Parish Clerk of Court's Office has been cited (formal proclamations) by the Jefferson Parish Council for those innovations and accomplishments.
- As a highly trained, experienced lawyer, Mr. Gegenheimer has assisted (1988-present) those attorneys representing the Clerk of Court's Office in all litigation in which it has been involved – at the state and federal levels, both trial and appellate.

Prior to his election as clerk of court, Mr. Gegenheimer was a full-time practicing attorney (1971-1987). His practice was broad and varied. He was a civil and criminal trial lawyer in the state and federal arenas; and he authored numerous trial and appellate briefs in connection with those many cases in which he was involved. Mr. Gegenheimer argued before the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, the Louisiana Supreme Court, and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. As city attorney for the City of Gretna (1982-1987), he represented the city (and the neighboring City of Westwego) in crucial voting-rights litigation involving the constitutional implications of gerrymandering aimed at redistricting. The trial and appellate briefs that he authored and filed in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U. S. Supreme Court have been used by subsequent litigants in redistricting cases around the country.

### **Personal History and Military Experience**

- Born 1945 in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Life-long resident of Gretna, Louisiana.
- Married to Cherreen Horil (1974-present). One child – Jon Jr. (born 1980), a summa cum laude graduate of Jesuit High School (1999) and a magna cum laude graduate of Georgetown University (2003). Jon Jr. has been an investment banker in the mergers and acquisitions section of Credit-Suisse Bank (San Francisco office) since 2003.
- Served in the U. S. Army Reserve, Military Intelligence (1969-1975) as an interrogator and counter intelligence specialist.

### **Education**

- Bachelor of Arts (1967), Loyola University New Orleans. Member, Psi Chi National Honorary Fraternity.
- Juris Doctor (1970), Loyola University College of Law. Member, *Loyola Law Review*. Received the American Jurisprudence Award for highest grade in Constitutional Law.
- Master of Laws in Admiralty (1981), Tulane University School of Law. Authored numerous articles on various maritime law topics.
- Fellow, Loyola Institute of Politics (1986).

## Society Memberships

- Dickens Fellowship of New Orleans
- New Orleans Faulkner Society
- New Orleans Churchill Society
- The Family (San Francisco)
- \* New Orleans Federalist Society

## Literary Accomplishments

- Author, *The Second Hill* (AuthorHouse 2011). This novel is an exceptional piece of historical/futuristic, literary fiction, which identifies and addresses virtually every troublesome issue afflicting today's unsettled world: ubiquitous terrorism; rampant moral relativism; bitter, divisive politics; the contests between capitalism and socialism; individualism versus collectivism; religion versus irreligion, and much more.
- Author, *The Griffin Murders* (Rose Dog Books 2016 and Black Lacquer Press 2018). This compelling story is predominantly a straight murder mystery, but it is of the same genre as *The Second Hill*. Beyond a spellbinding surface plot, it features deep character development and strikingly relevant themes. Its pace is lively; its prose is rich and finely crafted; and there are plenty of twists and turns along the way.

[*The Second Hill* and *The Griffin Murders* are stories for these challenging times – fine Dickensian works written to awaken, delight, educate, and spark spirited conversation. In composing these unique pieces of quality literary fiction, Mr. Gegenheimer drew upon his vast experiences as a trial lawyer and legal scholar, and the rich education he received by reading the Great Books of Western history and literature. He believes in Mark Twain's aphorism: "Write what you know."]

Author, *The Canon Code: Freud, C. S. Lewis, et al. Solve The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (Black Lacquer Press 2021). In 1925, the father of psychoanalysis, along with C. S. Lewis, the 20<sup>th</sup> century's foremost moral philosopher, and two of his Oxford colleagues *really* solve *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, Charles Dickens's final novel, which was left half-done when he suddenly died on June 9, 1870.