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John W. deGravelles currently serves as judge on the United States District Court for the Middle District. Prior to taking the bench, Judge deGravelles was a practicing lawyer primarily representing plaintiffs and small businesses in civil litigation. He graduated from Louisiana State University Law School with honors (Order of the Coif) in 1974. He is past president of the Louisiana Association of Justice (formerly Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association) and is a past a member of the Board of Governors of the American Association of Justice. He is past president of the Louisiana Chapter of The American Board of Trial Advocates. He is a member of the adjunct faculty at Louisiana State University Law School and a regular faculty member of Tulane Law School's Summer Session in Rhodes, Greece.

He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to teach during the fall semester of 2001 American Maritime Private International Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Law School in Thessaloniki, Greece. He was named a Louisiana Super Lawyer from 2007 until he left the practice in 2014. Judge deGravelles has written extensively in the area of maritime law including "*The Deepwater Horizon Rig Disaster: Issues of Personal Injury and Death*", 85 Tulane Law Review 1075 (2011) and "*Supreme Court Charts Course on Maritime Punitive Damages*", University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal; Volume 22.2; May, 2010.