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Glen Orgeron

Position: partner, Kean Miller Hawthorne D'Armond McCowan & Jarman

Age: 61

Family: wife, Nancy; and children, Chris, 27, Manda, 17

Education: bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, Tulane University, master's degree in administration, George Washington University; master's degree in electrical engineering; Louisiana State University; juris doctor, Tulane University Law School; master's degree of legal letters in international law, George Washington University

Glenn Orgeron's background is so professionally and geographically diverse it's hard to track.

He has five degrees, was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps and served as deputy general counsel, assistant general counsel and general counsel in jurisdictions from California to Japan to Panama. He has worked in the Pentagon, has flown F4 Phantoms, taught at the U.S. Naval Academy and even served as an electrical engineer with the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston on the Apollo XI Lunar mission and the Apollo Lunar Rover development team.

"The (Lunar mission) had nothing to do with the law but when anyone ever asks, that has always been one of the high-lights of my career," Orgeron said. "It was just neat being at the center of that."

Through his years of military service and work in electrical engineering, he saw the law as a true calling and jumped when the Marines offered him a chance to go to law school. Although much of Orgeron's career has a technical background, he always had an eye on how the law could affect and change society in positive ways.

"The things that motivate me are the opportunities to try to resolve conflicts and disputes among people. The law and its significance in our society was always something that fascinated me."

Orgeron has more than 15 years experience in admiralty and maritime law, construction matters, mold litigation and Fair Credit Reporting Act issues.

One recent matter involving an oil well allowed him to use his engineering background to help win the case.

"That's the fun stuff. With my engineering background, it's fun to cross-examine other experts. Many of them don't know or recognize that I have the engineering background to spar with them."

Orgeron is also involved in a number of charitable and community service organizations, including the New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce, and sits on boards at St. Andrew the Apostle School, Our Lady of Holy Cross and Delgado Community College.

As a former president of the Algiers Economic Development Foundation, Orgeron is also vice president of the Algiers Charter School Association and said education is one of the most important issues determining New Orleans' future.

"We can't resurrect ourselves as a city and attract business if we can't provide schools that are at least equivalent to many of those that the evacuated found in Houston, Dallas and Atlanta."•

— Craig Guillot

