

# State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 84 JML 2024

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## *BO DUHÉ ACADIANA CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY*

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**WHEREAS**, Bo Duhé, the son of John M. Duhé, Jr. and Dawn Hebert, was born and raised in New Iberia, Louisiana;

**WHEREAS**, he attended and graduated Catholic High School of New Iberia (1980), the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (1984), and Tulane University Law School (1992);

**WHEREAS**, he married Lisa Trahan Duhé, and together they have three children, Sean, Michele, and Malcolm, and two grandchildren, Rhett and Leo;

**WHEREAS**, following law school, he served as law clerk for the Honorable Judge Buddy Fleming of the 16th Judicial District Court;

**WHEREAS**, he began working for the 16th Judicial Court District Attorney's office on August 1, 1993, with his main focus on prosecuting major felonies;

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2015, Mr. Duhé took office as District Attorney for the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, having run unopposed;

**WHEREAS**, during his entire legal career, Mr. Duhé, has worked continuously to serve the people of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, including St. Martin, Iberia and St. Mary Parishes;

**WHEREAS**, along with other law enforcement agencies and first responders, Mr. Duhé and his staff handle thousands of felony and misdemeanor cases each year;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Duhé has received numerous awards in recognition of his work, including the Iberia Parish Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 2015 by the Evangeline Area Boy Scout Council, the Chez Hope Peacemaker Award in 2017, and the Virginia Tyler Guillotte Award in 2018;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Duhé is active in the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, serving on its Board of Directors, as well as on its Legislative and Technology Committees, and on the Louisiana District Attorney Juvenile Justice Task Force;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Duhé serves on the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission Executive Committee;

**WHEREAS**, when elected officials and district attorneys for eight parishes that use the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory for evidence analysis and expert witness testimony during criminal trials determined that the lab was overcrowded and outdated, Mr. Duhé worked diligently to obtain funding, including millions in capital outlay funds, for a new Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory;

**WHEREAS**, the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory is critical to serve law enforcement needs in the community;

**WHEREAS**, the new, state-of-the-art Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory will be located in New Iberia, Louisiana, and it is a much-needed investment in law enforcement that will help to better serve law enforcement officers;

**WHEREAS**, the new Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory will be essential for prosecuting violent crimes, as the crime labs and personnel there are used by District Attorneys in almost every violent criminal case, and the testimony from the crime lab analysis criminologists is crucial in obtaining a conviction;

**WHEREAS**, with the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory's 14,000 square feet of space and new technology, Acadiana officials will be in the best position possible to serve their role in the administration of justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the hard work and persistence of Bo Duhé in his efforts to make this new facility a reality should be commemorated and honored.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim that I urge and request members of the Louisiana Legislature, the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the House and Governmental Affairs Committee to consider legislation to name the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory as the "Bo Duhé Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory" in honor of the tremendous hard work and accomplishments of Bo Duhé.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of  
the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

Jeff Landry  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Nancy Landry  
SECRETARY OF STATE