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"I am honored to be appointed by Gov. John Bel Edwards to serve as a Commissioner on the Port of New Orleans Board and can never thank God enough for my parents who gave me a solid foundation," said Carter. "As one of the top-performing ports in the United States and comprehending Port NOLA's essential role on the world stage, we must ensure that the Port remains the vital force for needed growth and a strong future for the maritime industry. My international experiences through the National Bar Association well positioned me to have a greater understanding of the supreme importance

of global commerce," noted Carter.

Carter's career as a businessman includes establishing and operating his own law firm for more than 21 years. He is the Managing Partner of The Cochran Firm-Trials & Mass Torts and has been admitted to practice in all Louisiana state courts, all Louisiana U.S. District courts, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Carter has been recognized by New Orleans City Business Magazine as a Leader in Law in 2012 and 2016. In 2021, along with three Supreme Court Justices, he was recognized by Law Dragon 500 for excellence in the legal profession and is a member of the elite Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Also in 2021, Carter was inducted into

Litigation Counsel of America, which includes less than one half of one percent of North American lawyers, judges and scholars.

As a public servant, he was elected to and served from 2006 to 2010 on the first New Orleans City Council seated after Hurricane Katrina. Noted for his experience in understanding holistic criminal justice reform and economic development, Carter was appointed the first African American Criminal Justice Commissioner in the city's history. As Criminal Justice Commissioner, his work laid the foundation for substantial reductions in the city's violent crime rate.

Carter is a lecturer and adjunct professor of law. He is a Civil Trial Litigation Adjunct Professor at Howard University School of Law and sits on the Howard University's School of Law Board of Visitors. He has also served as a Trial Advocacy Adjunct Professor at Tulane University School of Law. Carter is the immediate past chairman of the University of Louisiana System Board James Carter Appointed by Governor to the Powerful Port of New Orleans Board of Commissioners of Supervisors, which provides policy guidance and fiscal oversight for nine public universities in Louisiana. He is also a participant in a multi-year study of leadership in divided communities at The University of Oxford, Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict. He has lectured in England, Canada, Panama, Jamaica and across the United States.

Carter received his undergraduate degree from Howard University and then went on to graduate from Howard University School of Law. He has also been awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree by Grambling State University and received a prized certification in Mass Tort Multi-District Litigation from the Bolch Judicial Institute at Duke University School of Law. He is married to Rene Carter, and they have a son, Brice.