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## DON CRAVINS, JR.

Chief of Staff to Sen. Mary Landrieu



Don Cravins, Jr., a native of Southwest Louisiana, joined Sen. Landrieu's team in 2009 as Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. In that role, Don oversaw all activities of the Committee including supervising its staff, developing policy and legislation affecting small businesses throughout America and advising Sen. Landrieu and the 19 senators who sit on the committee about issues before the committee. Since 1998, Don has been a practicing attorney. In 2004, he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives. At that time, he and his father, Louisiana State Senator Don Cravins, Sr., made Louisiana history by becoming the first and only father and son to serve in the Louisiana Legislature at the same time. In 2006, Don was elected to the Louisiana Senate for the seat vacated by his father, and reelected in 2008 with over 70 percent of the vote. In 2008, Don ran for Congress in the 7th Congressional District of Louisiana. In March of 2012, Don completed five months of active duty officer basic training with the United States Army. Upon completion, Don began service as a Judge Advocate with the Louisiana Army National Guard. Don graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Political Science and attended the Southern University Law Center, where he graduated with honors in 1998. Upon graduation from Law School and while studying for the Louisiana bar exam, Don served as the Deputy Campaign Manager for U.S. Senator John Breaux. Don and his wife, Attorney Yvette Puckett Cravins, have three children: Dominique Claire (13), Trey (11) and Chloe Denise (2). The Cravins reside in Washington, DC, and Opelousas, La.

