

*Biography of*  
**THE HONORABLE JIM LUKER**  
**ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR**



**CHAIRMAN - SENATE JUDICIARY**  
**SENATE DISTRICT 17**

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Arkansas State Senator Jim Luker serves District 17, which comprises the entirety of Cross, Monroe and Woodruff counties and parts of Crittenden, St. Francis, Lee and Phillips counties. He has served in the Senate since 2003; this is his third term.

During the 88th General Assembly, Senator Luker serves as chairman of Judiciary and as vice-chairman of Rules, Resolutions and Memorials. He also serves on the following legislative committees: Joint Budget Committee; Arkansas Legislative Council; Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development; and Joint Retirement and Social Security.

During the 87th General Assembly he served as chair of the Arkansas Legislative Council Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee and also as chair of Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development. He served as vice-chairman of the Arkansas Legislative Council's Charitable, Penal and Correctional Institutions and vice chairman of Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials. Senator Luker also served on the following committees: Arkansas Legislative Council - Game and Fish/State Police, ALC Peer, Joint Budget Committee, JBC - Peer Review, Judiciary Committee, Public Retirement and Social Security Programs, Arkansas State Game and Fish Oversight Committee, Rural Fire Departments Study Committee, the Task Force to Study Funding of the Judicial System, and Public School Desegregation Lawsuit Resolution Task Force.

He served as the Assistant Pro Tempore during the 86th Legislative Session. Formerly he served in the House of Representatives for three consecutive terms from 1995-2000.

Senator Luker was recognized by the Arkansas Bar Association and Foundation as the outstanding lawyer-citizen of the year for 2008-2009. In 2009 he was one of 15 senators to receive a Distinguished Legislator Award from the Arkansas Municipal League. The League recognized senators that helped enact bills to help cities and towns solve issues affecting zoning, water and drainage, elections, and law enforcement. That same year he was named the Outstanding Volunteer Attorney of the Year for Cross County by Legal Aid of Arkansas. The honor is awarded each year to the attorney who best represents commitment and dedication to helping low-income families gain access to the civil justice system.

Before serving in the legislature, he served as the mayor of Wynne and also worked as the city attorney. Professionally, he maintains a private law firm in Wynne. He is a current member of the Rotary Club.

Senator Luker received his juris doctorate degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He and his wife, Myra, have three grown sons.