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Ivan Lemelle was born on June 29, 1950 to Clifford and Cecilia Lemelle in Opelousas, Louisiana. He attended Xavier University where he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1971. He received a J.D. degree from the Loyola University School of Law in 1974.

After being admitted to the Louisiana State Bar, Lemelle began his legal practice in New Orleans. Magistrate Lemelle served as Assistant District Attorney in Orleans Parish, Assistant City Attorney of New Orleans and Assistant Attorney General for the Louisiana Department of Justice. He has served as a Lecturer at Xavier University, the Loyola University Criminal Justice Program and the Tulane and Loyola Law Clinical Programs.

While in private practice, Lemelle handled several Title VII cases including *Parson v. Kaiser Aluminum*.¹ As United States Magistrate, Lemelle heard and ruled on pre-trial motions in *United States v. Edwards*,² a criminal Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) suit against Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards.

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1. 727 F.2d 473 (1984).
 2. Unpublished opinion.