

# The Honorable Penny Brown Reynolds

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A nationally respected and accomplished leader, chief executive officer, and highly dedicated public servant, former jurist, general counsel, entrepreneur, operational manager, with 25 years of service in the public and private sectors while leading a non-profit, for profit and governmental organizations that consisted of senior management, directors, and hundreds of employees as direct reports. Demonstrated ability to lead teams of professionals with outstanding communication, operational and relationship management skills. Recognized history maker, whose impressive track record of successfully delivering business, philanthropic and legal solutions while rendering civic engagement has garnered countless awards. Seeking to fulfill a call of service that confirms a passion and ability to lead, develop and inspire with a keen interpersonal sense of what it takes to tap into what motivates individuals to realize their full potential and achieve successful outcomes. A diligent advocate on behalf of women, youth and children, as well as the poor and oppressed. Unique perspective with a life dedicated to the fundamental principles of justice and equality for all persons.

## EDUCATION

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**J.D.** (Juris Doctorate) **Georgia State University College of Law** (1994)

**M.A.** (Master of Arts) Education & Theology **Interdenominational Theological Center** (2008)  
*summa cum laude*, 1<sup>st</sup> in Class, (GPA:4.0/4.0)

**B.S.** (Bachelor of Science) *cum laude* **Georgia State University** (1991)  
**Honors College**

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**International Leadership Program** **Harvard Kennedy School** (2018)  
**Executive Education**

**Registered Mediator** **Supreme Court of Georgia's Office of Dispute Resolution**  
**Arbitrator**

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**President & CEO** **2008 - Present**  
**General Counsel**  
**Divine Destiny Enterprises, LLC /dba/ The JP Group**

The JP Group is a diversified consulting, crisis management, alternative dispute resolution and media firm dedicated to empowerment through organizational leadership, the media and the promotion of economic self-sufficiency. It serves as the holding company for various enterprises including, business and legal consulting, leadership development and training, mediation and arbitration services, inspiring media, speaking, lectures, conferences, symposiums, publishing and film.

As President & CEO and General Counsel, responsibilities include leading the development and execution of the organization's long-term strategy. The leadership role also entails being ultimately responsible for the day-to-day management decisions and for implementing the firm's long and short-term plans and leading and encouraging staff. Advances the firm's financial strength through sound fiscal management. Specific duties include: Provides effective communication on behalf of the company; oversees the development of the company's strategy; leads and oversees the implementation of the company's long and short term plans in accordance with its strategy; ensures that the company is organized; ensures that expenditures are within budget; ensures internal controls and management information systems are effective, leads by personal example and oversees that the firm maintains the highest level of ethics, integrity and social responsibility.

Duties as general counsel include, representation in all legal matters, providing legal advice and counsel, handles all legal aspects of transactional and regulatory matters related to the firm, including intellectual property and employment matters, assists in developing policies, attends board meetings, provides counsel and advice concerning compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, arranges and supervises outside attorneys, supervises a staff, negotiates, writes and executes agreements and contracts, oversees all risk management issues, as well as agreements with joint ventures with business entities. As crisis manager, responsibilities include managing and leading individuals, communicating important information, conducting investigations, analyzing problems and potential damages, helping to determine a plan of action and implementing the plan in order to minimize damages as a result of the crisis. Specific attributes include having a collaborative mindset, working with executives and/or boards of directors, performs well under pressure, having strong analytical skills and communicates clearly and efficiently.

As mediator and arbitrator, conducts hundreds of mediations and arbitrations in a wide variety of legal disputes such as complex business litigation, contracts, personal injury, business torts, employment, government enforcement actions, product liability, professional malpractice, family, consumer and divorce actions.

Professional attributes include: Significant experience as an executive leader, leadership and organizational developer, as a general counsel in the executive branch of government, non-profit, and the private sectors; commitment to the highest ethical standards; personal and professional integrity beyond reproach; unquestioned discretion in maintaining confidentiality; record of exercising excellent judgment; excellent written and oral communication skills in public and private settings with diverse audience; excellent knowledge of computer software and application; ability to translate complex legal issues for a lay audience; a sense of urgency and responsiveness in dealing with issues and an ability to handle multiple tasks in a timely manner, strong communicator and team builder.

**President & CEO  
The JP Foundation, Inc.**

**2008 - Present**

Founder of the 501(c)(3), organization dedicated to strengthening families, women, youth, and children and providing a voice for the poor through education, advocacy and service. Works directly with the Board of Directors to provide the direction for the organization in fulfilling the

mission and vision of the organization. Responsibilities include leading the development and execution of the foundation's long-term strategy, serving as the principle fundraiser, developing and overseeing programs. The leadership role also entails being ultimately responsible for the day-to-day management decisions, leading and supervising a paid and contract staff and volunteer staff of over two hundred and implementing the organization's strategic plan and its long and short term goals. Advances the foundation's financial strength through sound fiscal management. Serves as the primary spokesperson; develops messaging program strategies; strong financial management skills and demonstrated ability to forge relationships. Demonstrated ability and success in fundraising from a variety of funding sources, including government grants, individual and corporate donors and events. Hosts an annual Empowerment Conference drawing over 5000 attendees from 24 states and 3 countries. Overseeing several programs including nutrition programs, self-esteem summits, leadership development programs, stopping violence programs, parenting classes, women's entrepreneurship classes, educational development, HIV/AIDS awareness programs and testing, sex-education and awareness and sex trafficking prevention seminars, financial literacy, teen pregnancy prevention programs, health screenings and walks, educational readiness training, boys and girls summer enrichment programs.

Specific responsibilities include, supervising staff, overseeing implementation of programing, motivating and facilitating supporters to maximize giving; while maintaining, energizing and developing relationships with existing supporters; developing new and imaginative fundraising activities, raising awareness of the foundation and its work at the local and national levels; develops and coordinates web-based fundraising; recruiting, organizing and managing volunteers to carry out various functions within the foundation; managing and updating databases to record donor contact and preference information; support and institute programs that serve to educate, liberate and transform; develops and maintains relationships with the national and local media, as well as state-wide policy makers, political leaders, lawmakers and other advocacy organizations and stakeholder; provides timely and accurate information to the Board of Directors regarding operations and budgeting, collaborate and partner with corporate, government entities and other non-profits.

**Judge**  
**State Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia**

**2000 - 2008**

Provided judicial leadership and administration as an impartial decision maker in the pursuit of justice. Conducted proceedings, including both bench and jury trials and hearings, using clear and understandable language with professional respect, courtesy and fairness. Presided over cases involving medical and legal malpractice, pharmaceutical litigation, wrongful death, personal injury, business and employment litigation, contracts, product liability, class actions, and criminal offenses. Assured that every proceeding was conducted with unhurried and quiet dignity. Knowledgeable about the law, undertook in-depth legal research, wrote decisions that were clear and cogent; exercised sound judgment that was fair and open-minded. Maintained a low caseload while simultaneously making accurate decisions with a sense of urgency. Researched laws and regulations, issued opinions and case decisions, established court rules, conducted settlement conferences and mediations. With honor and distinction, never reversed by an appellat court on any criminal decision. Oversaw court management of operations and

budgetary issues. Oversaw and lead a court office staff consisting of a staff attorney, judicial assistant/paralegal, judicial court clerk, judicial law clerks and interns, court reporter, and bailiff and managed an office budget. Served on numerous committees, including courthouse security, case management, law clerk, and e-filing committees. Founded and served as the editor-in-chief of the Fulton County Judicial Newsletter.

**Executive Counsel/Senior Policy Advisor  
Office of the Governor, State of Georgia**

**1998 - 2000**

Appointed by Governor Roy E. Barnes, 80<sup>th</sup> Governor, as Executive (General) Counsel; first African American in Georgia's history to serve as the lawyer to the governor. Served as the chief legal officer of the Governor's office. Served on Governor's senior management team as a senior policy advisor. Responsible for providing legal representation, advise, counsel, and opinions in all areas of law affecting the Governor's office, which included regulatory, fiscal, legislative, policy and procedures, corporate, intellectual property, open records, all aspects of employment law. Served as a senior advisor on transportation, education, criminal justice, business, environmental, and fiscal policy issues.

Served as legal advisor to the Governor on matters of risk management, contracts, agreements, and joint venture with business entities. Brought legal issues and concerns to the attention of the Governor and assisted in developing related policies. Participated in discussions of public policy strategies as a member of the Governor's cabinet; attended board meetings; served as a resource on the interpretation of existing and proposed local, state or federal laws and regulations; arranged and supervised outside attorney who provided legal advice and/or representation in areas of expertise or in litigation. Directed operations in the executive counsel's office, including supervising a team of associate counsels, paralegals, and support staff; oversaw and served as the executive in charge for over 25 state agencies and constitutional officers, serving as liaison to the Georgia Attorney General's office, Department of Education, Emergency Management, Department of Corrections, Georgia Bureau of Investigations, Department of Human Services, including all state criminal justice agencies. Supervised the process for all judicial, state and board appointments, communications, policy development, and coordinated intergovernmental relationships with local and federal agencies. Assisted the chief of staff in developing and maintaining a focused policy agenda.

Worked as the executive lead for the policy and development of the Governor's collaborative with business, corporate and philanthropic communities for a \$1 billion public-private initiative for the establishment of a comprehensive National Cancer Institute in Georgia; specifically working on the business and legal development framework for the project; responsible for working on a team which coordinated and managed relationships with local and national stakeholders.

**Chief of Staff and Senior General Counsel  
Office of Lieutenant Governor, State of Georgia**

**1997 - 1998**

Appointed by Lieutenant Governor Pierre Howard becoming the first African American in Georgia history to serve as chief of staff and general counsel. Duties included the management of

the day-to-day operations and financial affairs of the office. Responsibilities included developing, reviewing and preparing an annual budget, provided succinct and descriptive management reports to the Lt. Governor, served on various committees, supervised a staff including administrative support personnel, a press secretary, legislative counsel, constituent services division, community relations, legislative personnel and senate interns. Oversaw operations of the Georgia Senate Research Office and worked in conjunction with the Secretary of the Senate and the Office of Budget and Evaluation; and performed such duties, functions and activities as delegated by the Lt. Governor.

As general counsel, served as the chief legal officer of the Lieutenant Governor's office. Responsible for providing legal representation, advise, counsel, and opinions in all areas of law affecting the Georgia Senate and the Lt. Governor's office, including regulatory, fiscal, legislative, policy and procedures, corporate, intellectual property, open records, all aspects of employment law. Served as the legal advisor to the Lt. Governor of risk management, contracts, agreements, and business entities. Participated in discussions of public policy and legislative strategies, attended Board meetings; provided advise to various Senate committees, drafted and oversaw the implementation of the Lt. Governor's legislative agenda. Served as the representative on issues involving education, social justice, criminal justice, environmental, business and finance and family and children's issues.

**Assistant Attorney General  
Georgia Attorney General's Office, State of Georgia**

**1994 – 1996**

Served as legal counsel to various agencies and boards of state government, issued legal opinions as requested by heads of state agencies and other officials, defended challenges to state laws and suits against state agencies. Represented state agencies/clients on transactional and litigation matters. Clients included, Counsel to Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, Commission on Women, Commission on Equal Opportunity, Consumer Utilities Counsel and Fair Housing Commission. Responsibilities included handling all aspects of civil litigation, management of discovery, including bench trials, drafting and reviewing contracts, managing the legal aspects of receiverships of insurance companies and providing legal opinions, conducting investigations, drafting legislations and providing legal and policy advice on various issues, including EEO matters. Managed the legal aspects of the only Workers Compensation Fund in the State of Georgia to be placed in receivership. In addition, represented Georgia's Business and Professional Regulations Division – provided legal and policy counsel, including significant litigation and administrative law duties to various state licensing boards; including the Georgia Board of Nursing, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses and the Georgia State Board of Psychology; successfully tried 100 plus administrative hearings.

**Assistant District Attorney  
Office of the DeKalb County District Attorney**

**1996**

Served as an Assistant District Attorney. Duties included evaluation of criminal cases presented by law enforcement agency to determine whether there was sufficient evidence to prosecute; drafted legal documents, interviewed victims and witnesses, prepared cases for and represented the office on arraignments and hearings, as well as prepared cases for pre-trial and trials. In

addition, advised and worked with law enforcement personnel on issues, including obtaining necessary evidence to prosecute crimes. Negotiated with defense attorneys for the purpose of attempting to resolve cases before proceeding through the system.

**Staff Attorney/Judicial Clerk** **1996**  
**The Honorable John H. Ruffin**  
**Judge, Court of Appeals of Georgia**

As a staff attorney/judicial clerk, duties included, conducting legal research, preparing bench memos, drafting orders and opinions, proofreading the judge's orders and opinions, verifying citations, communicating with counsel regarding case management and procedural requirements, and assisting the judge during courtroom proceedings.

**Summer Associate, Nelson Mullins Scarborough, LLP** **Summer 1992 &1993**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**1L & 2L**

Researched and analyzed the law on complex issues, prepared memoranda, drafted documents including briefs for submission to a supervising lawyer in the firm, analyzed and summarized complicated legal documents, including contracts and litigation related matters, performed discovery of various electronically stored data and hard copies of information in preparation for litigation, performed due diligence in legal matters concerning contracts, agreements, and mergers and acquisitions.

**Law Research Assistant** **1992 - 1994**  
**Georgia State University College of Law**

*Advisor: Associate Dean Corneill A. Stephens, Georgia State College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia*  
Prepared background analysis, conducted research and critically examined legal research on the Uniform Commercial Code Article 2 in preparation for, Georgia Methods of Practice, Vol. 1  
Performed the research for the updated supplement to Georgia Methods of Practice, Chapters 1-9 (Volume 1) and Chapters 63-67, Georgia Methods of Practice, Vol. 2.

## **SELECTED ACADEMIC HONORS/AWARDS/ACTIVITIES**

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### ***Law School Honors/Awards:***

- The Georgia State University Distinguished Student Award, The University's highest student service award, (first law student to received this distinguished award), 1994
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1993-94
- National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Female Student Award, 1994
- Vice President Student Bar Association, 1992-93
- Vice-President, Reading, Writing, Advocacy, Moot Court Society
- Staff Reporter, Black Letter Law Newsletter
- Spring Graduating Hooding Committee Chairperson
- Founder, African American Heritage Celebration
- Top 5% First Year Moot Court Competition, Semi-Finalist

- Faculty Recruitment Committee, Student Chair
- Black Law Students Association
- Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity

#### ***Graduate School Honors***

- Achievement Honor Graduate Award in recognition of the high scholastic achievement, highest GPA (GPA: 4.0/4.0) in graduating class, graduating first, *summa cum laude*
- Presidential Scholar's Award
- I.T.C.'s Costen Award for Leadership

#### ***Undergraduate Honors/Awards***

*Cum laude, graduating after only three years of study, top 5% of class*

- On Dean's list eight-consecutive quarters
- The Department of Criminal Justice Scholarship Award, 1992
- Member of the Georgia State University Honors Program
- Mortar Board Senior Honors Council
- Member Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Certified in Family and Community Service in the Field of Sociology

### **SELECTED ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS**

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- *My Mother Told Me*. Atlanta: Sparrow House Publishing. 2017. Print.
  - *Real Talk for Real Sisters: Wisdom & Truth for Today's Women and Teens*. Atlanta: Sparrow House Publishing. 2015. Print.
  - *Women and the Law: A Guide to Women's Legal Rights in Georgia*. Brown Reynolds, Penny and Jacquelyn Saylor. Ed. Carrolton: Runnymede Press, 1995. Print.
  - Brown Reynolds, Penny. *7 Steps to Peace of Mind*. Atlanta: Divine Destiny Publishing, 2010. Print.
  - Brown Reynolds, Penny. (2008), "Getting Through the Holidays During Difficult Financial Days" *Huffington Post*. Print.
  - Jernigan, Alonia. Introduction. Penny Brown Reynolds, *The Pursuit of Destiny: Making "Yes, I Can" A Personal Reality*. Atlanta: Dream2Dream Enterprises, 2011.
  - "Domestic Violence: The Role of the Courts & Religious Community," Presentation and article, Morehouse School of Medicine: Violence Prevention Conference: Promoting Healthy Communities, 2006.
  - Editor-in-Chief, *The Fulton Court Reporter Newsletter*. Atlanta: Fulton County Courts, 2005. Print

- *The Black Letter Law Newsletter*. Atlanta: Georgia State University College of Law: 1995. Print.

## **SELECTED LECTURES, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, CONFERENCES & MEDIA/PRESS APPEARANCES**

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Serves as a national keynote speaker and has given hundreds of presentations, lectures, speeches at conferences, public policy symposia, corporate, community, university forums, churches events and platforms. Also has appeared and been featured in hundreds of media outlets, including television, radio and print outlets. Highlighted examples include:

- Keynote Speaker, Albany Civil Rights Institute, Albany Georgia, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King Day Celebration, 2018
- Commencement Speaker, Albany State University, Albany Georgia, 2018 Spring Commencement Exercises, 2018
- Guest lectured at various college and universities including, but not limited to, Spelman College, Morehouse College, Georgia State University, Xavier University, Clayton State College and University, Florida State University, Troy University, Florida Memorial College, Clark Atlanta University, Interdenominational Theological Center, Bethune-Cookman University and Alabama A&M University
- Selected as one of America's leading intellectuals by CNN and Essence Magazine for the ground breaking series, *Reclaiming the Dream*, in association with the Black in America CNN special, 2009
- President & Founder, The Judge Penny Brown Reynolds Foundation, Inc.'s Judge Penny's SisterTalk Conference, an annual national empowerment conference for women and girls featuring thousands of attendees. Keynote Address.
- Panelist, 50th Anniversary March on Washington: S.C.L.C. and Rainbow Push Town Hall Meeting on *Poverty in America*, Washington, D.C. 2013
- Attendee, The White House Meeting for Clergy and Lay Persons in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March on Washington, 2013
- Keynote Address & Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient, The Selma T. & Harry V. Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship at Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 2013
- Keynote Speaker, Georgia State University, Project healthy Grandparents, September, 2017



- Keynote Speaker, National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division's 2018 Awards Breakfast, 2018
- Keynote Address, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. Day at the Georgia State Capital, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Women's History Month, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, Friends for Life Foundation Cotillion, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, DeKalb County 34<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Day, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, The Coca Cola Company Networking Event, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Xi Omega Chapter Founders Day, Dallas, Texas, 2018
- Keynote Speaker, Motherless Daughters Foundation, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, 2017
- Guest Speaker, SCLC/WOMEN'S 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Drum Major for Justice Dinner, 2017
- Guest Radio Host, CBS Radio Atlanta, WAOK 1380 Morning Show, 2014
- Keynote Address, Atlanta Metropolitan College, Atlanta, Georgia, Celebration of Leadership, 2017
- Keynote Address, Ohio Christian University Commencement Service, May 2017
- Panelist, Florida Memorial University, Legacy Lecture Series Tour, Miami, Florida February, 2017
- Keynote Speaker, United Negro College Fund, Anderson County Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Anderson, South Carolina, 2017
- Keynote Address and Installation of officers, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorney's, Atlanta, Georgia, January, 2017
- Keynote Address, Savannah State University, Let Us Make Man Conference, Savannah, Georgia, April, 2017
- Keynote Address, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorney's Foundation, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia 2014

- Keynote Address, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Conference, Troy University, Troy Alabama, 2014
- Keynote Address, African American Awareness Celebration in association with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Atlanta Metropolitan State College, Atlanta, Georgia 2014
- Keynote Address, National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation CIAA Prayer Breakfast, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2014
- Keynote Address, Law & Religion Symposium, John Marshall Law School, Atlanta, GA, 2011
- Keynote Address, 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, 2012
- “Saving Our Black Boys: What Every Parent Needs to Know,” Panelist, Essence Music Festival, New Orleans, LA, July 2009-2010
- “Love and Relationships,” Panelist, Essence Music Festival, New Orleans, LA, July 2009-2010, July 2009-2010
- Keynote Address, Essence Music Festival, New Orleans, LA, July 2010
- Keynote Address on Civic Engagement: Commitment to Excellence, Annual Lowery Lecture Series, Atlanta Public Schools and the Joseph E. Lowery Institute, 2009
- Keynote Address, “How to Encourage and Lead Future Generations,” 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Atlanta, GA, 2009
- Keynote Address, “Yes, You Can! Overcoming the Odds to Maximize Your Potential,” Corporate Counsel Women of Color Fifth Annual Career Strategies Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2009
- Keynote Address, “Lest We Forget,” Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 65<sup>th</sup> Boule (Convention), San Francisco, CA, 2012
- Keynote Address, The National Newspaper Publishers Association, Annual Convention Atlanta, GA. 2012
- Keynote Address, 103<sup>rd</sup> Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Founder’s Day, Little Rock Arkansas, 2011
- Inspirational Keynote Address, The Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, 1996, 1998, 2011, 2013

- Keynote Address, Sisters Who Care Mission Summit, Atlanta, GA, 2011
- Keynote Address, Senate Week Rally, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL, 2011
- Keynote Address, National Women in History Luncheon, Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, FL, 2011
- Keynote Address, Women's Empowerment Day, Florida State University, Panama City, FL, 2011
- Keynote Address, Let Us Make Man Conferences: Fort Valley, GA, Augusta, GA, Carrolton, GA, Savannah, GA, Columbus, GA, (2008-2013)
- Keynote Address, Strengthen Families in West Virginia Conference, Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action, Inc., Charleston, WV, (2010 & 2011)
- Keynote Address, Family Empowerment Conference, Orlando, FL, November, 2011
- Keynote Address, 69<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention and Civil Rights Conference, Public Meeting, NAACP, Atlanta, GA, 2011
- Keynote Address, NAACP Atlanta Branch, Emancipation Day Ceremony, 2012
- Keynote Address, NAACP Freedom Fund Dinners across Georgia
- Keynote Address, "Is Dr. King's Dream Relevant?" 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Program, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2012
- Keynote Address, Women's Empowerment Opportunity Project, Atlanta, GA 2012
- Inspirational Address, "Reaching the Unreachable and Recovering the Lost," International Elect Ladies Conference, Atlanta, GA 2012
- Keynote Address, The Prestigious Pearls, affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Atlanta, GA, 2012
- Keynote Address, The Heart of Marriage Conference, Peachtree City, GA, 2011-12
- Keynote Address, "Answering the Call," Spelman College Convocation, Atlanta, GA 2013

- Keynote Address, Annual Conference of the Council of Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation, San Antonio, Texas, 1995
- Keynote Address, Women's Leadership Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, March 1996
- Keynote Address, City of Atlanta's Celebration of Women, Atlanta, GA, 1996
- Keynote Address, Black History Month Speaker, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA, 2009
- Keynote Address, Youth Hope Builders Academy, Atlanta, GA, 2006
- Keynote Address & White Paper Presentation, "Issues Surrounding Domestic Violence and how the Criminal Justice System can assist in Breaking the Abuse so that Healing may take place in the Home and the Community," Conference on Violence Prevention: Promoting Healthy Communities, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, September, 2006
- Keynote Address, "No More Drama," Vision Anew, (The Divorce Resource For Women), Gala, Atlanta, GA, 2009
- Keynote Address, Law Day, Gate City Bar Association & Cascade United Methodist Church, 2011
- Keynote Address, Rosa Parks Women of Courage, Sisters Incorporated Foundation, Columbus, GA, 2009
- Keynote Speaker, Call to Womanhood Conference, Fulton County Government, 2006
- Keynote Speaker, The Historic Myrtle Baptist Church, West Newton, MA, 2012, 2013
- Keynote Speaker & Panelist, Civil litigation/ Discovery/ Ethics, Institute of Continuing Education, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist, The Association for Conflict Resolution, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA 2009
- Keynote Address, "Answering the Call to Diversity," 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Faculty and Staff Mentoring Breakfast, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, 2013
- Keynote Address, "Some Secrets Are Not Meant to be Kept: Domestic Violence:" Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL, 2013

- Keynote Address, Women’s Conference, Shiloh Baptist Church, Plainfield, NJ, 2013
- Keynote Address, 138<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Breakfast, Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama, 2013
- Keynote Address, 16th Annual Spirituality and Medicine Seminar Series, Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, DC, 2013
- Lecturer, Journeys of Faith Series, Wheelock College, Boston. MA, 2013
- Guest, Global Challenges and Opportunities Facing Children, Youth and Families Conference, Wheelock, College, Boston MA, 2013
- Honorary Co-Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Saving Hearts for Generation Awards Dinner, Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc., Washington DC, 2013
- Panelist, Nat Turner Forum, Morehouse College, 2013
- National Bar Association 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Miami, Florida, 2013
- Inspiration Address, The Stewart Foundation, White Linen Affair, 2008-2015
- Keynote Address, City of College Park Recreation Department, Back to School Event, 2010-2013
- Keynote Address, The AKA Foundation of Central Pennsylvania, Inc., Epsilon Sigma Omega Chapter Women’s Leadership Conference, Harrisburg, PA 2013
- Founder and Keynote Speaker, “You Matter High School Tour” speaking motivation messages at high schools around the State of Georgia and Louisiana 2014-2016
- Keynote Speaker, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Founders Day, Jackson, Mississippi, 2015
- Speaker, “Emotional Intelligence: Developing strong People Skills, 2015 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Corporate Counsel Women of Color National Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2015
- Speaker, “Leadership that Matters,” National Council of 100 Black Women, Atlanta, GA 2015
- Keynote Speaker, “Call to Womanhood,” 2015 Hall of Fame Legacy Lecture Series, Atlanta, GA 2015
- Keynote Speaker, Women’s Conference, Emmanuel Baptist Church, San Jose, CA. 2015.

- Keynote Speaker, “Becoming a Man of Action,” White House Initiative: My Brother’s Keeper Conference, Decatur, and GA 2015
- Keynote Speaker, Morehouse School of Religion Graduate Dinner Atlanta, GA 2015
- Speaker, MLK Commemorative Service, The King Center, Atlanta, GA 2016
- Speaker, 2016 Hope Global Forum, Atlanta, GA 2016
- Keynote Speaker, 2016 Andrew Young Legacy Lecture Series, Miami, Florida, 2016
- Keynote Speaker, The Joseph & Evelyn Lowery Institute, Atlanta, GA, 2016
- Keynote Speaker, The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority Conference of Violence as a Health Issue, 2016
- Keynote Speaker, Gateway Reality Professionals Conference, Macon, GA 2016
- Keynote Speaker, Women in Business Council, Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, GA 2016
- Keynote Speaker, Georgia Campaign For Adolescent Power & Potential Women and Girls’ Conference, 2016
- Keynote Speaker, 103<sup>rd</sup> National Dental Association Annual Convention 2016
- Keynote Corporate Speaker, Ceridian, Atlanta, GA 2016
- Keynote Speaker, Corporate Council Women of Color, Las Vegas, Nevada 2016

Selected Media and Press Appearances:

- First-run, syndicated series, Half-hour strip, Court show genre. Aired in 98% of the U.S. Markets, representing all top 25 markets, including: New York, WNYW/WWOR, Los Angeles, KTTV/KCOP, Chicago, WCIU/WWME, Philadelphia, KYW/WPSG, San Francisco, KICU, Dallas, KTVT/KTXA, Boston, WBZ/WSBK, Atlanta, WUPA, Houston, KHCW, Detroit, WMYD, Tampa, WTOG, Seattle, KSTW, Cleveland, WBNX, Denver, KUSA/KTVD, Orlando, WESH/WKCF, St. Louis, WRBU, Pittsburgh, WBGH
- CNN (Showbiz Tonight)
- CNN (The Dr. Drew Show)
- Syndicated Talk Show (Dr. Phil)
- NBC Evening News
- PBS Public Broadcasting System: Roadtrip Nation PBS Documentary
- WAOK, 1380 AM: CBS Radio Communications

- V-103 FM: CBS Radio Communications
- TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network)
- Good Day LA
- Access Hollywood
- Extra
- CW: Philadelphia: Speak Up Politics
- C-SPAN
- CBS Radio Atlanta

**Selected Newspapers and Magazines either cover story, featured, or quoted.**

- Associated Press profile article printed in thousands of national newspapers
- Ebony Magazine
- Jet Magazine
- Essence Magazine
- The Hollywood Reporter
- Huffington Post
- AOL Black Voices
- Who's Who in Black Atlanta (Cover & 5 editions)
- Who's Who Among Black Judges
- Trumpet News Magazine (Cover/Profile)
- Rolling Out Magazine (Profile)
- Georgia State Magazine (Profile)
- Atlanta Tribune (Profile)
- The Lantern
- Ivy Leaf Magazine
- Women Looking Ahead Magazine (Profile)
- LA Times Newspaper
- Atlanta Daily World
- Trendsetters to Trendsetters Magazine (Cover/Profile)
- The Augusta Focus
- Atlanta Inquirer
- Atlanta Journal/Constitution
- The Conductor (Cover/Profile)
- The Covington News
- L'Observateur Newspaper
- North Fulton Newspaper
- Times Picayune Newspaper
- Fayette Daily News
- Fayette Observer
- The Center News
- South Fulton Neighborhood Newspaper

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY HONORS/ AWARDS/ACTIVITES

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- **First African American Appointed as Legal Counsel to a Governor in State of GA**
- **First African American Appointed as Chief of Staff & General Counsel for a Lieutenant Governor in the State of GA**
- **Honorary Doctorate, Doctor of Philosophy, Ohio Christian University, 2017**
- **Inducted in the Gate City Bar Association's Hall of Fame** for distinguished legal career.
- **Founding Chair, Judicial Section of the Gate City Bar Association**, The only statewide judicial section in Georgia; an affiliate of the National Bar Association.
- **Life Fellow, Georgia Bar Foundation**, Fewer than three percent of Georgia lawyers invited to become members of this elite group; created to recognize attorneys who have demonstrated leadership in the legal profession and in their communities, Inducted 2003
- **Emmy Nomination, *Family Court with Judge Penny***, Executive Producer, Owner & Host, national and international syndicated daytime television court series.
- **International Women's Forum Georgia President's Council, 2018**
- **Midway Missionary Baptist Church**, Associate Pastor
- **The Atlanta Branch NAACP Commitment to Public Service Award:** Award given to an outstanding public official for public service.
- **The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. Hall of Fame Induction** in the areas of Law and Community Service for outstanding national achievement.
- **Georgia Chapter of the International Women's Forum, (IWF), President Emeritus 2007:** Membership is by invitation. The IWF connects the world's most preeminent women of significant and diverse achievement to advance leadership across careers, cultures and continents.
- **Virginia Union University Alumni Award for Community Service, 2018.**
- **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**, Atlanta Chapter, Former Executive Committee Member.



- **Rainbow Push Coalition, Trombone Award:** Award given to outstanding national business leaders, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Creating Opportunity Conference. 2009
- **Trumpet Awards Foundation, Inc. Spiritual Enlightenment Award:** Award presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Trumpet Awards Ceremony to renowned religious leaders who have made enormous contributions to humankind. 2007
- **Lamar Inn of Court,** Emory University, Barrister.
- **National Urban League 2009 Women of Power Award:** National award given for accomplishments and distinguished service.
- **2018 Trailblazer Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. South Atlantic Region,** AKA Day at the Capital, Atlanta, GA, 2018
- **Interdenominational Theological Center: Selma T. & Harry V. Richardson Ecumenical Fellowship 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award,** award honoring a distinguished alumni at annual founders' day celebration, Atlanta, Georgia, 2013
- **Women of Excellence Magazine, Elite Lady Award:** award recognizing service and contributions, Atlanta, Georgia, 2014
- **Women Looking Ahead News Magazine's 100 Most Powerful and Influential Women in Georgia:** Listed as one of the most powerful and influential women in Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, consecutive times for over fifteen years
- **Georgia's Woman of the Year: Men Looking Ahead Magazine:** Award given annually to one professional woman of outstanding character, integrity and leadership ability. 2008
- **Atlanta Tribune Magazine, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition:** Named with husband, Rev. Edward S. Reynolds, as one of Atlanta's 5 Power Couples. 2007
- **Atlanta Tribune Magazine, Women of Distinction,** 2017.
- **Students Without Mothers, Award of Excellence,** Award given for excellence. 2010
- **Leadership Atlanta, Graduate, Class of 2003:** A nine-month, executive level series. Seventy-five established leaders are chosen yearly to represent a broad section of metro Atlanta for the purpose of exploring crucial community issues, examining leadership and building relationships.

- **The Coca-Cola Diversity Leadership Academy, Graduate, Class of 2002:** An executive level training series on the fundamentals of leadership and diversity. By invitation only.
- **Georgia Commission on Women,** Former Board Member and Legal Counsel.
- **Georgia Legislative Black Caucus,** Former Advisory Board Member.
- **Atlanta Black/Jewish Coalition,** Former Member.
- **National Women of Achievement, A Profile of Prominence Award of Excellence:** Award given to professional women with high achievement, Atlanta Metropolitan Chapter of the National Women of Achievement. 2005
- **National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, Trailblazer Award:** National award given annually to outstanding women leaders. 2011
- **National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women, Shining Star Award:** Award given to one outstanding woman whose achievements are of excellence. 2000
- **Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc., Power Women in Politics Award:** Award given at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Black Mother's Celebration to a woman who has provided outstanding service in the field of politics.
- **Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, Award of Excellence:** Award given to a judge who is outstanding in the field of law. 2005
- **Daytona State College Women's Center, Award for Outstanding Services to Women:** Award given in celebration of National Women's History Month to an outstanding woman who dedicates her life to the service of women. 2011
- **American Business Women's Association, DeBouch Chapter, In Recognition of Outstanding Service to the Community Award:** Award given to an outstanding business woman for service to the community. 2010
- **Gate City Bar Association Judicial Section, Chairman's Award:** Award given for outstanding judicial service. 2007
- **Interdenominational Theological Center's James H. Costen Award for Excellence:** Award given for excellence as an emerging leader. 2009
- **St. John A.M.E. Church, Dedicated Christian Service in Government Award:** Award given to an outstanding Christian in government service. 1999

- **National Bar Association Judicial Council, The Chairman’s Award:** Award given by the Chairman of the NBA Judicial Council to one outstanding judge in the United States for outstanding judicial service. 2007
- **The Kappa Omega Foundation, Inc. of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Award for Outstanding Service & Support to the Development of our Youth and Higher Education:** Award given for outstanding service with youth and toward higher education. 2006
- **Ivy Community Foundation, Inc., Award to Outstanding Elected Official:** Award given to a judge for outstanding community service. 2013
- **St. John the Baptist Parish School Board, Hall of Distinction, Second Inductee:** Award given in recognition to an accomplished alumna.
- **Lawyers Club of Atlanta,** Former member.
- **Council of State Court Judges,** Former member.
- **Who’s Who in American Women**
- **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Pinnacle Leadership Award:** Award given for outstanding leadership ability.
- **Women of Multi Ethnicity and Nationality Organization, Community Service Award:** Award given for work with women.
- **Atlanta Business League’s 100 Black Women of Influence:** Listed fifteen consecutive years.
- **The Frank Ski Kids Foundation, Inc.,** Honored as a Local Living Legend for many accomplishments.
- **Named “National Outstanding African American” by the Allstate Insurance Co.:** Award given to outstanding African Americans for significant contributions and outstanding character.
- **Women of Morris Brown College Millennium Award of Excellence in Law:** Award given for excellence in law.
- **The Stewart Foundation’s 2013 Xernona Clayton Award,** Outstanding contributions.
- **The Atlanta Metropolitan College 2016 Celebration of Leadership Award,** 2016

- **The National Dental Association’s Phenomenal Women Community Leadership Award, 2016**
- **SCLC 2016 Women of Power Award, 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Atlanta, GA.**

## **BAR ADMISSIONS/ SELECTED MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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State Bar of Georgia

Registered Mediator with the Supreme Court of Georgia’s Office of Dispute Resolution

Atlanta Bar Association

Gate City Bar Association

Georgia Association of Women Lawyers

The Georgia Association of Black Women Lawyers

Apex Museum, Board of Directors

Silver Life Member, NAACP

S.C.L.C. Women, Board of Directors

League of Women Voters

National Bar Association, Civil Rights Division

National Bar Association Judicial Council

American Bar Association

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials