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CERTIFIED CIVIL MEDIATOR
ALSO ADMITTED: TENNESSEE BAR

RESUME

ATTORNEY DONALD P. EDWARDS

PERSONAL DATA

Place of Birth: Buffalo, New York

LEGAL EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law

Juris Doctor, January 1973

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia

B.A. *cum laude*, 1969

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

State Bar of Georgia, 1973–Present

Tennessee Bar Association 2012–Present

Certified Civil Mediator

Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution 2017–Present

Gate City Bar Association

President, 1984

President–Elect, 1983

Member–At–Large, 1980

Treasurer, 1979

National Bar Association, 1973–Present

Life Member, 1995

Director, Region XI, 1987

Board of Governors, 1984–87

Special Assistant to the President, 1985

Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2013–Present

Multi–Million Dollar Advocates Forum, 2014–Present

Life Member

Atlanta Bar Association, 1984–Present

Northern District Litigation Fund, Inc.

President, 1985

Vice President, 1984

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Inc., 1982–Present

Board Member, 1984

U.S. District Court Magistrate Selection Panel, 1986–1992 Georgia

Trial Lawyers Association, Special Member 1992–2019 Vaccine

Injured Petitioners Bar Association, Member 2014–Present

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS:

Member, Advisory Board WCLK (91.9 FM)

August, 2014–Present

Guest Host, Signature Serenade 2019–Present

Producer and Host: *Every Church A Peace Church*, an award–winning weekly TV program airing on the Atlanta Interfaith Broadcast Network

May 2003–2009

Board Member

The Judson Lyons Society

An organization providing inspiration and mentorship to Morehouse men to become lawyers.

The Open Door Community Advisory Board

September, 2007–2012

Chairperson, Fulton County (GA) Board of Ethics

Appointed by Fulton County Board of Commissioners

2003–2015

Founding Member, *InterFaith Atlanta Coalition For Justice and Peace In The World*, November 2001–Present

Boy Scouts of America

Atlanta Area Council Executive Board of Directors

District Chair, South Atlanta Sankofa District

May 1999–2002

Southwest Hospital & Medical Center Inc.

Board of Trustees

1991–2005

Southwest Hospital Foundation, Inc.

Board of Directors

Founding President and Chairman of the Board

1991–1994

American Cancer Society

Board of Directors

Mid-Atlanta Unit

1989–1991

Southeast Region NAACP Education and Legal Advisory Board

Board of Directors

1989–2020

Fulton County Department of Family and Children Services

Board of Directors

1986–1996 (Vice-Chair 1988, Chairperson, 1990–1993)

Association of Metropolitan Atlanta DFACS Boards

Founding President

1991–1993

Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc.

Vice-President, 1988–1992

Present–Elect, 1997

President, 1998

Hillside International Chapel and Truth Center, Inc.

Board of Directors, 1978–1983

Board President, 1980–1983

Trustee, 1995–1998

Leadership Atlanta, 1986

Executive Committee, 1993

Atlanta International Museum of Art and Design

Board of Directors, 1989–1991

100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.

1993–2006

Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials

Legal Advisory Team Member

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Honoree

Lifetime Achievement Award present by Boston University Black Law Students Assoc. BLSA Gala April 8 2023

Honoree

2017 Humanitarian Award, Presented by Camp Village, Inc. during Lion King production, July 15, 2017

Honoree

“For participation in or contribution to the Civil Rights Movement and struggle for equality and integration of African–American citizens in Georgia.

Recognized by the State Bar of Georgia and the Center For Civil And Human Rights. Ceremony held on June 3, 2015

Presidential Award For Outstanding Service

“For one who has shown distinction in achieving the goals of the NBA.”

Awarded 89th Annual Convention, August, 2014

Honoree

Super Lawyer 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2020–2023

Atlanta Magazine, Spring, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014

Featured

Atlanta’s 100 Most Influential African–American Men

Atlanta Business Journal, June 2009

Special Honoree

Presented by Women’s Action for New Directions (WAND) in commemoration of Mother’s Day For Peace on May 11, 2006

Blessed Are The Peacemakers Award,

“For inspiring, courageous and faithful efforts to build a just and peaceful world.” Presented personally by Dr. Samuel Kobia, General–Secretary World Council of Churches on October 6, 2004.

Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters’ ***Allen Award for Best Continuous Faith Based Program***, presented to *Every Church A Peace Church–TV*, produced, sponsored and hosted by Don Edwards, October 12, 2004.

Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters’ ***Allen Award for Best Community Service***, present to *Every Church A Peace Church–TV*, 2005

Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters’ Allen Award for the inaugural ***Viewer’s Choice Award***, presented to *Every Church A Peace Church–TV*, 2006

2004 Inductee to the Gate City Bar Association “Hall of Fame” in recognition of the highest service to the profession and the community. Gate City Bar Association “Hall of Fame” Dinner. November 2004.

The Donald P. Edwards Humanitarian Award Inaugurated by the South Atlanta Sankofa District, February 7, 2003, and awarded to an active Boy Scout who has exemplified extraordinary concern for humanity.

“100 Most Influential African Americans in Atlanta”

Black Business Magazine, February 2003 issue

The Silver Beaver Award

For Distinguished Service to Youth

Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Present by National Court of Honor, March 2002

District Award of Merit

South Atlanta District, Boy Scouts of America

Presented at the South Atlanta District Annual Banquet, May 11 2000

Chief Justice Robert Benham Community Service Award

State Bar of Georgia

State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting, July 2000

Father of the Year

Hillside International Chapel and Truth Center, Inc.

Presented Hillside Men on Father's Day, June 1999

"Attorney Donald P. Edwards Hall"

Fulton County Department of Family Children Services

Boys Dormitory at Oak Hill Homes renamed April 6, 1996

Morehouse College National Alumni Association, Atlanta Chapter awarded for achievements in the legal profession, presented at its Annual Awards Banquet, April 22, 1995

The Black Pages Professional Achievement Award, presented by *The Atlanta Black Pages* magazine at its Eighth Annual Awards Banquet, September 24, 1992

Thurgood Marshall Award awarded by the Atlanta Branch NAACP for "Dedicated Service to the NAACP in the Fight for Freedom and Justice", presented September 14, 1985

Special Citation, awarded by the DeKalb (Georgia) Branch NAACP "For Your Untiring Efforts in Protecting the Constitutional Rights of Black School Children in DeKalb County", presented November 11, 1983

"100 Top Atlantans Under 40", *Atlanta Magazine*, September, 1984

Outstanding Community Service Award, presented by College Park Neighborhood Voters League, 1980

Presidential Award, presented by National Black American Law Student Association for “Untiring Dedication Contribution To The National Black American Law Student Association,” March 1983

Earl Warren Fellow, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, 1973–1977. The Earl Warren Fellowship is awarded to selected law school graduates and provides financial and moral support in the development of a civil rights’ practice.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Owner, *The Law Office of Don Edwards, LLC*

50 Hurt Plaza SE. Ste 910

Atlanta, GA 30303

Term: January 1 2023– Present

Civil litigation with emphasis on personal injury (plaintiff and defendant), wrongful death, vaccine injuries and medical malpractice.

Managing Partner, *EDWARDS & HAWKINS, LLC.*

50 Hurt Plaza SE. Ste 910

Atlanta, GA 30303

Term: January, 2019 – Present

Sole Practitioner, *THE LAW OFFICE OF DONALD P. EDWARDS*

170 Mitchell Street, S.W.

Atlanta, GA 30303–3424

Term: August 1, 1992–January 1, 2019

Position Summary: Civil litigation with emphasis on personal injury, wrongful death, vaccine injures and medical malpractice.

Co-owner and Chairman of the Board of Directors

CLEF PRODUCTIONS, INC.

5520 Old National Highway, Ste. B

College Park, Georgia 30349

Term: May 1993 to July 1997

Position Summary: A recording production company providing motivational and inspirational music and messages.

Partner *THOMAS, KENNEDY, SAMPSON, EDWARDS & PATTERSON*

1600 Bank South Building

55 Marietta Street, N.W.

Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 688-4503

Term: September, 1974-July 1992

Position Summary: Primary responsibilities include civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury litigation (plaintiff and defendant). Significant experience in civil rights litigation in matters involving housing, voting rights and school desegregation. Litigation efforts accomplished the historic election of black-elected officials in Marietta and College Park, Georgia, and faculty and pupil desegregation in DeKalb County (Georgia) schools.

Associate Attorney *MOORE, ALEXANDER & RINDSKOPF*

Citizens Trust Building

Atlanta, GA 30303

Term: July 1973-September, 1974

Position Summary: As a NAACP LDF Earl Warren Fellow, I was engaged in a variety of civil rights litigation including voting rights, school desegregation, employment discrimination.

March, 2023