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OVERVIEW

Michael H. Reed is a fellow of The Pepper Center for Public Service. The Pepper Center draws on the talents of the firm's retired partners and senior attorneys to wrestle with tough problems facing our communities. Through the Center, these attorneys study, analyze, and work to resolve problems that affect the lives of people in our communities.

Michael's civic and community activities include board memberships ranging from university associations to hospitals and law centers. He has received several awards for his service, and continues to offer support to various associations and organizations.

For almost 50 years, Michael practiced law in the areas of corporate restructuring and bankruptcy, as well as general business, corporate governance, not-for-profit, health care, and legal ethics and professional responsibility. Long active in national, state, and local bar associations, he served as president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association from 2004 to 2005. He also served as chair of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

AWARDS

- *Super Lawyers*®: Pennsylvania (2004-2021)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*
- Recognized as one of the five leading African-American bankruptcy attorneys in the United States in a survey conducted by *Black Enterprise* magazine (November 2003)
- Highly ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (2014-2015)
- Received the J. Austin Norris Award from the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia for distinguished service to the Pennsylvania bar (April 2005)
- Received the A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association for demonstrated dedication to the legal profession and the minority community (March 2016)
- Received a resolution from the Philadelphia City Council honoring him as the first African-American president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (September 2004)
- Received a citation from the Mayor and the City of Philadelphia for Outstanding Service to the Citizens of Philadelphia (April 2005)

- Received a Certificate of Honor as the 1995 Alumnus of the Year from the College of Arts & Sciences of Temple University (May 1995)
- Received the Award of Excellence from the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, Inc. (March 2003)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Temple University, elected to the board of trustees 2016-2022; Compliance Committee of Board, chair since 2019
- American Bar Association (ABA), elected as state delegate for the state of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia Board of Ethics, chair since 2012
- Public Interest Law Center, board of advisors, former member of board and executive committee
- United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, board of directors, 2008-2012
- Pennsylvania Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA), board appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 2004-2010, vice chair of board, 2009-2010
- Academy of Natural Sciences, board of trustees, 1988-present, vice-chair of board, 2007-present
- American Law Institute, member since 2002
- Philadelphia Diversity Law Group, Inc., board of directors, 2001-present, treasurer 2001-2002
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, served as president 2004-2005 and as first chairman of the Minority Bar Committee, 1988-1990
- Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference, chairman 1997-1998
- Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, board of trustees, 1986-1998
- American College of Bankruptcy, fellow elected in 1994
- Committee of Seventy, Philadelphia, PA, 1981-2011, executive board, 1985-2005
- Philadelphia Bar Association, member of Executive Committee of Young Lawyers Section, 1974-1977, received award for outstanding service as co-chairman of the Law Explorers Post Committee, 1974-1975
- The Barristers Association of Philadelphia, first VP, 1974-1976

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Yale Law School, J.D., 1972
- Temple University, B.A., 1969, political science

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan