



Derek Mosley, L'95

Upon graduation, Derek Mosley, '95 served as an Assistant District Attorney for Milwaukee County from 1995-2002, representing the State of Wisconsin in over 1,000 criminal prosecutions. Mr. Mosley founded the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office Community Prosecution Unit. As the head of this unit, Mr. Mosley helped to establish after-school programs; he established a Second Chance Felony Employment Initiative for offenders; he closed 100 drug houses and nuisance properties. He also started "Operation Streetsweeper," a police and citizen crime fighting initiative which targets street drug dealing; this initiative was awarded the Law Enforcement Honor Award by the U. S. Department of Justice.

In 2002, Mr. Mosley was appointed Municipal Court Judge in Milwaukee; he was the youngest African-American to be appointed judge in the State of Wisconsin. Judge Mosley has established a Youth Development Boot Camp for juvenile offenders and has helped establish community courts in Milwaukee. In August of 2004, Judge Mosley was appointed Chief Judge of the Milwaukee Municipal Court, becoming the youngest Chief Judge in Milwaukee history.

Judge Mosley sits on the Board of Directors of several organizations including the Urban Ecology Center, the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee, Safe & Sound and Transcenter for Youth. He has been a lecturer at both Marquette University Law School as well as the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He sits on the Supreme Court of Wisconsin's Judicial Education Committee. Judge Mosley has been featured in both Milwaukee Magazine's "Top Lawyer Edition," as well as their "35 Emerging Leaders" Edition. He received the Leaders in the Law Award from the Wisconsin Law Journal. He was awarded the Milwaukee Times' Black Excellence Award, inducted into the Milwaukee Community Journal's Academy of Legends, named one of the Philanthropic 5 by the United Way, and was the 2015 recipient of the Howard B. Eisenberg Public Service Award from Marquette University Law School. Judge Mosley was also voted "Jurist of the Year" for 2015 by the Justinian Society of Lawyers, Professional of the Year by ONEMKE & The United Way in 2017, Citizen of the Year in 2017, named Law Enforcement Official of the Year in 2018 by Safe & Sound, and recently received the William C. Frye Civic Engagement Award from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. As a kidney transplant recipient in 2016, he is an ardent supporter of Donate Life Wisconsin, the National Kidney Foundation, and Versiti (formerly the Bloodcenter of Wisconsin).