



Tomie Turner Green, Senior Circuit Judge

7th Circuit Court District (Hinds County) - State of MS

Judge Tomie Turner Green was educated in the Jackson Public Schools. She is the oldest of four children of David and Lizzie McPherson Turner. After completing the 11th grade, she entered Tougaloo College where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree. She earned a Master of Science degree from Jackson State University, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Mississippi College School of Law. Judge Green's post-doctorate training includes the study of advanced trial advocacy skills and techniques through the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and the National College of Advocacy. In April 1999, Judge Green completed judicial certification at the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada at Reno.

On January 4, 1999, Judge Green took the oath of office to become the first woman elected to the Hinds County Circuit bench. After ten (10) years of dedicated service, Judge Green became Senior Circuit Court Judge of the Seventh Circuit Court District (Hinds County) of Mississippi. She is the first African American and the first woman to hold the position. Undaunted by the demands of the chief judge position, Judge Green maintains active and productive civil and criminal dockets. She has remained unopposed at the ballot box for five (5) consecutive terms.

As Senior Judge, Judge Green completed work that equipped all four(4) circuit courtrooms with Courtroom 21st century computer-integrated technology. Green also worked with the Mississippi Supreme Court to create on-line electronic filing in the Hinds County circuit court. Judge Green also initiated Video/Remote Arraignment in the district, which allows communications with jail detainees through the use of the internet.

A judge who never avoided difficult or controversial cases, Judge Green continues her efforts to increase accessibility, efficiency and public safety in the circuit court through the review of court rules, the increased monitoring of pretrial indictees, more timely indictment and disposition of criminal cases, the expansion of the circuit drug court, development of veterans, mental health/behavioral health programs, increased judicial security on and off court premises, more timely disposition of civil matters through alternative dispute resolution, the broader use of digital and teleconferencing, internet streaming and/or closed circuit television for selected civil and criminal proceedings.

Judge Green has served two terms on the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Rules, and has served on the Supreme Court's Committee on Media and the Courts. On July 1, 2003, media coverage in Mississippi's courtrooms became a reality. The first locally televised case in Mississippi originated in Judge Green's courtroom. On November 10, 2003, Judge Green, along with COURT TV and local ABC, NBC and CBS affiliates televised a multi million-dollar negligence case tried before the court and a Hinds County jury. It was the first time that Court TV or local networks had broadcasted full coverage of an entire trial in the State of Mississippi. Full media coverage of a second controversial criminal case was broadcasted from Judge Green's court by local networks and Court TV in November of 2006.

Judge Green practiced law for 15 years before taking the bench. She has served as an adjunct law professor at the Mississippi College School of Law, where she taught law students procedures for successful litigation and trial court practice. Formerly, Judge Green was a partner in the law firm of Walker, Walker & Green of Jackson, Mississippi. She also served as an Assistant District Attorney for Hinds and Yazoo counties, and as a judicial clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Henry T. Wingate, the first federal judge in the State of Mississippi. A seasoned litigator, Judge Green has tried numerous cases before juries across the State of Mississippi.

From 1992-1999, Judge Green served as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives. There she was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Ethics Committee, and as sub-chair of the JudiciaryA committee. She also served on the Elections, Insurance, Managed Health Care, Local & Private Legislation, Constitution and Investigation of State Offices committees.

In the Mississippi legislature Judge Green had a record of supporting efforts to bring honor and efficiency to the judiciary. As a subcommittee chair and member of the House Judiciary Committee, she participated in crafting laws that created the Administrative Offices of the Courts, the

Mississippi Court of Appeals and the MS Torts Claim Board. Her efforts help to promote training, certification and increased benefits for court personnel. Her progressive efforts to assure diversity, fairness and justice in Mississippi's courts substantiate her dedication, commitment and legacy of service to the community.

As the result of her academic excellence, professionalism, integrity, dedication and commitment to community service in her personal, political and professional life, Judge Green has received numerous honors and awards, to include:

1993 Professionalism Award from the Women Student Bar Association
1993 Woman of the Year Award MS Chapter of the Coalition of 100 Black Women
1994 Government Service Award of the Magnolia Bar Association
1995 Fannie Lou Hamer Leadership Award of the Mississippi Democratic Party
1996 Jack Young Legal Award of the NAACP
1997 Distinguished Service Award
1997 Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Nominee -MS Women's Bar Assn.
1997-98Center for Policy Alternatives' Arthur Flemming Fellowship Award Recipient
1998 Nominee for the Good Housekeeping Women in Government Award
1998 WLBT Special Legislative Recognition
2000 Outstanding Government Service Award - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
2000 Freedom Fighter Award - Nation of Islam
2000 Government Service Award - Southern Echo
2000 Leadership & Community Service Award - MS Southern Church of God in Christ
2003Trio Achiever & Leadership Award
2005 U.S. Congressional Record Citation
2006 Phenomenal Woman Award - Smith Robertson Historical Museum
2006 R. Jess Brown Award - Magnolia Bar Association (highest award)
2007 Tougaloo College Meritorious Leadership Citation
2007 Brown, Young & Hall Award - Jackson Branch of the NAACP
2007 Baptist(Hospital), Comcast & Lifetime Nominee in Recognition of Strong Women
2010 Legal Service Award - MS NAACP
2011 Thurgood Marshall Award - MLKing Day Celebration Banquet- City of Jackson, MS
2011 Public Service Award - Pearl Street AME Church, Jackson MS
2018 IMAGE Award in Law from the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
2019 Tougaloo College's Presidential Citation at its 150th Anniversary

Judge Green is or has been a member of the Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Hinds County Bar Association and the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. Other memberships include: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the National Association of Black Legislators, MS League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women and Central Mississippi Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Judge Green is currently a member of the St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi. She and her late husband Cornelious are parents of a daughter Dr. Nikisha (Dr.David) Ware, and a son, Synarus Green. She also has two (2) grandsons - Solomon Ware and Asa Ware.

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