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Yvette McGee Brown

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A series of firsts define the judicial and professional career of Yvette McGee Brown. She was the first African American woman elected to the Franklin County Common Pleas Court in 1992. She was the founding president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital. And, in January 2011, she became the first African American woman to serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio. Today, Yvette is the Partner-in-charge of Diversity, Inclusion, and Advancement at the global law firm Jones Day and a partner in the Business and Tort Litigation practice where she represents clients in complex litigation, corporate and government investigations, and appellate matters.

Yvette is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association serving on complex commercial panels. In addition, she is an active

community and corporate leader, serving on public company and non-profit boards. She serves on the board of directors for Encova Mutual Insurance Group, The Jeffrey Company, KIPP Columbus, and Chair of the African American Leadership Academy. She has also served on the board of directors for Ohio University, M/I Homes, Fifth Third Bank of Central Ohio, The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, United Way of Central Ohio, The Ohio State University Alumni Association and the YWCA Columbus.

Yvette was selected as one of 500 Leading Litigators in America for 2023 by Lawdragon. She is also listed annually in The Best Lawyers in America, including 2020 Lawyer of the Year; BTI 2021 Client Service All-Star; and The American Lawyer recently recognized her as a 2021 Midwest Trailblazer.

Crain's Cleveland Business recognized Yvette as a 2022 Notable Executive in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Savoy Magazine included her as one of 2019's Most Influential Women in Corporate America, and she was honored by The American Red Cross as Humanitarian of the Year, 2019. Yvette has been inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame and the Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame

A native of Columbus City Schools, Yvette graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Journalism/Public Relations, followed by her Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She has honorary degrees from Urbana University, Ohio Dominican University, and Wilberforce University.

Yvette is married to Tony Brown, a retired educator. They have three children and two grandchildren.