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Ashonta C. Rice has been a tireless advocate for children in twenty years of practice representing clients in Domestic Relations, Child Protection, and DCFS administrative hearings. As a Chicago Bar Association approved Child Representative and Guardian ad litem, she is routinely appointed by the Cook County Circuit Court to serve as Child Representative and Guardian ad litem in some of the most contentious and complex cases. She is regarded as a pragmatic and skilled litigator with mediation experience resulting in written agreements in over 60% of sessions. Ashonta C. Rice is recognized for delivering justice when all other options have been exhausted. She is particularly recognized for successfully litigating complaints in circuit court after administrative hearings have failed with prior counsel.

Ashonta has been recognized as one of the10 Best Attorneys for Exceptional and Outstanding Client Service by the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys seven years in a row – 2018-2025, and has been nominated to SuperLawyers in 2024 and included in Forbes Advisor's Best Divorce Lawyers of Chicago, IL of 2023. She has also served as a panelist in continuing legal education seminars for the Illinois State Bar Association and the Black Women Lawyers Association of Greater Chicago, and as Co-Chair of the Solo and Small Firm Committee of the BWLA from 2019-2022.

Ashonta's educational background includes a B.A. in Finance from University of Illinois Champaign, my J.D. from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, and a certificate in Divorce Mediation Skills from Northwestern University School of Professional Studies.

Presently, Ashonta is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association serving on the its the Board of Governors and the Assembly-Cook Circuit. She is a committee member of the Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services and serves as board liaison for the Administrative Law Section Council, Child Law Section Council and Elder Law Section Counsel. She is also Co-Chair of the Artificial Intelligence & Criminal Justice Committee at the Chicago Bar Association.

Ashonta's board service experience includes having served as Financial Secretary on the elected board for local chapter of a national organization with annual budget of over one quarter million dollars for two consecutive two-year terms. In her service on the elected board for local chapter of national bi-partisan political organization, she has sponsored introduction of youth to Illinois state legislature through chairing the Mentorship committee. Privately, she spearheaded a community group for a now annual installation of a cultural donation to the Museum of Science and Industry and also personally sponsors a young adult religious-based group to its regional leadership training conference.