

CHELSEY R. ROBINSON

CHELSEY R. ROBINSON is a life-long resident of the 2nd Judicial Subcircuit. She was born and raised in the Roseland Community of Chicago where she attended Thomas Scanlan Elementary School and Percy L. Julian.

Attorney Robinson earned her Bachelors of Arts in Criminal Justice from Howard University and her Juris Doctor from Loyola University - Chicago School of Law, from both of which she graduated *Cum Laude*. While in college, she was the legal assistant and office manager for attorney Paul E. Kay.

In Law School, Chelsey was an editor of Loyola University Chicago Law Journal. Her article entitled *Missouri v. Jenkins: The Beginning of the End For Desegregation* was published in the Loyola University Chicago Law Journal. Chelsey was very active in the Black Law Student Association and served as Secretary and Vice President of the Association during her time at Loyola. She was also a member of the Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity and the Christian Law Society. She also served as an extern for the Honorable Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

In 1995, Chelsey worked as a summer intern with the City of Chicago Law Department. After her internship ended, Chelsey continued her employment with the City of Chicago as a 711 Licensed Law Clerk.

In 1996, after being sworn in as an attorney, Chelsey co-founded the law firm "Parkman & Owens" where she is currently a partner. The firm was later renamed "Owens & Robinson"

Chelsey has argued before the Illinois Supreme Court, the Illinois Appellate Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. A consummate attorney, she is responsible for obtaining favorable judgments and settlements for countless civil clients and for the acquittal of many innocent criminal clients. She also serves as a legal consultant for the nationally syndicated court television show, the *Judge Mathis Show*.

She is active in the Roseland Community hosting outreach programs such as community cookouts, expungement seminars, and the support of children of incarcerated parents. In addition, she has volunteered to mentor area high school students and introducing youth to the legal profession through the Lawyers in the Classroom program. She has volunteered at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center mentoring youth. She is also a member of the NAACP and the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee. She is a member of the 5th District Pastoral Subcommittee and COAL.

For the past 23 years, she has served as a founding partner of the firm of OWENS & ROBINSON where she handles family law, criminal defense, contractual disputes, real estate, bankruptcy, and personal injury matters.

Chelsey is rated "Qualified" by the Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Council of Lawyers, and the Chicago's Public Interest Bar to serve as circuit court judge. Chelsey is also rated "Recommended" by the Cook County Bar Association, the Asian American Bar Association, the Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago, the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois, the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois to serve as circuit court judge.

Chelsey Robinson is married to Pastor Michael L. Robinson. They have two children.