

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Yvette McGee Brown

PERSON

**Brown, Yvette, 1960-**

**Alternative Names:** The Honorable Yvette McGee Brown;

**Life Dates:** July 1, 1960-

**Place of Birth:** Columbus, Ohio, USA

**Residence:** Columbus, OH

**Work:** Columbus, OH

**Occupations:** State Supreme Court Judge

## Biographical Note

Ohio State Justice Yvette McGee Brown was born in Columbus Ohio to Sylvia Kendrick on July 1, 1960. After graduating from Columbus, Ohio's Mifflin High School, McGee Brown attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She graduated with her B.S. degree in journalism from Ohio University in 1982. Three years later, McGee Brown graduated from Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law with her J.D. degree in law. In 1992, McGee Brown was elected to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Juvenile division. As lead Juvenile Court Judge, she led the creation of the Family Drug Court and the SMART Program, a truancy and educational neglect intervention program. After nine years on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, she retired from the bench to create the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, a multi-disciplinary child abuse and family violence program. In 2008, McGee Brown was also elected to the Ohio Elections Commission. After serving as founding president for the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, McGee Brown became a candidate for lieutenant governor of Ohio, tabbed by then Governor Ted Strickland in 2010. Strickland appointed her to the Ohio Supreme Court after losing his gubernatorial bid. McGee Brown became the first African American woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

An active community and corporate leader, Justice McGee Brown has served on the boards of Ohio University, The Ohio State University Medical Center, the National Council of the OSU Moritz College of Law, M/I Homes Inc. and Fifth Third Bank of Central Ohio. She is the former chair of the United Way of Central Ohio, The Ohio

State University Alumni Association and the YWCA Columbus Board of Directors. In 2008, Justice McGee Brown was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. Among her many honors, she has received the Champion of Children Award, YWCA Woman of Achievement Award and several honors from Ohio University and The Ohio State University.

Justice McGee Brown is married to Tony Brown. They have three children and one grandson.

Justice Yvette McGee Brown was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on April 6, 2012.

## Related Entries

**The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**J.D.**

**Ohio University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**B.S.**

**Mifflin High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**H.S. Diploma**

**Mifflin Middle School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Fairwood Alternative Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**South Mifflin Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Ohio Attorney General's Office** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Litigation**

**Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Juvenile Division**

[EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1993 to 2002]

**Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2002 to ?]

**President**

**Supreme Court of Ohio** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2011 to ?]

**Justice**

**United Way of Central Ohio** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2003 to ?]

**Chair**

**Ohio State University (OSU) Alumni Advisory Board** [MEMBEROF]

[from 2003 to ?]

**Chair**

**YWCA Columbus** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Chair**

**Ohio University** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

**Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State University** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

**National Council of the OSU Moritz College of Law** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

**Fifth Third Bank of Central Ohio** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**