

BIO OF WILLIE C. ALLEN

Willie C. Allen was born to Willie and Alma Allen along with his three (3) siblings, Daphne, Robert, and Jerry. He was born and raised in Tupelo, Mississippi where he attended Tupelo Public Schools and was a member of the football, track, and power lifting teams. Willie graduated from Tupelo High School in 1992 and accepted a scholarship to play football at Delta State University where he was a four (4) year starter at Defensive Back. He graduated from Delta State University in May 1996 with a degree in Business Administration.

Willie's childhood aspiration in life was to become an attorney. He passionately believed he could do the best in his community as an advocate for others. In 2002, Willie was accepted into the Mississippi College School of Law and graduated in 2005. After graduating law school, he accepted a job with the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office where he served as Director of Elections Administration and Senior Attorney. In 2008, Willie decided it was time to come back home to Tupelo. Willie opened his law practice in Tupelo with the primary goal of helping people. As an attorney, Willie has provided countless hours of pro-bono legal representation to those who were unable to afford an attorney. In addition to his private law practice, Willie served as a *Guardian Ad Litem* and Public Defender for Lee County Youth Court from 2010 to 2018. In 2013, Willie was appointed as the first African American Municipal Court Judge for the City of Tupelo. As judge, he handles misdemeanors cases, felony search and arrest warrants, felony initial appearances, felony preliminary hearings and felony bonds.

Willie is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Through this fraternal organization, he is an active participant of service projects and community outreach. This organization is responsible for food drives, blood drives, prostate cancer awareness, ACT Prep, and funding scholarships for area students. Willie also awards an annual scholarship to Tupelo High School students to help advance them in the area.

Willie's biggest joy in life is having the responsibility and pleasure of raising his two (2) children, Bailee Allen (age 12); and Willie C. Allen, II (age 6).