



## **Reuben Anderson**

Reuben Anderson is a senior partner with the Phelps Dunbar firm and practices in the areas of commercial litigation and regulatory and governmental matters.

Reuben has cultivated a professional resume of legal service. He is the first African-American Supreme Court Justice in Mississippi where he served from 1985 to 1991. Other key positions have included: Circuit Court Judge for the 7th Circuit Court District, 1982-85; County Court Judge for Hinds County, 1977-82; Municipal Judge for the City of Jackson, 1976-77; Partner, Anderson, Banks, Nichols & Stewart, 1968-77; Mississippi Associate Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., 1967-75; Jamie L. Whitten Chair of Law and Government at the University of Mississippi, Fall of 1995.

He was the first African-American President of the Mississippi Bar (1997-1998) and the Mississippi Economic Council, the State's Chamber of Commerce. Reuben holds membership in the Hinds County Bar Association; Magnolia Bar Association; U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Bar Association; U.S. Supreme Court Bar Association and 100 Black Men of Jackson. He was inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame in 2009.

Reuben also serves these companies and organizations:

- AT&T, Dallas, TX (Director)
- The Kroger Company, Cincinnati, OH (Director)
- MINACT Inc., Jackson, MS (Director)
- Ole Miss Alumni Association (Trustee)
- Tougaloo College (Trustee; Past Chairman of the Board)

Reuben's honors and awards include:

- 2016 *Best Lawyers in America* List - (08/18/2015)
- Lifetime Achievement Award presented at the 2015 Mississippi Honors Gala
- Magnolia Bar Association's Legacy of Leadership Award
- Mid-South Super Lawyers
- Namesake for Tougaloo College's Reuben V. Anderson Pre-Law Society
- University of Mississippi School of Law Alumni Hall of Fame (Inductee, 2011)
- University of Mississippi Alumni Hall of Fame (1995)
- University of Mississippi School of Law Alumnus of the Year (2005)
- The Mississippi Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award (2007)
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® - Appellate Practice, Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law, Mediation (Lawyer of the Year, Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2015)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*