

Pamela Meanes



Pamela Meanes is a partner in St. Louis' largest law firm. She was the first African American in Thompson Coburn's history to be elevated from associate to partner. Since joining the firm in 1996, she has represented clients such as Furniture Brands International, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, Metro/Bi-State Development Agency, Monsanto Company, and many others. In addition, she played a significant role in the land acquisition for the extension of MetroLink in Illinois.

Pamela received her formal education from the East Saint Louis Public School system. She holds an earned: 1) Bachelor of Arts in English and Education from Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL; 2) Masters of Arts in African/African American Studies from Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA; and 3) Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. In addition, she holds an honorary Doctorate in Divinity from the New Freedom Bible College.

Pamela is the current President of the National Bar Association (NBA). The NBA will focus on four crucial areas: 1) Education: The New Civil Right, 2.) Voter Protection: Restoring the Voting Rights Acts and Advancing Democracy; 3) Judicial Equality: Dismantling The Barriers That Prohibit A Diverse Bench; and 4) Police Misconduct.

She is the recipient of numerous awards including the Award of Merit from BAMSL, St. Louis University Black Law Student Association's 2008 Outstanding Attorney Awards, Washington University of St. Louis Black Law Student Association 2008 Outstanding Achievement in Public Service Award, St. Louis Business Journal's "40 under 40" recipient, selection in Missouri Lawyer's Weekly "Up and Coming Lawyers," St. Louis Business Journal's Most Influential Minority Business Leader, the YWCA Leader of Distinction Award, the Women of Achievement Award, 2012 Sister to Sister Award and the 2014 Missouri Lawyer's Weekly Litigation Practitioner Award. In addition, she has received numerous NBA honors including the 2013 Outstanding Officer's Award, 2012 NBA Special Presidential award, 2012 & 2011 WLD Chair's award, 2011 & 2010 Presidential award, 2011 & 2010 Region of the Year, 2010 NBA Young Lawyers' Hon. A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. award, and the 2007 Affiliate Chapter of the Year award.

Pamela is married to Reverend Doctor William M. Meanes, Sr., and they have seven wonderful children: Wilson, Ciara, Kandia, William, Jr., Anointing, Aayannah, and Divinity.