



Tavonna Harris Askew

Tavonna Harris Askew is Chief of Staff and General Counsel for The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County. She plans and directs the administrative and operational activities for the organization's President and CEO, as well as the Board of Directors. As Chief of Staff, Mrs. Askew acts as a point of contact between top management, employees, and other stakeholders. She provides oversight and guidance to projects of high importance and directs the workflow of other individuals within the organization. Mrs. Askew also assists in the fiscal oversight of the corporation by providing direction to the Grants Department which manages over \$38 million in local, federal, and private grants yearly. Additionally, Mrs. Askew serves as the President and CEO's designee on day to day operations including dispute management and community relations.

As General Counsel, Mrs. Askew serves as Health & Hospital Corporation's chief legal officer. As such, she manages a team of attorneys and is responsible for protecting the corporation's legal interests, maintaining the corporation's regulatory compliance, and providing risk management services.

In addition to being an accomplished leader in the legal and business communities, Mrs. Askew has been a public speaker and educator for over 15 years. She worked as an Adjunct Faculty Member at Indiana Wesleyan University for almost 5 years and has also served as a presenter at many workshops and conferences.

Mrs. Askew's civic activities include the Women's Fund of Central Indiana Advisory Board (Vice Chair Elect), Mind Trust/United Negro College Fund Education Champions, the Cancer Support Community of Central Indiana Board, the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority Board, the Visit Indy Board, and the Indiana Conference for Women Board. She is a member of various bar associations, the American Health Lawyers Association, The Links, Incorporated, and a Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is also a graduate of the Leadership Indianapolis, Leadership Education & Development program, Stanley

K. Lacy Executive Leadership Series, Class XXXIV, and the Diversity Leadership Academy of Greater Indianapolis. Mrs. Askew was recently received one of the national Neal-Marshall Alumni Club Exemplar Awards from Indiana University. She was recognized as one of the 2017 National Association of Women Business Owners Trailblazers, one of the 2017 Indiana Minority Business Magazine's Golden Laurel Awardees for Women Excelling in Business, and as one of the 2016 Indianapolis Business Journal's Women of Influence. She also received the Junior Achievement of Central Indiana's Best and Brightest Award in the field of law in 2015, received the Marion County Bar Association Community Service Award in 2015, and is a member of the Indianapolis Business Journal's 2014 Class of Forty Under 40.

Mrs. Askew received her Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University and her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University. Mrs. Askew is married to Charles R. Askew and is the proud mother of four children