

Pioneer Hall of Fame Award

Erin McCarney Lunceford

The University High School Alumni Association honors Erin McCarney Lunceford, class of 1979, as a 2017 Hall of Fame Alumni Award Recipient for her contributions to her profession and civic service.

Lunceford graduated from University High School in 1979, where she participated in a variety of school activities and earned numerous distinctions: Senior Yearbook Co-Editor, Clarion Award, Graduation Commencement Speaker, National Honor Society, Senior Speech Award, 4th in State Speech Competition - Prose, and Central Illinois Junior Miss Talent Award – Original Poem Reading.

After graduation, she attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, Cum Laude, in 1983. Lunceford later went on to earn her Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston (TX) in 1988.

Lunceford takes great pride in her work in the Judicial and Legal fields, and has accomplished a great deal throughout her career. In the summer of 2015, she was appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to become Judge of the 61st Civil District Court in Harris County, Texas. In her eighteen months on the bench, Lunceford presided over 30 jury trials and numerous bench trials. Unfortunately, all Republican judges were voted out of office in the 2016 straight ticket election. However, Lunceford is now running to be elected Judge of the 189th Civil District Court, another of the 24 Civil District Judges in Harris County.

Prior to becoming a Judge, Lunceford enjoyed a very successful career as a Trial Attorney for over 25 years.

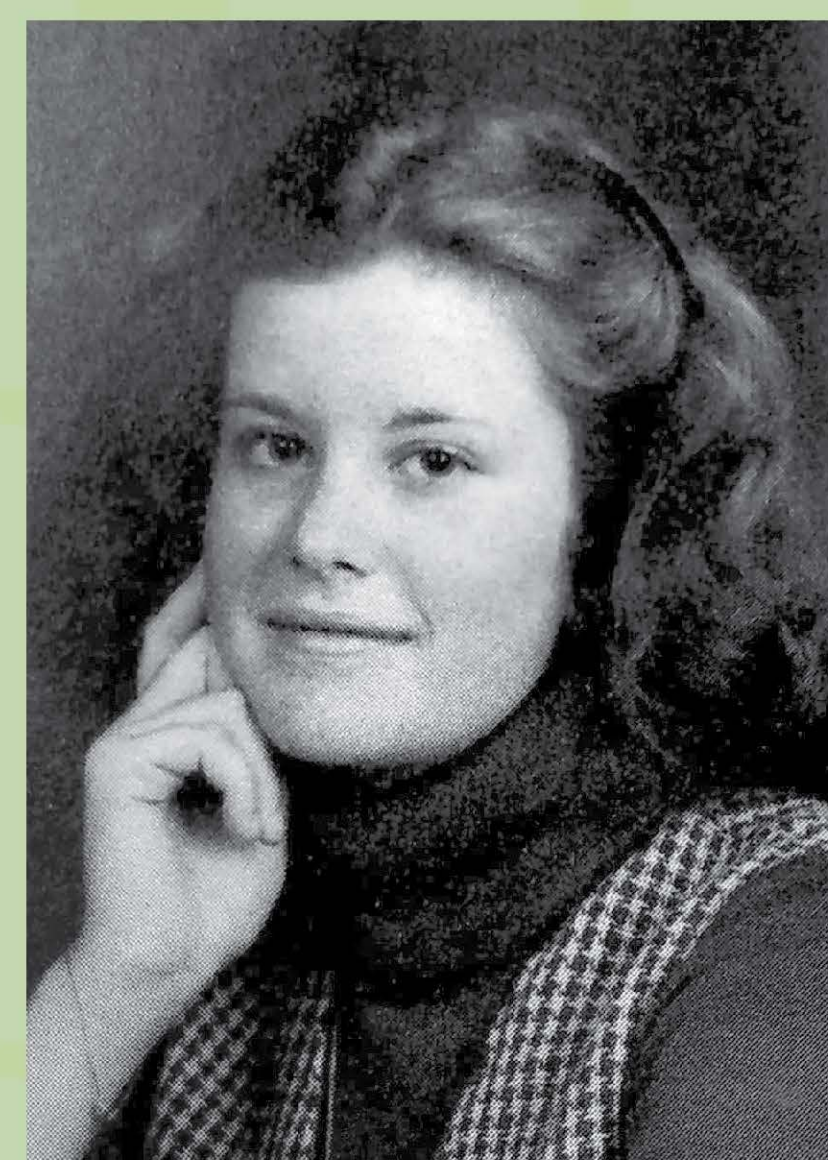
She worked hard to earn the role of Managing Shareholder in the Law Firm - Sprott, Newsom, Lunceford, Quattlebaum, Messenger, PC. She handled a very active trial docket and was responsible for the supervision of daily activities of a 10-lawyer firm, including personnel issues, office lease negotiations, and all other firm management activities. As a trial lawyer, Lunceford has tried over 33 trials to verdict and handled over 38 appeals, including a successful appeal to the Texas Supreme Court in January 2015.

Following the 2016 election, Lunceford returned to the practice of law as Counsel for Norton Rose Fulbright, a global law firm with offices all over the world. There she practices medical malpractice law and also serves as a fair hearing officer for medical staff matters, and as a mediator.

Along her career path as an Attorney, Lunceford was recognized as one of the Top Attorneys in Texas by Texas Monthly for 2011-2015 and was selected as a Texas Super Lawyer from 2008-2015. In 2011, she was also selected as one of 20 Winning Women Lawyers in Texas. She is currently in her second two-year term as an elected Board Member of the Houston Bar Association. She is also Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law and an elected member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), where she currently serves as the Treasurer of the Houston chapter.

Lunceford has also demonstrated great leadership and service in community activities. In 1994, she was awarded the Outstanding Alumni Service Award from the University of Colorado. In addition, Lunceford has previously served as a PTO President, San Jacinto Girl Scouts Service Unit Manager and Troop Leader, and as a Sunday School Teacher.

Lunceford has been married to her husband, Michael, for almost 33 years. The couple have two adult children, Andrew and Blair. In her spare time, Lunceford enjoys taking family vacations and spending time with her children, including her new daughter-in-law. Her hobbies include hiking in the National Parks, running long distance races, sewing, and snow skiing.



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