

## Biographical Sketch

Gregory F. Clifford, Esq. is the Chief Magistrate of Cleveland Municipal Court. In this position he manages a staff of magistrates and supportive staff persons who handle small claims, traffic, misdemeanor, and civil cases, provides legal research, and recommendations for the 12 judges of the Court's General Division. Clifford is also a course planner and faculty member for the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College, Past President of the Ohio Association of Magistrates, Past President of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and Past President of the Norman S. Minor Bar Association.

Chief Magistrate Clifford received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Ohio University and a Juris Doctorate Degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University. He has been a member of the Ohio Bar and engaged in the practice of law in Ohio since 1981.

In addition to serving as Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors for 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc., Clifford is a mentor and role model for promising youth and young adults and an advocate for mentoring programs. While actively engaged in the lay leadership of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Clifford has held numerous leadership positions in civic and non-profit organizations, including the Catholic Charities Services Corporation, East Cleveland Charter Review Commission, East Cleveland Public Library, Substance Abuse Initiative of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Branch NAACP, Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Citizens Advisory Board, Youth Services Advisory Board, Cuyahoga County Bar Association, New Future Outlook League, and the Glenville Alumni Association.

Clifford serves on the Board of Visitors of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and has been inducted into the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Hall of Fame. He has been honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Civic Involvement from Cleveland State University, the Most Treasured Volunteer Award from the Federation of Community Planning, the Archbishop James P. Lyke African American Male Image Award from the Knights of St. Peter Claver, Trustee of Achievement Award from the Ohio Library Council, the Norman S. Minor Bar Association Trailblazer Award and he was recently honored with the Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Merit Award. He is featured in Who's Who In Black Cleveland, and is a Shriner and thirty-third degree Prince Hall Mason.

A native Clevelander from a humble background, Greg Clifford is a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather.