

Christy L. Brown, J.D.

Christy L. Brown has over two decades of experience providing strategic and visionary legal and executive leadership in higher education and non-profit organizations. Previously, she was chief executive officer of GSWISE, which serves more than 17,000 members in the Milwaukee Metropolitan area. Nationally, she has served on the National Girl Scout Movement Strategy Advisory Team, the Gender Parity Task Force, as a GSUSA delegate to the 36th World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in Delhi, India and the GSUSA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Racial Justice Steering Committee.

Prior to this role, Christy was vice chancellor, finance and administrative affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, overseeing all non-academic operations including business, finance, police, facilities, legal affairs, campus planning, internal audit, HR and IT. Other previous positions included executive vice president and general counsel at Milwaukee Area Technical College, vice president and corporate counsel at Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. and associate attorney with Michael Best, LLC, in the Labor and Employment Relations and Higher Education Law Practice Groups.

Christy has served on the board of trustees of Carroll University, she currently serves as a trustee for the Medical College of Wisconsin, and she is a member of the Duke Law Alumnae Council. She was a gubernatorial appointee to the Wisconsin Educational Approval Board and an active member on the research council of the National Association of College and University Business Officers. A member of the Wisconsin State Bar, she has held leadership positions in state, local, and specialty bar associations, including vice president of the local and specialty bar associations committee for the Wisconsin State Bar, president, Wisconsin Association of African American Attorneys, and Chair of the Judicial Selection Committee of the Milwaukee Bar Association.

An active member of her community, Christy has served as Chair of the Board for Pathfinders and Future Milwaukee, Vice President for the Milwaukee Forum, and as a member of the St. Francis Children's Center Board. In addition, she has been a member and secretary of the board for Professional Dimensions, a member of TEMPO Milwaukee, as well as a TEMPO Mentor Awardee; and a member of the International Women's Forum. She has been honored as a Woman of Influence (Inspirational) by the Milwaukee Business Journal, A Woman of Distinction by the Waukesha County Women and Girls Fund and has received a Black Excellence Award from the Milwaukee Times.

She earned a B.A. in Psychology from Stanford University, and a J.D. and M.A. at Duke University.