

## **KRSNA TIBBS**

### **PERSONAL**

Born: [REDACTED] (Atlanta, Georgia)

Marital Status: Married to Dara Black Tibbs (May 2003)

### **EDUCATION**

Graduated from the University of Louisville in December 1997 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management (Debate Scholarship Recipient, Co-Captain of the Debate Team)

Graduated from University of Louisville, College of Business and Public Administration in May 2001 with a M.B.A. in Business Management (National Pan-Hellenic Council Outstanding Academic Award)

Graduated from the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville in May 2003 with a Juris Doctorate Degree (Vice-President, Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity, Vinson Chapter; Treasurer, Black Law Student Association; Public Service Requirement completed in Spring semester, 2003 with the NAACP, Louisville Chapter, researching legislation which disenfranchised convicted felons)

Graduated from National Criminal Defense College Trial Practice Institute, Mercer University, Macon, GA, June 2007 (selected to attend the Advanced Trial Practice Institute pursuant to a nation-wide application process)

### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

**Tibbs Law Office, [www.tibbslaw.com](http://www.tibbslaw.com), Louisville, KY**  
**Owner, February 2015- present**

Owner of a law office that emphasizes in Domestic Relations and Criminal Defense Litigation in major felonies/misdemeanors. Also appointed Guardian Ad Litem in Family Court representing children in child abuse cases in Jefferson County, Division 7, Jefferson County, EPO/DVO docket and Dependency, Neglect, and Abuse dockets.

**Kentucky Association Of Criminal Defense Lawyers**  
Board member, 2025-2026.

#### **Louisville Bar Association**

Board member, Presidential appointment, 2015-2017, 2018-2020  
Leadership Academy, graduate, Class of 2009

**Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office, Louisville, KY**  
**Division Chief, Adult Trial Division, July 2010- February 2015**  
**Deputy Division Chief October 2008 – July 2010**

Assisted in the training, development and supervision of other staff attorneys. Responsibilities include assisting in the conduct of weekly team meetings concerning trial preparation, review of developments in the law, practice pointers, etc., as well as case management, mentoring and sitting second-chair during initial jury trials. Duties also include handling a full caseload representing individual clients in all of the trial courts in Jefferson County. Tried over forty jury trials in circuit and district courts. Five-time recipient of the *Walker Award* for Excellence in Advocacy at trials in which the defendants were acquitted of all felony charges after a jury trial.

**Louisville Metro Public Defender's Office, Louisville, KY**  
**Assistant Public Defender, April 2004 - November 2008**

Staff Attorney in the Adult Trial Division. Responsible for representation of indigent defendants in cases ranging from misdemeanors to major felonies in all divisions of the Jefferson District and Circuit Courts. Representation involved advocacy from arraignment through disposition of the case, by trial or plea, and entry of final judgment.

**Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney Office, Louisville, KY**  
**Legal Externship, January 2003 - May 2003**

Worked in the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Unit of the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Assisted prosecutor in trial preparation as a law student certified by the Kentucky Supreme Court to practice law on a limited license during third year of law school.

**University of Louisville, Louisville, KY**  
**Assistant Debate Coach, August 1997- May 1998 and August 2000 - May 2001**

Organized and led team meetings and taught research skills. Debate team finished in the top thirty in the nation in 2001. Helped implement a reorganization of the debate team structure which shifted focus to minority and rural student recruitment and retention at the University.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Kentucky Bar Association (since April 2004)

Indiana Bar Association (since October 2018)

Louisville Bar Association (since May 2004).

Louis D. Brandeis American Inns of Court (September 2005- March 2007)

NAACP (Louisville Chapter)

Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (KACDL)

Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity

## **AWARDS**

2024-2025 Thomson Reuters Super Lawyer's Award

2023 Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Service in Law Award

2008 Frank E. Haddad Young Lawyer of the Year Award, Louisville Bar Association

2008 Kentucky Bar Association CLE Award

2006 Kentucky Bar Association CLE Award

2002 First-Place, Pirtle-Washer Moot Court Competition (the Brandeis School of Law's "oldest and most prestigious intramural moot court tournament")

1996 National Debate Tournament Nationals (Placed), Wake Forest University

1995 Semi-Finalist, Novice Nationals Debate, Northwestern University

1994 Inducted in the D.M. Therrell High School Debate Hall of Fame

## **REFERENCES**

Mr. Leo Smith, former Chief Public Defender, Louisville Metro Public Defender Corporation, 717 W. Jefferson St., Advocacy Plaza, Louisville, KY 40202. (502) 595-548-0803.

Hon. Brian C. Edwards, Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge, Division Eleven, Jefferson County Judicial Center, 700 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202, (502) 595-4400.

Hon. Ann Bailey Smith, Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Division, Jefferson County Judicial Center, 700 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202, (502) 595-3011.

Hon. Jessica Green, Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge, Division 6th, 700 W. Jefferson St., Suite 801, Louisville, KY 40202, (502) 595-4311.

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