

## **BIO OF JOHN S. KENDALL, ESQ.**

Born on Chicago's Westside and currently residing in Oak Park, he graduated from the University of Dayton, BEE 1985 and The Ohio State University School of Law, J.D. 1990. He was admitted to practice in the State of Ohio (1990), the State of Illinois (1991); U.S. District for the Southern District of Ohio (1991); U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1992); and U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (1993). He is also a graduate of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA 1994).

He clerked for nationally renowned Sughrue, Mion, Zinn, McPeak & Seas, where he drafted amendments to existing patent applications in the electrical, mechanical and aerospace arts as well as provided trademark litigation support. He authored "Federal Protection Against Unfair Competition" Patent, Trademark, Copyright Report, Vol. 4 (Fall 1990), and Intellectual Property: Don't Lose Your Most Valuable Asset" Black MBA Magazine (September 1999).

Before going to law school, he worked as a communications systems engineer with a Special Access Required security clearance for Northrop Defense Systems Division after working as a co-op student for Wright Patterson AFB in Fairborn, Ohio. At Northrop he was responsible for testing the electronic countermeasures system placed on U.S. Air Force F-15 and F-16 Aircraft Fighters.

He has been a member of 100 Black Men of Chicago since its inception as its founding vice president and board member. He is a chapter past president and currently serves as its Chairman of the Board. Nationally, he has served as a board member for over 12 years, is serving his fifth term on the executive committee and was re-elected as its Vice Chair of Development.

He is also serving his second term as the Chairman of the Metropolitan Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Civil Service Board, which is composed of three attorneys that are empanelled to serve as administrative judges.

His most recent awards and honors include The *Chicago Defender's Men of Excellence* (2009), Allstate Insurance Company "*From Whence We Came*" (2007) for community service; Connection Enterprise, Inc. "Men of Excellence Award" (2005); and Cook County Bar Association's "J. Earnest Wilkins Award" (2004).

Sample clientele includes City Colleges of Chicago, Rainbow Push, National Black MBA Association, The Coca Cola Company, DePaul University, National Council of Black Greek Presidents, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., U.S. Department of Energy, National Institute of Science & Technology, Chicago Historical Society, The Potterhouse Metropolitan Economic Development Corporation ("MEDC") and T. Brown Publishing.