



### The Founder's Award

Tarboro Senior High  
School Class of 1974

## Attorney Reginald "Tony" Moss

President, The Tony Moss Firm, LLC

Tony Moss was born in Tallahassee, Florida, the firstborn son of Reginald Sr. and Judith Moss, who moved to Tarboro in August 1961. He attended W. A. Pattillo School for first grade (1964-65), before transferring to Bridgers. He graduated from Tarboro Senior High in 1976. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Hampton Institute and a Juris Doctor degree from Howard University School of Law in 1984.

On March 28, 1988, Tony became a new attorney with the Miami Dade County Public Defender's Office. Tony subsequently devoted his full-time attention to defending the criminally accused and was drawn to the unique intellectual and human-interest aspects of this highly specialized area of criminal law and used it as an outlet for the spirit of civil rights activism that had first stirred in him as a child growing up in Tarboro.

Tony Moss has represented innumerable clients in state and federal courts on a myriad of charges. He is qualified to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit (and the 3rd Circuit by the end of 2023), the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and all Florida state courts. An active Life Member of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Tony serves on the Board of Directors of both the statewide and Miami-Dade chapters and is a member of the statewide Death Penalty Committee.

Outside of the courthouse, Tony is an active member of Miami's Unity on the Bay, a non-denominational spiritual community affiliated with Unity Worldwide Ministries. He has hosted book discussion groups at his home, currently serves on the congregation's Racial Justice Ministry, and welcomes newcomers to Sunday services as a member of the Ambassador Team. A longtime jazz enthusiast from his college days, he hosts a two-hour show every Saturday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ("The Spectrum-T Experience") on a Miami public radio station, WDNA-88.9 FM. Tony is married to Donna Lee Fields, who is a longtime Miami-Dade assistant public defender in the Juvenile Division. He is more than worthy of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association's Founder's Award.