

## **Hon. Zuberi Williams**

Zuberi Bakari Williams is on a mission to inspire, empower, and provide opportunities for young people of color, women, and different sexual orientations to make the heart of the judicial system better and fairer. At the age of 36, he became one of the youngest judges in Maryland history and has not slowed down one bit.

Since taking the bench, he has racked up a litany of state and national awards, including the National Bar Association's Top 40 Under 40, the Maryland Daily Record's VIP List of Most successful by 40, the Leadership Center of Excellence's Top 40 Under 40 trailblazers in the DC Metro Area, and was recognized as a Top Leader in the Law in the State of Maryland.

Judge Williams writes like he's running out of time because he preaches that "scholarship is just as important as perseverance and uplift in the struggle for justice and equality in America." In the past two years his pace has quickened, as he has authored and/or contributed to over a dozen scholarly articles, including law reviews, the ABA articles, and other legal periodicals.

Judge Williams is probably most known by law students for offering one of the most competitive and intense bootcamp summer internships in the nation. There, he trains law students in the practice of law, developing their scholarship writing and, hopefully, how to change the world. He has single handedly partnered with Microsoft, Facebook, Discovery Channel, and Under Armour, to allow his interns to walk in and have authentic conversations with legal decision makers regarding how to get a job and what excellence looks like to them.

Judge Williams earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing from Texas Christian University (TCU) and received his JD/MBA joint degree from American University's Washington College of Law (WCL) and Kogod School of Business, respectively.

He served as a judicial law clerk to both Chief Judge Robert M. Bell, Maryland Court of Appeals, and U.S. District Court Judge Gerald Bruce Lee, Eastern District of Virginia.

He was an Attorney at Venable LLP and was an Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia.