Featured Member: Judge Nicola Henry Taylor

Nicola is a long-time member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and active in several committees, including the Minority Bar Committee, the Legal Academics Committee, The Membership Development Committee and the Women in the Profession Committee.

Nicola was born in a poor, working class community in South London, England, to a single Jamaican mother. As a toddler, she lived in Jamaica before moving to Brooklyn, NY, at age seven. Nicola's mother worked hard to create an opportunity for her in the country, and she set an example of grit and grace which instilled in Nicola the value of hard work.

Nicola graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1993 and Duquesne Law in 1996. She has been married to Robert Duane Taylor since 1999. They live with their two children, Madison and Wesley in the North Hills of Pittsburgh.

Nicola has spent more than 20 years working in family and criminal courts and has come to appreciate what makes a good judge - fairness, compassion, respect, diligence, efficiency and hard work. Her work as an advocate, teacher and volunteer in the law shows that she has the skills and the temperament to do the job.

Nicola brings her perspectives as an immigrant, a woman of color and an adoptive mom to her work -- important perspectives as we face challenging times with implicit and systemic bias and in our criminal justice system. She has served with dozens of organizations over the years to empower others and be a strong role model.

Nicola was successfully elected the Allegheny County Common Pleas Court in November 2021 and will be sworn into office in January 2022.

Find out more about Nicola by opening this link.

Congratulations, Nicola!