

Jerryl Christmas

Jerryl Christmas actively supports local and national social justice causes, applying his legal skills to significant cases involving the policing of African Americans. He earned his bachelor's in speech communications and criminal justice administration from Central Missouri State University.



After graduating college, he worked in juvenile and criminal justice, initially with the Missouri Department of Youth Services and later as a parole officer for the Georgia Board of Probation and Parole. He earned a law degree at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston.



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Starting in 1994, he spent seven years at the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office, initially as an assistant prosecutor and later as the senior prosecutor in the sex crimes unit. In 2001, he founded his own law practice, handling criminal, civil and wrongful death cases. He played a role in high-profile policing cases, especially after Michael Brown's death in Ferguson. Collaborating closely with social justice advocates, politicians and local organizations, he's championed social justice, youth empowerment and racial equity.

Christmas has made notable contributions to several organizations, serving on the Central Missouri State University Alumni Board, the Mound City Bar Association and as regional legal counsel with the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He was honored by the National Conference of Negro Women and Lane College. His cases have gained national media attention and he often shares legal expertise on national and local TV and radio programs. He serves as a mentor in the Kilalo Rites of Passage program at Central Baptist Church and is active in various associations, including the National Bar Association, American Bar Association, 100 Black Men Metropolitan St. Louis and University City Alumni Association.