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Former Ohio Supreme Court Justice to Deliver Keynote Address at Capital University Law School 2024 Commencement

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 9, 2024 – Capital University Law School announces former Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown as the keynote speaker at the 2024 Commencement ceremony to be held Sunday, May 19, at the Capital Center on the university's Bexley Campus. McGee Brown, who is the first African-American woman to serve as a justice on Ohio's highest court, will be addressing the graduates during the ceremony at 2 p.m.

McGee Brown's decades-long career has included posts as a jurist and judge on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations and Juvenile division, and the Ohio Supreme Court, before making her return to private practice. Additionally, McGee Brown has consistently been an active community member, corporate leader, and advocate for children and families throughout her career. She was the founding president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Nationwide Children's Hospital and has held board positions at various organizations, including the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, the OSU Wexner Medical Center, and the National Council of the OSU Moritz College of Law.

"We are thrilled to welcome Yvette as our keynote speaker for the 2024 Law Commencement ceremony," said Reynaldo Valencia, dean of Capital University Law School. "Yvette's diverse career and experience in Columbus and the entire state, including the Ohio Supreme Court, tells a beautiful story and is sure to spark excitement in our graduates as they begin their legal careers."

In 2000, the Law School honored McGee Brown with the Esther H. Bocker Award as a trailblazer who made her mark on the Columbus legal community. Bocker was the first woman to graduate from the Columbus College of Law, the institution that would come to be known as Franklin University Law School and then Capital University Law School.

Today, McGee Brown is a partner with the international law firm Jones Day in the Columbus and Cleveland offices, advising clients in government investigations, discrimination, internal investigations and more. Additionally, she is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, serves on the board of directors for Encova Mutual Insurance Group, The Jeffrey Company, and KIPP Columbus. She is also Jones Day's Partner-in-Charge of Diversity, Inclusion & Advancement.

The 2024 Law Commencement ceremony will last approximately two hours and a live broadcast will stream the entire ceremony on Capital University's YouTube page.

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