



The Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Esq.

The Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Esq. is the son of two life-long community activists—the late Mayor Chokwe Lumumba and Nubia Lumumba. Throughout his life and career, he has maintained a consistent presence in community projects and displayed a genuine commitment to justice. Attorney Lumumba began his community work early—serving as co-director of the Malcolm X Grassroots Day Camp and acting as an assistant coach for the Jackson Panthers Basketball Organization. In 2005, he received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Tuskegee University where he served as president of both the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and the Tuskegee Political Science Association. As an undergraduate, Attorney Lumumba also represented the institution on a national level as a member of the Tuskegee Bio-Ethics Debate Team and was honored as the *2005 Gwendolyn M. Patton Student Scholar Activist*.

Attorney Lumumba earned his juris doctorate and a certificate in sports & entertainment law from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in 2008. After law school, he immediately returned to Jackson, Mississippi and began his work as a junior associate at Lumumba, Freelon, & Associates. His dedication to justice and commitment to the community is further demonstrated by the numerous pro bono cases he undertook for clientele who struggled to afford legal services yet deserved justice and adequate representation. He is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association as well as the Magnolia Bar Association. In 2013, he launched his own firm, Lumumba & Associates.

Attorney Lumumba's deep-seated commitment to his community expands beyond his career. His talent for organizing has been a vital component to previous city elections. Attorney Lumumba acted as a campaign coordinator for his father's successful bid for mayor in 2013 and was instrumental in co-crafting The People's Platform.

In 2017, Attorney Lumumba defeated nine other viable candidates in the Democratic primary for mayor with a total of 55% of the vote. He went on to win the city's general election by 93% on June 6, 2017. As Mayor, he has been recognized as one of **Mississippi's Top 50 Most**

Influential Leaders and was named one of the **100 Most Influential African Americans of 2017** by *The Root*. In February 2019, Mayor Lumumba received the **Frederick Douglass 200 Award** in politics, an honor bestowed upon him by the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives and the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at the American University in Washington, DC. In 2019, he completed the **Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative**. Mayor Lumumba has appeared as a repeated contributor on CNN, MSNBC, and ABC. He is the recipient of the **2022 John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award**.

In 2022, Mayor Lumumba, with the support of his Congressional delegation and local leaders **secured nearly 800 million dollars in federal grants and direct appropriations to improve the City of Jackson's water infrastructure** and increase the overall quality of life for Jackson residents. This historic funding means Jacksonians will have access to clean, reliable drinking water. In April of 2023, Mayor Lumumba became the recipient of the **African American Mayors Association's Maynard Jackson Award** in Economic Development.

Attorney Lumumba is a member of Free Christian Ministries. His lifelong objective is to continue to struggle on behalf of oppressed peoples worldwide, so that they may eventually obtain the self-determined lives they so justly deserve. He espouses the belief of the community as a family and pledges to do all that he can to make that concept live. Chokwe Antar is married to Ebony Lumumba and the couple has two daughters, Alaké Maryama and Nubia Ngozi.