



## Quinncy McNeal

PRO BONO COUNSEL

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### OVERVIEW

Quinncy champions startups, entrepreneurs, burgeoning businesses and pro bono clients in overlooked communities from coast to coast.

Quinncy counsels overlooked minority companies and individuals across the nation, widening and streamlining legal options as they seek a foothold in the marketplace. Whether it is an individual entrepreneur protecting intellectual property as she forms a for-profit company, a neighborhood aiming to shape a non-profit organization for at-risk youth, or an existing group of businesses seeking growth through the use of available incentives and programs, Quinncy enjoys making connections, closing knowledge gaps and helping pro bono clients thrive.

Quinncy is passionate about making connections that lead to positive change. He regularly encourages colleagues regarding the professional and personal rewards of handling pro bono casework. Quinncy also collaborates with non-profit advocacy groups including NAACP Houston, Texas Defender Service, Tahirih Justice Center, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), the Innocence Project and others to identify how legal representation can help minorities.

Prior to focusing his practice exclusively on pro bono matters, Quinncy regularly handled extensive complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts, dispute resolution, compliance counsel and transactional matters, including a secondment to one of Japan's leading companies. Additionally, before pursuing a legal career, Quinncy was a television journalist throughout the state of Texas and in Wisconsin. Colleagues and communities value that he

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uses his talents, experience, network and skill toward opening doors – one by one – for pro bono clients.

### Case Studies

#### **Husch Blackwell's Pro Bono Efforts Help Expand Minority-Owned Parking Management Services Company**

Our firm assisted Anderson Parking with its expansion into Tennessee, positioning the company for future growth.

#### **SpEnDebt Accepted to Northwestern Mutual Black Founder's Accelerator With Pro Bono Legal Assistance From HB Communities for Change**

HB Communities for Change helped SpEnDebt prepare its application for the prestigious accelerator that granted the startup a \$100,000 investment.

#### **Through G.I.F.T. Partnership, Husch Blackwell Provides Pro Bono Legal Support to Black-Owned Businesses, like Ruby Jean's Juicery, LLC**

Our firm assisted with a number of matters, including lease and contract review, corporate restructuring, intellectual property protection and advice on future growth through franchising.

### Experience

#### **PRO BONO EXPERIENCE**

- Represented minority inmate on Texas' death row in collaboration with the Innocence Project, securing two stays of execution, one of which was five days before client's scheduled execution.
- Represented minority inmate on intellectual disability claim with assistance from Texas Defender Service.
- Assisted disenfranchised black parents and educators of school district taken over by the state.
- Provided legal assistance to numerous Houstonians facing foreclosure.

## Experience

- Routinely represented small advocacy groups and small businesses in contract review and dispute resolution.
- Represented indigent immigrant children and adults seeking special status and placement in the United States.
- Represented Texas social justice reformer in its efforts to obtain records on police use-of-force policies against school age children and teenagers.
- Represented battered Houston woman in family law case.

## REPRESENTATIVE LITIGATION AND TRANSACTIONS

- Secured \$1 million trial and appellate victory for Texas oil and gas company regarding interpretation of complex contractual agreement.
- Served secondment to one of Japan's largest companies, drafting and negating commercial contracts for 34 affiliated corporations and providing strategic risk assessment on transactional deals.
- First-chaired summary dismissal of substantial contractual claim for royalty payments brought against client.
- Advised corporate clients on internal investigations, corporate governance, employment issues and other proactive compliance matters.

## Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Litigation - Construction, 2024 and 2025
- Lawyers of Color, Hot List, 2017
- National Black Lawyers (NBL), Top 100, 2020

## Education

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center
  - *Houston Law Review*
- B.S., Northwestern University
  - Journalism

## Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

## Community Leadership

- Greater Houston League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council, Volunteer
- Houston Cristo Rey Jesuit, Volunteer Speaker
- Houston Legal Aid, Volunteer
- Innocence Project
- Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)
- NAACP Houston
- Tahirih Justice Center
- Texas Defender Service
- Small Steps Nurturing Center, Holiday Gift Sponsor
- Seizing Every Opportunity (SEO), Mentor
- University of Houston Law Center, Fundraising Champion



Texas Bar Foundation Fellow