

Toussaint Romain serves as an Assistant Public Defender, an Adjunct Professor, and is actively involved in his community.

First, Toussaint serves as a public defender, representing indigent clients charged as Habitual Felons. He has handled cases that range from murder to drugs. Second, Toussaint also teaches as an Adjunct Professor at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, where he leads advanced undergraduate courses in *Constitutional Law* and *Mass Incarceration*.

Toussaint's current civic involvement include: (i) Member of the Charlotte Human Trafficking Taskforce; (ii) Chair of the Young Lawyer's Division for the North Carolina Advocates for Justice; (iii) Board of Trustee for Trinity Pawling – a private All-Boys high school in New York; (iv) Board Member at Anuvia Drug Treatment & Prevention Center; (v) Member of National Association for Public Defense – Racial Justice Committee; (vi) Member of YMCA's Diversity Inclusion Global Initiative; (vii) Board Chair for PRIDE Magazine African American Educational Non-Profit organization; (viii) Leadership Charlotte; and (ix) Hosts "Know Your Rights" seminars in the community.

In the past, he has served several other non-profit organizations throughout the community. Most importantly, Toussaint hosted monthly leadership training programs at a federal prison, a local youth detention center and is creating a similar program at Turning Point Academy, CMS' Alternative School.

Toussaint earned his BA from UNCC where he was a Conference USA Track & Field Champion and student leader. Prior to earning his law degree from Regent University in 2007, Toussaint worked for federal prosecutors, judges, large law firms and U.S. Senator John Edwards. He also studied overseas at the European Court for Human Rights in Strasbourg France.

Over the years, Toussaint has received numerous awards and recognitions from a variety of diverse organizations. Most recently, Toussaint was named Charlottean of the Year Award (2016), was honored with the Julius Chambers Award (2015-2016); Making Black History Award (2017); and Leadership Charlotte's Legacy Award (2017). He has spoken locally, regionally and nationally on issues of leadership and race. Additionally, he is often sought to teach other lawyers on a variety of legal issues.

Toussaint is born to Caribbean parents. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in Southern California. He returned to New York to attend a private all-boys boarding school and then traveled down south for college. He is married with three children and has a beagle named Caicos.