

JAMES E. MOSS

James E. Moss was born in Columbus, Ohio and he attended Columbus Public Schools. He graduated from Central High School in 1967. After high school, Mr. Moss joined the U.S. Army. He was an Airborne Ranger in the Vietnam War and he obtained the rank of sergeant. He received the combat infantry badge and other medals while serving in the Vietnam War from 1968-1969. He was honorably discharged in March 1970.

Mr. Moss graduated from Ohio Dominican College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. He has furthered his education by receiving two Master Degrees from The Ohio State University. He has a M.A. in Black Studies and a M.A. in U.S. History. Mr. Moss has finished his course work for his Doctorate Degree in American History. (ABD)

Mr. Moss joined the Columbus Police Department in October 1970. He worked in the patrol bureau, organized crime unit, and burglary squad. He retired in July 1994 with twenty-four years of law enforcement training and obtained the rank of sergeant. He received a Chief of Police Award for bravery and community service, nominated twice for Police Officer of the Year Award, and received Police Officer of the Year Award from the National Black Police Association in 1993, and Coach of the Year in 1983 for the Columbus Police Athletic League. He received The Jefferson Award for public service in 1986 for his volunteer work with the Police Athletic League. He has attended many law enforcement schools and has conducted many workshops and seminars.

Mr. Moss has taught in the Black Studies Department of The Ohio State University as a graduate student and he taught several adult courses in African American History at local churches in Columbus, Ohio. He has taught in the Columbus Public School System and the Eastland Vocational School as a substitute teacher. He has taught an African American Studies Course at the Training Institute of Ohio with the State of Ohio Department of Youth Services in Columbus, Ohio. He has worked as the Head Tutor for the Central YMCA Project 2000, an after school program for inner city children. Mr. Moss has taught in the Clayton and Fulton County School Systems. He taught teaching AP Human Geography and U.S. Government at Tri-Cities High in East Point, Georgia. He retired as a teacher in June 2015.

Mr. Moss extensive background in law enforcement and civil rights cases has made him a news source for many national newspapers: The Boston Globe, Arizona Republic, Cincinnati Enquirer, The St. Louis American, and The Columbus Dispatch are just a few newspapers that have written articles about him and his accomplishments. He has had articles written about him in several national law enforcement magazines. Mr. Moss has been in Whose Who In Black America, since 1987 and he is in Who's Who In Black Central Ohio, the 2000 edition.

Mr. Moss has been a co-host of an urban radio talk show, Voice of the People, on Z103 FM radio station in Columbus, Ohio 1999-2002. He has been on C-Span, CNN News,

national and local television news networks. He has appeared as a guest on several local and national television talk shows. He has been recognized for his community work in Columbus, Ohio on the national radio show, Tom Joyner Radio Show. He was given a national hero award for his community work in Columbus, Ohio on Tom Dancer National Radio show.

Mr. Moss is recognized as an expert in police issues and he has testified on many occasions as an expert witness involving police issues and related investigations. Mr. Moss represented the National Black Police Association as a panelist for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission on Racism in Law Enforcement in 1995. Mr. Moss has traveled throughout the United States where he has given speeches to national groups in Phoenix, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and many cities in Ohio on various civil rights and police issues.

Mr. Moss is the current President of Police Officers for Equal Right, Inc., an organization that monitors and files formal complaints against law enforcement agencies, police and prison personnel, and citizens' discrimination complaints. In 1995, he started the investigation of the Columbus, Ohio Police Department for police misconduct. Mr. Moss was a member of the lawsuit against the Columbus Police Department for open records and won the case in the Ohio Supreme Court in 1995. (On March 23, 1995, relators, Police Officers for Equal Rights ("POER"), James Moss and John S. Marshall filed an original action in this court denominated as "Petition for Writs of Mandamus and Prohibition.") Wining this Ohio Supreme Court decision gave Mr. Moss an opportunity to access police records and to make copies. He made many trips to Washington, D.C. to the U.S. Department of Justice and he took thousands of police files, pictures, videotapes, cassette tapes, and other evidence to proof the alleged police misconduct.

His dedication and hard work paid off in July 1997, when the U.S. Department of Justice found the Columbus Police Department guilty of police misconduct involving excessive use of force, illegal arrest, illegal search and seizure, and violations of numerous civil rights laws against African American Citizens. On, October 21, 1999, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against the Columbus Police Department. Columbus was the only city in the United States being sued by the U.S. Department of Justice for police misconduct and a charge of racial profiling was amended to the lawsuit in December 1999.

Mr. Moss is the founder and president of Moss & Associates, a consulting firm founded in Columbus, Ohio in 1994 but it is now located in Fayetteville, Georgia.. His company has conducted workshops on cultural diversity, race relations, community policing, racial profiling, community organizing, and crisis intervention without using force, and many other subjects. Mr. Moss has a Top-Secret Background Clearance from the United States Government, and he has worked as an investigator for OMNISEC International Investigations located in Chantilly, Virginia. Mr. Moss has written several papers that

have been published in several universities' newspapers and magazines. He is presently writing first book: The Moss Files which will be published in 2023.

Mr. Moss is married to Andria and they have four children, Shondrika, MarQuai, Jamarran, and Jamelah. James and Andria have seven grandchildren. He lives in Fayetteville, Georgia. He is a member of Shaw Temple AME Zion Church and he sings in the male choir. He enjoys playing his guitar, singing, fishing, jogging, and spending time with his family