

STACEY Y. ABRAMS

EXPERIENCE

- 11/18 to present **FAIR FIGHT ACTION** Atlanta, GA
Founder and Board Chair. Serves as chief fundraiser and strategic advisor to voting rights and electoral reform entity.
- 2/19 to present **FAIR COUNT** Atlanta, GA
Founder and Advisory Board Chair. Serves as strategic advisor to Census participation organization. Provides fundraising assistance to organization.
- 3/19 to present **SOUTHERN ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT PROJECT** Atlanta, GA
Founder and Executive Director. Serves as lead of organization to conduct research and policy analysis to examine how policy proposals can achieve stronger outcomes at the state and local level in the South.
- 5/17 to 11/18 **ABRAMS FOR GOVERNOR** Atlanta, GA
Democratic Nominee for Governor of Georgia. First black woman nominated by major party to stand for governor in U.S. history. Achieved highest voter turnout of any Democratic candidate in history of Georgia, including record turnout rates for black, Latino and AAPI voters.
- 1/07 to 8/17 **GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY** Atlanta, GA
State Representative. House Minority Leader (2010-2017). Represents District 89 (portions of City of Atlanta, DeKalb County and City of Decatur) in the Georgia General Assembly. First woman to lead either party in the General Assembly; first African-American to lead in the House of Representatives. Serves on the following committees: Appropriations, Ethics, Judiciary Non-Civil, Rules, and Ways and Means.
- 7/14 to present **THE FAMILY ROOM, INC.** Takoma Park, MD/Atlanta, GA
Chief Operating Officer. Co-founded technology firm specializing in social communications applications for families.
- 7/10 to 9/16 **NOWACCOUNT NETWORK CORPORATION** Atlanta, GA
Senior Vice President. Co-founded financial services firm that specializes in providing access to capital to small businesses using a proprietary credit scoring and credit insurance model.
- 4/07 to 12/10 **NOURISH, INCORPORATED** Atlanta, GA
Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel. Co-founded company that produces ready-to-serve bottles for infants and spill-proof bottled water for toddlers (product launch June 2009). Winner of the 2010 MAX Award for Most Innovative New Product in Georgia. Finalist for the Innovation Award at the All Baby and Child Expo and the International Water Innovations Award.
- 5/06 to 1/17 **SAGE WORKS, LLC** Atlanta, GA
CEO. Provided legal counsel and consultation including advice on transit and public infrastructure, governmental affairs, tax-exempt legal issues, land acquisition, financing models, economic development.
- 1/07 to 1/11 **THE INSOMNIA GROUP, LLC** Atlanta, GA
Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel. Co-founded firm specializing in development, investment and consulting for complex and innovative infrastructure projects, including waste-by-rail transfer, quarry-to-reservoir conversion, hydro-credit strategies, water desalination, conversion of closed landfills, diversity supplier aggregation technology, and public-private partnerships.
- 2/03 to 5/06 **CITY OF ATLANTA – DEPARTMENT OF LAW** Atlanta, GA
Deputy City Attorney. Managed Government Counsel, Development and Infrastructure division – 20+ member staff of attorneys, paralegals and administrative personnel. Provided legal counsel to Office of the Mayor, City Council, Departments of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs; Planning and Development; Public Works; Watershed

Management, and related authorities, boards and commissions. Served as Law Department Paralegal Manager.

8/98 to 3/19 **THIRD SECTOR DEVELOPMENT** Atlanta, GA
CEO. Founded nonprofit dedicated to providing technical support to disadvantaged communities. Launched the New Georgia Project in 2013 to address disparity issues in Georgia, including voter access and health care.

10/99 to 2/03 **SUTHERLAND, ASBILL & BRENNAN** Atlanta, GA
Special Counsel. Provided taxation legal counsel to tax-exempt clients, including major universities, hospitals and foundations. Secured federal and state tax-exemptions for clients. Developed and implemented tax strategies for complex corporate – nonprofit joint ventures. Provided legal advice on real estate, public finance and healthcare matters. Promoted from Associate to Special Counsel.

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL New Haven, Connecticut Juris Doctorate, June 1999
 Yale University Teaching Fellow – Law and Social Policy; Yale Law School Research Assistant to Professor Anne Alstott; *Yale Journal of Regulation*—Article Lead Editor.

L. B. J. SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS -- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN Master of Public Affairs, May 1998
 Concentration in Tax-Exempt Organizations. Moody Fellowship; *LBJ Journal of Public Affairs*—Associate Editor.

SPELMAN COLLEGE Atlanta, Georgia Bachelor of Arts, May 1995
 Interdisciplinary Studies: Political Science, Sociology and Economics, *magna cum laude*. Harry S. Truman Public Service Scholarship (1994).

SELECTED HONORS

Lives of Commitment Honoree, Auburn Seminary (2019)
 Spirit Medal Recipient, Osborne Association (2019)
 Public Official of the Year, Governing Magazine (2014)
 Gabrielle Gifford's Rising Star Award – EMILY's List (2014)
 Council on Foreign Relations – Lifetime Member
 John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award (2012)
 Georgia Trend, 100 Most Influential Georgians (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
 YWCA Academy of Women of Achievement (2010)
 British-American Project – Fellow (2010)
 Next Generation Fellow (2008-present)
 Council on Italy – Fellow (2009)
Georgia Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine* and *Atlanta Magazine* (2005 and 2006)
 Going for the Goal Woman of the Year – GOAL (2008)
 Joseph Stevens Award for Outstanding Legal Contributions – Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation (2008)
 Elmer B. Staats Award for Public Service – Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation (2006)
 American Marshall Memorial Fellowship – German Marshall Fund (2004)
25 Power Women to Watch, *Atlanta Woman Magazine* (2005)
 Leadership Georgia (2004)
 Leadership Atlanta (2004)
40 Under 40 – The Best and the Brightest, *Georgia Trend* (2004)
50 Up and Comers Under 40, *Atlanta Business Chronicle* (2004)
On the Rise – 16 Legal Phenoms in Georgia, *Fulton County Daily Report* (2003)
30 Leaders of the Future, *Ebony Magazine* (2001)
 Salzburg Seminar – Freeman Fellow on U.S.-East Asian Relations (2002); Youth and Civic Engagement Fellow (2000)

SELECTED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Judicial Nominating Commission of Georgia (2016-2017)
 Atlanta Metropolitan State College Foundation Board of Advisors (2013-present)
 Agnes Scott College – Board of Visitors, former member of Board of Trustees (2012-present)
 Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education (2012-2018)
 Gateway Center for the Homeless (2008-2018)
 Duke University – Kenan Institute for Ethics – Advisory Board (2010-2012)
 St. Joseph’s Health System – Board of Directors (2007-2012)
 Literacy Action – Board of Directors (2008-2012)
 United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta — Women’s Legacy (2002-2008), Chair (2006-2008)
 Hands On Atlanta, Inc. — Board of Directors (2001-2007), Chair (2007)
 Spelman College — Adjunct Professor in Department of Political Science (Spring 2002, Spring 2005)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Stacey Y. Abrams, *Lead from the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change* (previously released as *Minority Leader*), Picador Press/Holt Publishing. (4/19)

Writing as Selena Montgomery: Published by HARPERCOLLINS: *Deception* (3/09); *Reckless* (6/08); *Secrets & Lies* (1/07); *Hidden Sins* (5/06); Published by ST. MARTIN’S PRESS: *Never Tell* (6/04); Published by Arabesque/BET Books: *Power of Persuasion* (11/02); *The Art of Desire* (1/02); *Rules of Engagement* (5/01). 100,000+ copies sold.

Stacey Y. Abrams, *Expanded Pre-K Is the State’s Best Hope*. ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION. February 18, 2012.

Stacey Y. Abrams, *The Politics of Destruction*. U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. September 19, 2011.

Stacey Y. Abrams, *Time for Georgians to Get Real about Taxes*. ATHENS BANNER HERALD. February 15, 2009.

Stacey Y. Abrams, *Income, Deductions and Wealth: A Survey of Policy Remedies to the Intersection of Color, Gender and Taxation*. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW. Volume 28, Number 3, 2001.

Stacey Y. Abrams and Gregg Behr, *The Ethics of Civil Society Inc*. ARNOVA. (paper presented in 2001).

Stacey Y. Abrams, *Devolution’s Discord: Resolving Operational Dissonance with the UBIT Exemption*. YALE LAW AND POLICY REVIEW. Volume 17, Number 2, 1999.

Stacey Y. Abrams, *Can a Charity Tax Credit Help the Poor?*. THE AMERICAN PROSPECT. July/August 1999.

Stacey Y. Abrams and Peter Kellner, *Funds for Education*. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. July 8, 1999.

Gregg Behr, Stacey Y. Abrams et. al, *Content of Our Character: Voices of Generation X—Collected Essays on Ethical Leadership in the 21st Century*. April 1999.

Stacey Y. Abrams, A. Cramer and M. Grimes. *Fostering Political Participation: Municipalization and Information*. POLICYMAKING IN A REDEMOCRATIZED BRAZIL: PUBLIC POLICY & SOCIAL EXCLUSION. The University of Texas. 1997.

Stacey Y. Abrams, C. Daly, et. al. YOUTH COMMISSION ON URBAN POVERTY REPORT. Ford Foundation. 1995.

Stacey Y. Abrams. *The Land Between Two Rivers: The Astronomy of Ancient Mesopotamia*. THE JOURNAL OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE ATLANTIC. Georgia State University Press. Spring 1991.