

A portrait of Wade Hinton, a Black man with a shaved head, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue dress shirt, and a striped tie. The background is a large, blue steel truss bridge with a prominent arch, set against a clear sky. In the distance, some buildings and greenery are visible.

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Compassionate, Inspiring, Visionary, and Change Agent are just a few traits that describe Wade Hinton. A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Wade was appointed as the City Attorney and General Counsel of the most innovative cities in the Southeast.

As Chattanooga's Chief Legal Officer, Wade and his team represent the Mayor, City Council, and the City's departments, boards and commissions on all legal issues. During his tenure, the City has successfully litigated a precedent setting pension reform case that is projected to save the City of Chattanooga over \$228 million over a 10-year period. Prior to his appointment as the City Attorney, he served as Deputy General Counsel for Volkswagen Group of America Chattanooga Operations.

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## ABOUT WADE HINTON

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Wade previously was an attorney with the law firm Miller & Martin PLLC and a co-founder and partner of Snipes Roberson & Hinton. He also served as a consultant to the former Hamilton County (Tennessee) Mayor Claude Ramsey on issues related to diversity and minority business programs.

Wade possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Memphis School of Law. A lifelong learner and world traveler, he also studied at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

Professionally, Wade is a member of the Association of Corporate Counsel, Tennessee Bar Association, and the Chattanooga Bar Association. He has served as President of the Chattanooga Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division, on the Board of Governors for the Chattanooga Bar Association, and the board member for the Tennessee Alliance of Black Lawyers.

Throughout his career, Wade has shared his time and expertise to several boards throughout the state of

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Tennessee including the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission, Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance, the Tennessee Title VI Commission, the Tennessee State University Foundation, and the Tennessee Business Roundtable.

His passion for foreign policy is evidenced in his service on the Leadership Development Advisory Council for the German Marshall Fund, the Tennessee International Advisory Council, and the GMF Task Force on the Future of US-German Relations.

More close to home, Wade serves as a Trustee for the Benwood Foundation and is on the board of directors for Co-Lab (a business accelerator) and the Friends of the Festival. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, and the Association of Black Foundation Executives.

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## HONORS

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Harvard Business School – Young American Leaders Program (2015); The Network Journal Forty Under 40 (2013); Impact – National Bar Association 40 Under 40 (2013); SJK Individual Shining Star Award (2012); Chattanooga-Hamilton County NAACP Thurgood Marshall Award (2012); First Baptist Church Community Service Award (2011); Eastern District of Tennessee Selection Panel for Bankruptcy Judge (2009); Tennessee NAACP 45 Under 45 Award (2008); 30 Newsmakers to Watch (2008); Chattanooga Bar Association, Young Lawyer of the Year (2006); Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law, Class of 2006; Chattanooga Times-News Free Press 40 Under 40; American Marshall Memorial Fellow (2005); American Inns of Court, Associate (2004-2006); Leadership Chattanooga, Class Speaker (2002).

## LEGAL LICENSES AND AFFILIATIONS

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State Bar of Tennessee  
Association of Corporate Counsel  
United States District Court, Eastern District of  
Tennessee  
United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit  
S.L. Hutchins Bar Association  
Tennessee Bar Association  
Chattanooga Bar Association

## SPEAKING TOPICS

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Business Globalization and Future Trends  
Economic Development/Business Growth  
Diversity  
Entrepreneurship  
Inspiration  
Leadership Development  
Legal  
Motivational  
Power of Strategic Partnerships  
Sustainability  
Team Building  
Youth Empowerment