

Mayor Rhine McLin

A Dayton native, Mayor Rhine McLin has a long history of active community involvement, which attests to her commitment to public service. She became the first female Mayor of Dayton when she was elected to the City Commission for the term beginning January 7, 2002.

Mayor McLin is Dayton's 67th Mayor and the third African-American Mayor in the city's history. Mayor McLin prides herself on being a Mayor for all Daytonians.

Mayor McLin previously served six years in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1988 to 1994, and was then elected State Senator for the 5th Ohio Senate District, serving Montgomery and Miami Counties. When elected in 1994, she became the first African-American woman to serve in the Ohio Senate. In 1998, McLin was elected by her peers to serve in leadership as the Minority Whip. Two years later, she was elected again to serve in the Senate leadership as Minority Leader.

Mayor McLin received a B.A. in sociology and secondary education for Parsons College in Iowa and a Master of Education in guidance counseling for Xavier University in Cincinnati. Mayor McLin also has an associate degree in mortuary science from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. She was a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer for McLin Funeral Home in Dayton. She served as an instructor at Central State University West, where she taught Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, and Race Relations from 1982-1997.

Mayor McLin sits on the following boards of directors, Aids Resource Center of Ohio, Rhythm N' Shoes, Dayton Art Institute, Think TV Board of Trustees/Education Committee, Dayton Public Radio Board of Directors, Kettering Medical Center Advisory Board, Local Corrections Planning Board, Community Leadership Forum, Dayton Film Commission Planning Committee, Montgomery County Family and Children First Committee and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor McLin is very active with the Demhelp organization. Demhelp is the organization that produces the annual Mayor's Holiday Homeless Dinner. Mayor McLin has also created the Mayor's Charitable Fund, a non-profit formed to raise money for Dayton neighborhood programs.

The following lists a number of awards and honors Rhine McLin has received: 1995 Paul Harris Fellowship; 1998 Dayton Daily News Top Ten Women; 1999 Gabriel Louis Mann Fellowship; 2000 James E. Stamps Alumni Recognition Award; 2000 Myrl H. Shoemaker Award; 2000 Columbus Area Women's Political Caucus "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" Award; 2002 *Dayton Business Journal* Top 28 Most Influential People award recipient; 2003 NFBPA (Dayton Chapter) Marks of Excellence Award for Public Service; 2005 NASW Public Official of the Year; 2005 James E. Stamps Award, 2005 NFBPA National Leadership Award.

Mayor McLin previously served six years in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1988 to 1994, and was then elected State Senator for the 5th Ohio Senate District, serving Montgomery and Miami Counties. When elected in 1994, she became the first African-American woman to serve in the Ohio Senate. In 1998, McLin was elected by her peers to serve in leadership as the Minority Whip. Two years later, she was elected again to serve in the Senate leadership as Minority Leader.

Mayor McLin received a B.A. in sociology and secondary education for Parsons College in Iowa and a Master of Education in guidance counseling for Xavier University in Cincinnati. Mayor McLin also has an associate degree in mortuary science from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. She was a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer for McLin Funeral Home in Dayton. She served as an instructor at Central State University West, where she taught Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, and Race Relations from 1982-1997.

Mayor McLin sits on the following boards of directors, Aids Resource Center of Ohio, Rhythm N' Shoes, Dayton Art Institute, Think TV Board of Trustees/Education Committee, Dayton Public Radio Board of Directors, Kettering Medical Center Advisory Board, Local Corrections Planning Board, Community Leadership Forum, Dayton Film Commission Planning Committee, Montgomery County Family and Children First Committee and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor McLin is very active with the Demhelp organization. Demhelp is the organization that produces the annual Mayor's Holiday Homeless Dinner. Mayor McLin has also created the Mayor's Charitable Fund, a non-profit formed to raise money for Dayton neighborhood programs.

The following lists a number of awards and honors Rhine McLin has received: 1995 Paul Harris Fellowship; 1998 Dayton Daily News Top Ten Women; 1999 Gabriel Louis Mann Fellowship; 2000 James E. Stamps Alumni Recognition Award; 2000 Myrl H. Shoemaker Award; 2000 Columbus Area Women's Political Caucus "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" Award; 2002 *Dayton Business Journal* Top 28 Most Influential People award recipient; 2003 NFBPA (Dayton Chapter) Marks of Excellence Award for Public Service; 2005 NASW Public Official of the Year; 2005 James E. Stamps Award, 2005 NFBPA National Leadership Award.