

Chester C. Christie
Retired Director
Department of Human Resources
City of Columbus

Chester C. Christie is a native of Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies. He is the son of Clinton and Olga Christie and was raised and educated in Brooklyn, New York.

In June of 1978, Director Christie earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Brooklyn College where he graduated cum laude. In September of that year he relocated to Columbus, Ohio where he entered the Ohio State University College of Law. In June 1981 Director Christie received his Juris Doctor degree from the O.S.U. College of Law.

His career in the areas of Labor Law and Human Resources Management began upon graduation from law school with his employment as General Counsel to the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association. In April 1984 Christie was appointed to the State of Ohio Employment Relations Board as an Administrative Law Judge where he served for 8 years.

In April 1992 Director Christie was appointed Deputy Director, Division of Human Resources with the Ohio Department of Youth Services. He served in that capacity until February 11, 2000.

On February 14, 2000 Christie was honored to be named to the Cabinet of Mayor Michael B. Coleman in the capacity of Director of the Department of Human Resources for the City of Columbus. His responsibilities included oversight and direction of the City's Employee Benefits, EEO, Labor Relations, Compensation Management, Staff Training and Development, Occupational Health and Safety and Drugfree Workplace programs. He also chaired the annual City of Columbus Combined Charitable Campaign in support of the United Way, UNCF and other charitable and social service organizations.

Director Christie is a thirty five year member of the Second Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees, the Building and Development Committee, the Male Chorus and as Chairman of the Men's Fellowship Ministry.

Director Christie maintains an active membership in several Human Resources professional organizations including SHRM, NPELRA and ICMA. He has taught the Legal Aspects of Human Resources Management as an Adjunct Professor at Franklin University.

Christie is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and is an active member of the Price Hall Masonic Order. He has held local and regional offices with the fraternity and has served as Worshipful Master of St. Mark's Lodge #7, Illustrious Potentate of Alla Baba Shrine Temple #53, and currently serves as an elected Trustee of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio.

In 2014 Director Christie received Columbus CEO Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award for H R Excellence. In November of 2014 Christie retired after 15 years serving the Coleman Administration as Director of the Department of Human Resources.

Director Christie is married to the former Cheryl Ann Bivins of Kansas City, Missouri. They have 2 daughters, Victoria, 29 and Angela, 26.