

ERIC C. WILLIAMS

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"Driving change is our compass, and advocacy fuels our progress. Throughout my career, I've stood for Detroit. As we push for representation and ethical boundaries, every step forward shapes a brighter, more equitable future for our city and beyond."

Eric C. Williams has dedicated his career to advocating for Detroit's community. As the Managing Director of the Economic Equity Practice at the Detroit Justice Center, he demonstrates a steadfast commitment to advancing economic equity within the city.

He is also the Founder and CEO of Eric C. Williams, PLLC, a boutique law firm specializing in trademark and Intellectual Property needs for Detroit's entrepreneurial ecosystem, small businesses, and non-profit entities.

Beyond his legal endeavors, Eric's impact extends to thought leadership as a compelling keynote speaker. His insights address surveillance technology, Intellectual Property challenges for growing businesses, and affordable housing issues.

His journey has encompassed a directorial role at Wayne State University Law School's Business and Community Law Clinic and leadership of the Wayne Law Program for Entrepreneurship and Business Law. He has also practiced at prestigious New York firms, including Nixon Peabody, LLP, and Winston & Strawn, LLP.

Academically accomplished, he earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School, an M.Phil. in international relations from Cambridge University's Magdalene College, and a B.A. from the University of Michigan. His commitment to community development flourished in the non-profit sector before his legal career, benefiting Focus: Hope in Detroit and the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island in New York.



Eric's grassroots presence includes active involvement as a BMe fellow and a valued speaker for local entrepreneurship programs and community events. He holds influence as a board member of the Detroit Cultivator Community Land Trust. Moreover, his dedication to civil liberties is evident through his association with the Lawyers Committee for the Michigan ACLU.

Eric's advocacy extends to the discourse on surveillance technology and ethical boundaries. He ardently advocates for the balance between technological advancement and ethical considerations, even challenging technologies like Shot Spotter. His leadership championed Chapter 17 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, promoting Community Input over Government Surveillance Ordinance.

Eric C. Williams is an emblem of equity, and advocacy, sculpting a promising future for the people of Detroit and those beyond.

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SPEAKING TOPICS

Navigating the Digital Landscape: Understanding Surveillance in the Modern World

Eric C. Williams delves into the complex world of surveillance, discussing its various forms, implications for privacy, and how businesses, communities and individuals can navigate this evolving landscape.

Guardians of Innovation: Intellectual Property Strategies for Business Growth

Eric C. Williams focuses on the importance of intellectual property rights for businesses and shares how to protect trademarks and copyrights, trade secrets and other intellectual property assets while leveraging them to foster growth and competitiveness.

Housing for All: Tackling the Challenge of Affordable Housing

Eric C. Williams explores the critical issue of affordable housing, addressing the causes and consequences of housing inequality, and presenting innovative approaches that businesses, governments, and communities can take to create more accessible housing options.

Surveillance, Privacy, and Ethics: Striking the Balance in the Digital Age

Eric C. Williams' discussion centers on the ethical and legal considerations of surveillance technologies, weighing the benefits against the potential infringements on individual privacy rights.

Building Communities:

The Intersection of Affordable Housing and Economic Development

Eric C. Williams examines the synergies between affordable housing initiatives and economic development and explores how businesses can contribute to community-building through investments in affordable housing, fostering both social impact and sustainable growth.

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