

**Spotlight on  
VICKI D. BLANTON**

**Birthdate/Birthplace:** May 24, Pittsburg, TX, moved to Dallas at 3 months old.

**Family:** Husband, Donald Yarbrough, 2 daughters. Mother, father, sister, and in-laws all live in Dallas area.

**Nickname:** None

**Community Activities & Associations:** St. Luke “Community” United Methodist Church - Scholarship Ministry Chair, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Central Allocation Committee – Panelist Vice-Chair, Dallas Bar Association - Advisory Board Member; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Home Health Services – Chairman of the Board, Profit-Sharing/401(k) Council of America Legal and Legislative Committee member, Corporate Counsel Women of Color, Local School Council – Past member, Mediterranean Gardens Women’s Club – Past President

**If I had a different job or occupation:** Chef or novelist

**Four guests at my fantasy dinner:** My great-great grandmother, my great grandmother, Oprah Winfrey and Roxie Blanton

**Favorite books/most enjoyable reading:** The Blanche White or Ivy League mystery novels

**Last book read:** Play Like a Man, Win Like a Woman by Gail Evans; starting The Covenant with Black America

**My favorite performer(s) are:** Prince.

**I am proud of:** My daughters

**My all-time favorite movie:** The Matrix, the original

**Nobody knows that:** I wish I could sing.

**Favorite junk food:** My stress snack is to eat M&M’s washed down with Coca-Cola.

**When I was a teenager, my hero was:** my mother

**My ideal vacation:** A spa with a beach and ocean view

**I am happiest when:** Entertaining family and friends at home.

**I regret:** not bumming across Europe in undergraduate school.

**I am tired of:** A lack of critical discussion and discourse; an inability to disagree without being disagreeable.

**The electrical device I could not live without:** light.

**The biggest waste of time:** Regret.

**If I won the lotto, the most extravagant thing I would do:** Go on an African safari.

**If I could change one thing about J.L. Turner:** to fully realize its voice and potential.

**The advice I would give to younger lawyers:** Be open to the possibilities.

**The advice I would give to older lawyers:** Choose and groom a successor.

**My favorite old song:** *Take Five* by Dave Brubeck.

**My Favorite New Song:** Any *Unrapped* cut

**Favorite quote:** Forget your mistakes, but remember what they taught you.

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