



## **DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**

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*Keeping it REAL in the Blazing Southwest: REAL Sisterhood...REAL Commitment...REAL Service*

#### **Michelle Brown, Regional Director**

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Michelle Brown recently retired as Director of Tarrant County Pretrial Services in Fort Worth, Texas after 31 years of service. Ms. Brown holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and Corrections and a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Management, both from Sam Houston State University (SHSU) in Huntsville, Texas. Although the vast majority of her career has been in Pretrial Services, she began her profession working with adolescent youth - truant, at-risk and juvenile offenders, through the Tarrant County Juvenile Detention Center, the Fort Worth State School Adolescent Residential Services Program and the United Community Center Truant and At-Risk Youth Program.

Ms. Brown has served on several professional organizations, including The National Association of Pretrial Services Agency's Board of Directors as President, Central Regional Director, and At-Large Director. She has also served as a member of the National Institute of Corrections Pretrial Executives Network and member of the Board of Trustees for the Pretrial Services Resource Center (now the Pretrial Justice Institute). In addition, Ms. Brown has served as a member of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, where she received the William H. Hastie award in 2008 for national leadership in the field of criminal justice.

Ms. Brown is an advocate for pretrial justice reform and the protection and rights of the accused during the pre-trial stage. Her passion for the field of Pretrial Services led to a crucial role in the establishment of the Texas Association of Pretrial Services in 2014. In 2015, Ms. Brown was honored as a Texas Pretrial Services Pioneer by the National and State Pretrial Services organizations, and for a career dedicated to pretrial justice and advocacy in 2018.

Soror Brown was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on December 4, 1976, at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), Lambda Chi Chapter. In 1977, she continued her undergraduate studies at SHSU and actively participated and served in the Kappa Mu Chapter. While at SHSU, she served as Chapter Vice President and Dean of Pledges. In 1979, Soror Brown attended her first National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana where she had the memorable opportunity to meet Founder, Oceola McCarthy Adams, and notable poet/author Soror Nikki Giovanni.

Currently, Ms. Brown is the Regional Director for the Southwest Region encompassing the areas of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas, and the international, Caribbean island nation of Jamaica. Soror Brown is currently a Diamond Life member in the Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter where she has served three (3) terms as Chapter President (2004-2006, 2006-2008, 2012-2014), Chapter Journalist, Founders Day Committee Chair and Parliamentarian. She is a certified Membership Intake Trainer and a Certified Advisor where she has served as Primary Advisor and Advisory Team member for the University of Texas at Arlington, Lambda Chi Chapter. Soror Brown has also served on the Regional Investigation Team, the National Hazing Prevention Task Force from 2013- 2015, as Regional Journalist from 2008-2013, and served as the Texas/New Mexico State Coordinator, appointed by then, Southwest Regional Director, Soror Pamela Rogers.

Professionally, Soror Brown holds a bachelor's degree in Criminology and Corrections and a Masters' Degree in Criminal Justice Management, both from Sam Houston State University. She is the current Director of Tarrant County Pretrial Services where she has been employed for the past 28 years. Ms. Brown has 2 children, a son, Jeremy and a daughter, Dalena Brigance, who was initiated into our illustrious sorority in 2004 through the Zeta Eta Chapter at the University of North Texas. The greatest joys of her life are her 2 granddaughters, Kendall who is 7 years old and Jordan who is 2 years old.