

# **Bruce D. Edwards, Esq.**

**Child Welfare Attorney and Community Activist at Advocates For Justice, Inc.**

Bowie, MD, US

Author of book "The 14 Virtues of the Good Father"

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A native of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Bruce D. Edwards is a family law attorney, community activist, relationship coach, mentor and advocate with offices in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area and Baltimore, Maryland. No stranger to public service, Bruce is a board member of several non-profit organizations as well as state and local advisory committees. Passionate about uplifting others, Bruce began his career of service helping troubled youth in Easton, Pennsylvania and Boston, Massachusetts while pursuing his undergraduate and graduate studies. Bruce's experience as a child welfare advocate and family law attorney has provided him an opportunity to mentor hundreds of fatherless youth. Recognizing that a father's time investment and presence are invaluable, Bruce's mentorship has helped fathers demonstrate a consistent familial commitment that promotes healthy and prosperous relationships. He witnessed first-hand the impact a fatherly figure had in the lives of the youth he served. In an effort to reach the father inside of you who may be searching for answers to complicated issues relating to the youth in your life, for the first time, Bruce's core teachings have been captured in the 14 Virtues of the Good Father. This book is a must-read for men and women of all ages. Bruce enjoys spending time with his lovely wife and two daughters in Prince George's County, Maryland.

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Keynote, Moderator, Workshop, Author Appearance

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Education/Learning, Public Policy, Social Services, Health and Wellness, Religious Institutions, Childcare

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Child Advocacy, Parenting, Raising Teens, Fatherlessness, Family Law, Juvenile Delinquency, Child Abuse and Neglect, Parent's Rights, Youth Development, Programming, Volunteerism, Community Activism

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## **Presenter/Winner**

Alpha Phi Alpha Essay Contest

## **Graduation Keynote Speaker**

Ebenezer Baptist Church High School Graduation

## **Weekly Co-Facilitator**

Men of Integrity Men's Group

## **Keynote Speaker**

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

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**American University-Washington College of Law (Washington, DC)**  
Masters of Laws (LLM) in Law & Government (Concentration in Civil Rights)

**New England School of Law (Boston, MA)**  
Juris Doctor

**Lafayette College (Easton, PA)**  
Bachelors of Art Government & Law and Africana Studies

**Phillips Exeter Academy (Exeter, NH)**  
Diploma General Studies

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**Nominee for the Maryland Public Interest Lawyer of the Year**

The recipient of this award is either a government or public interest lawyer known for selflessly serving the public good and furthering the goals of better government and societal standards.

**Ann E. Hirsch Award for Community Outreach Support**

This award is presented to one student in each division in recognition of service to the law school. It is given in memory of the former president of the law school, who was a 1928 graduate.

**CALI Award for Academic Excellence (Race & Law)**

The CALI Excellence for the Future Award, often shortened to "The CALI Award" is given to the student who receives the highest award in a law school course.

**Nominee, Pepper Prize at Lafayette College**

An honor awarded to the best all-around student

**Recipient, Africana Studies Award at Lafayette College**

Award honoring outstanding student in Africana Studies

**Recipient, Community Volunteer Award**

Award honoring outstanding volunteerism efforts in the community

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