## Verndell Robinson



Verndell Robinson is a dedicated educator, associate broker, realtor, legal professional, disabled Navy veteran, devoted wife, and mother of four. Her life reflects a steadfast commitment to service, perseverance, and community improvement, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Her educational journey began in the public schools of Philadelphia. Her mother's sacrificial decision led to her and her brother's enrollment at Milton Hershey School (MHS), which instilled in her a love for humanity, gratitude, and a drive for academic excellence.

After high school, Verndell worked at the Pennsylvania State Department of Labor, registering companies in Montgomery County for unemployment taxes. She later joined the U.S. Navy as a Storekeeper 1st Class, gaining extensive experience in stocking the warehouses and ships in the Hub of the Mediterranean. After being discharged as a disabled veteran, she became a substitute teacher in three Philadelphia suburban school districts and tutored inner-city children to improve their reading skills.

Using her VA benefits, Verndell earned her bachelor's degree from LaSalle University and her JD from Handong International Law School (HILS) in South Korea, becoming the first African American woman to do so. At HILS, she studied under Former Attorney General John Ashcroft in Strasbourg, France, led research for the first US/South Korean Free Trade Agreement, assisted in freeing children from adult prisons in the Philippines, interned in the U.S. Congress, and coauthored the book "Dear Sisters, Dear Daughters" with the Minority Women Attorney's Network. Governor Glenn Youngkin appointed her to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors on July 2.