

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Keith H. Williamson

PERSON

Williamson, Keith H., 1952-

Alternative Names: Keith H. Williamson;

Life Dates: May 16, 1952-

Place of Birth: St. Louis, Missouri, USA

Residence: St. Louis, MO

Work: St. Louis, MO

Occupations: Corporate Lawyer

Biographical Note

Keith Harvey Williamson, president of Pitney Bowes Capital Services Division, was born May 16, 1952, in St. Louis, Missouri. Williamson's father, Irving A. Williamson, was a journalist and photographer for St. Louis based newspapers, such as the Argus, the Mirror, and the Sentinel. Attending Harrison Elementary School and Walnut Park Gifted School, Williamson graduated in 1970 from Thomas Jefferson High School in St. Louis, Missouri, after spending the summer after his junior year in Europe. Williamson earned his B.A. degree in economics and sociology from Brown University in 1974, and a combined M.B.A. and J.D. degree from Harvard University in 1978. Later Williamson would obtain his LL.M. degree in taxation from New York University.

In 1978, Williamson worked as a tax lawyer with the Washington, D.C., based firm Covington & Burling, and in 1981, he joined Revis & McGrath (later named Fulbright Jaworski). Pitney Bowes hired Williamson as director of tax in 1988; he later worked for the company as assistant general counsel for financial services, and deputy general counsel for mergers. In 1999 Williamson became president of the capital services division of Pitney Bowes; in 2002, he was chosen by Fortune magazine as one of the fifty most powerful African American executives. Williamson became the senior vice president, general counsel, and company secretary of Centene Corporation in 2006.

A member of the Executive Leadership Council and the Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program, Williamson, his wife Addie, and their daughter reside in suburban Connecticut.

Related Entries

Harrison School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Walnut Park Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Thomas Jefferson High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Brown University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Harvard Business School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Harvard Law School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1976 to 1977]

Bryan Cave [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1977 to 1978]

Covington & Burling [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1978 to ?]

Tax Lawyer

Pitney Bowes [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1988 to ?]

Head of Tax Department

Executive Leadership Council [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

National Urban Leage [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Mentor