

Marc H. Morial- Bio

Entrepreneur. Lawyer. Professor. Legislator. Mayor. President, U.S. Conference of Mayors. President and CEO of the National Urban League, the nation's largest historic civil rights and urban advocacy organization.

In a distinguished professional career that has spanned 25 years, Marc Morial has performed all of these roles with excellence and is one of the most accomplished leaders in the nation. As President and CEO of the National Urban League since 2003, he has been the primary catalyst for an era of change a transformation for the 105 year old civil rights organization. His energetic and skilled leadership has expanded the League's work around an Empowerment agenda, which is redefining civil rights in 21st century with a renewed emphasis on closing the economic gaps between Whites and Blacks as well as other communities of color, and rich and poor Americans.

During his tenure, the League had record fundraising success with a 280M year five fundraising effort He has secured the BBB nonprofit certification, which has established the NUL as a leading national nonprofit (ranked #4 in 2010, #5 in 2011, #4 in 2012, #3 in 2013, #2 in 2014, #1 in 2015, #1 in 2016, #1 in 2017, #1 in 2018, #1 in 2019, #1 in 2020, #1 in 2021, #1 in 2022, #1 in 2023, #1 in 2024, #1 in 2025)

Under his stewardship, the League launched a historic \$100 million year "Jobs Rebuild America: Educate, Employ, Empower" initiative in 2013 – a solution based, comprehensive approach to the nation's employment and education crisis that brings together federal government, business, and nonprofit resources to create economic opportunity in 50 cities across the country through the Urban League affiliate network.

His creativity has led to initiatives such as the Urban Youth Empowerment Program to assist young adults in securing sustainable jobs and Entrepreneurship Centers in 10 cities to help the growth of small businesses. Also, Morial helped create the Urban Empowerment Fund, which will lend to urban impact businesses, and helped create the League's New Markets Tax Credits initiative, which has resulted in \$1 billion in community investment in urban impact businesses, including minority business, through both debt and equity investments.

As mayor of New Orleans, Morial was a popular chief executive with a broad racial coalition who led New Orleans' 1990's renaissance and left office with a 70% approval rating.

As a lawyer, Morial won the Louisiana State Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award for his legal service to the poor and disadvantaged. He was also one of the youngest lawyers, at age 26, to argue and win a major case before the Louisiana Supreme Court.

As a professor, Morial served on the adjunct faculty of Xavier University in Louisiana, where he taught Constitutional Law and Business Law.

As a Louisiana state senator, Morial was named Legislative Rookie of the Year, Education Senator of the Year, and Environmental Senator of the Year, while authoring laws on a wide range of important subjects.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Economics and African American Studies, he also holds a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center