

HONORABLE KARL B. ALLEN
SENATOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Born in Greenville, South Carolina to
Late Jesse E. and Maudie E. Allen

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Member: **South Carolina Senate – Greenville County District 7**
 South Carolina House of Representatives Greenville County District 25
 (Retired after 12 years)
 NAACP (National Association for Advancement of Colored People)
 NABCJ (National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice)
 Greenville County Democratic Women-GCDP
 Rainbow Push
 Put Down the Guns Young People (Gun Violence Advocacy)

Education:

- **University of South Carolina School of Law**
 Juris Doctor Degree
- **University of South Carolina College of Criminal Justice**
 Bachelor of Science Degree
- **Atlanta University** (Issues Facing Youth)
- **Southside High School** (Diploma)

As an Attorney, Senator Allen is a Member of the American Bar Association
South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, Greenville County Bar and is Licensed to
practice in all State and Federal Courts

In 1992 he distinguished himself by being licensed to practice in the Fourth Circuit Court
of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Attorney Allen is often referred to as the **"Lawyer other Lawyers Come to Watch"**.

He is noted for getting a defendant from ***Death Row*** and clear of a life sentence. A young man
on trial for his life when asked who he wanted to represent him, he said **"Karl B. Allen"**

In just ***three (3)*** civil cases he has obtained **over (3) Three Million Dollars** and is known for
obtaining some of the **highest jury verdicts** for Personal Injury in the **County/State**. Senator
Allen and his legal team recently secured **1.8 million** for a deceased Mothers family.

Senator Allen has and continues to serve the **State of South Carolina** by being a **Past**
Member of the Medical, Military and Municipal Affairs Committee, the House Judiciary
Committee where he was selected by the **Speaker of the House** to serve on the **Powerful**
Judiciary Committees and Sub-Committees on issues of Voter Suppression

As a member of S.C. Senate he has been selected to serve on the powerful Finance Committee and served on Roads Infrastructure Sub-Committee, Corrections and Penology Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Recently Senator Allen was chosen by Senate President Alexander to serve on Legislative Oversight Committee over the Office of S.C. Attorney General and S.C. Department of Veteran Affairs.

Senator Allen was chosen by the Baptist Ministers Fellowship of Greenville and Vicinity to receive the **2006 Community Service Award** and their **2010 Community Service Award**

NAACP Top Political Award 2008 *S.C. Black Lawyers Million Dollar Club Award

2012 South Carolina Legislator of the Year- S. C. Alzheimer's Association for his determined Advocacy on behalf of our seniors.

SCEA has recognized his positive voting record for Public Education each year of his service for *sixteen (16)* years and endorsed his Senate candidacy in **2012** and in **2023** recognized him as an **SCEA** Education Honor Roll Member.

Duke Energy recognized Senator Allen as an **Energy Efficiency Partner** who is dedicated to helping neighborhoods reduce energy usage and cost through participation in the residential neighborhood programs in **January 29, 2015**.

Senator Allen received the **Legislative Award** on **October 24, 2015** from Standing Against Violence Everyday. He was a sub-committee chair who was recognized for increasing and putting teeth in the law so S.C. does not rank **1st** in Domestic Violence.

Citizen of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for his dedicated services to the citizens of Greenville on **November 22, 2015**.

Senator Allen was chosen as *one (1)* of *two (2)* Democrats to serve on the Election Law Subcommittee while in the House of Representatives. This committee held hearings all over the State of South Carolina on Voter I.D. and related issues.

He was the liaison for South Carolina Voter ID and *Third (3rd)* Party Voters bill. He was one of the individuals who talked to the United States Justice Department on our behalf in South Carolina to initially **stop** Voter ID and who filed the Motion to adjourn the debate and kill the *Third (3rd)* Party Registration Bill.

Senator Allen is often seen on Television and has appeared on CNN and other talk shows. **He has most recently appeared Front Page of Greenville News for his work on his Second Chance Legislation aimed at assisting Felons to re-enter the workforce and his advocacy for mentally disabled individuals is unmatched.** **Senator Allen** with *three (3)* of his colleagues were recognized for getting **7.7 million** for the school for **Deaf and Blind**

Senator Karl Allen was selected by the Chairman of Judiciary to hold hearings and serve on CDV Sub-Committee of South Carolina Senate with former Horry County Solicitor now Senator Greg Hembree and they successfully strengthened the CDV Laws of South Carolina.

Senator Allen's Bill, Senate Bill 900 was signed into law the week of **May 21, 2014** by Governor Nikki Haley. The bill creates a study committee on expungement of criminal offenses to review the criminal laws of the state and determine criminal offense appropriate for expungement. **Senator Allen** is also the Chairman of the S.C. Expungement Committee. Senator Allen received the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education - **President's Political Courage Award 2015** for his fearless and faithful leadership and service.

Senator Allen was recognized on **November 17, 2016** with a Certificate of Appreciation for his participation and involvement in the Put Down the Guns Young People Organization.

Senator Allen was recognized by Greenville Technical College on **April 15, 2016** for his outstanding leadership in enriching the lives and strengthening families in Greenville County by providing others with a Second Chance.

Senator Allen was also recognized for the **Judge Willie T. Smith, Jr. Memorial Lecture 2016 Award**

Greenville Moles, December, 2016 Award for his tremendous leadership and community service recognition.

Senator Allen received the **Keeping the Flame Alive Award** on **February 10, 2017** at Long Branch Baptist Church Prayer Breakfast for his dedication, passion and leadership in serving the people of Greenville, South Carolina.

Duke Energy recognized "**Our Senator**" for Helping Reduce Energy usage and cost.

Community Builders Award 2017 from HGCD Bible College.

Senator Allen received the **Citizen of the Year Award** from the NAACP of Claflin University for his devoted, loyal and committed service to the State of South Carolina, its citizens and Claflin University on October 18, 2017 at the NAACP Induction Ceremony

Senator Allen received the **2018 F. Ben Haskew Collaboration Award** from the Greenville Chamber on **February 21, 2019**. The award was named after Ben Haskew, a former leader in the Business community who championed collaboration and working together to improve the quality of life for all. Senator Allen was a leader working with the S.C. Chamber of Commerce and Greenville Chamber to expand expungement eligibility for workforce development.

Senator Allen received Appreciation Award from The Bridge Tech on **March 21, 2019** for his untiring dedication and hard work in making the STEM Camp Program a Great Success.

Senator Allen was the one who stood up to Big Utility companies when a senior citizen froze to death after her power was disconnected and he did not stop until his legislation was passed and signed by the Governor which now prohibits the disconnection of special needs customers and winter months of those who file a health certificate.

Senator Allen went to work when an inmate was not allowed to go to his parent's funeral. Our Senator said but for the Grace of God go us and he passed his funeral bill making it S.C. law that an inmate who is not a security risk must be allowed to attend immediate family funeral.