

Zakiya Summers-Harlee



Zakiya Summers-Harlee is the Director of Communications for the ACLU of Mississippi. Prior to ACLU, she served as Events and Communications Director for One Voice, a policy advocacy organization that works for the benefit of marginalized populations in partnership with community based organizations, namely the Mississippi NAACP. Zakiya also represented Mississippi's back yard jewel – the Jackson Medical Mall Thad Cochran Center – as Public Relations Manager and Internal Relations Coordinator after working as the morning news producer at the NBC affiliate, WLBT-TV 3.

In March 2015, the Board of Supervisors appointed Zakiya to Hinds County District 3 Election Commissioner. She successfully ran for the full term in November 2016, and won with 65% of the vote.

An entrepreneur, Zakiya owns her own corporate event planning and public relations consulting company, Lady Godiva Productions. In addition to serving as board member for the Mississippi Sickle Cell Foundation, she also serves as secretary for the Jayne Avenue Neighborhood Association, board member for the UMMC Community Advisory Board, and member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Women for Progress, NAACP, Hinds County Executive Democratic Committee, and Jackson Association of Black Journalists.

Zakiya is a Broadcast Journalism graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is married to husband, Andra Harlee, and they have three sons – Marvin, Mason, and Mathis. They belong to Greater Mt. Bethel COCH USA in Jackson, MS.