

Alderwoman Coggs' Biography

“It is the responsibility of us all to give back to the community that helps to make us who we are.” Milele A. Coggs

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After graduating from Riverside University High School, she attended Fisk University where she graduated, Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and English. Having grown up in a political family, and after gaining a reputation as a renowned youth activist and motivational speaker, and after interning in the office of a Wisconsin State Senator, Alderwoman Coggs was drawn to the study of law and ultimately decided to attend the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison.

After graduating from Law School, Alderwoman Coggs has successfully managed several election campaigns and heeded the call to community service by forming M. A. Coggs & Associates, L.L.C. a consulting company specializing in politics, education, and small business development.

Alderwoman Coggs has created, guided and nurtured several beneficial programs in the City of Milwaukee including Girls Day at City Hall, the MKE Business Now Entrepreneur Summit, Bronzeville Week, the Sixth District Landscape Award, the Dr. James G. White Difference Maker Award, the Housing Resource Fair, AKA Day at City Hall, Office Hours In the District, Girls Shadow Day at City Hall, and the Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest.

Alderwoman Coggs has also been involved with a wide array of community organizations throughout the years. Growing up in one of Wisconsin’s most prominent political families and being exposed to the idea and value of a legacy of public service has influenced Alderwoman Coggs in her choices of community service and aspirations for public office. She sees public service as her passion and her legislative office as a way to pursue that passion in assisting in the improvement of the quality of life for all, a basic value she carries into all of her legislative initiatives.

Alderwoman Coggs’ election to office marks the Coggs family’s fifth generation of members having served in public office with three members currently in different areas of government.

Alderwoman Coggs is the youngest woman ever elected to Milwaukee’s Common Council and is the first African-American female to ever serve as Chair of the powerful Finance and Personnel Committee.

Alderwoman Coggs is married and is the proud mother of two.