

Tamara L. Miller -- Biography

Tamara L. Miller is currently **Deputy Director for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services**, where she enforces Federal civil rights laws prohibiting unlawful discrimination, thereby ensuring that people throughout our country have equal access to quality health care and social services. She has over 23 years of progressive leadership experience in public service at the Department of Justice, Transportation Security Administration, and U.S. Air Force, and has held three Senior Executive Service positions.



During her three years at the **Transportation Security Administration**, Department of Homeland Security, Ms. Miller served as Special Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, where she oversaw the work of the Offices of Civil Rights and Liberties, Privacy, Freedom of Information, Ombudsman, Executive Secretariat, GAO/IG Audit Liaison, Sensitive Security Information, and Transportation Security Redress. She was also the Director of Civil Rights, where she led programs in equal employment opportunity, alternative dispute resolution, external civil rights compliance, and diversity management. Her accomplishments were recognized with the TSA Gold Award for Leadership in 2004.

Ms. Miller prosecuted cases of national significance for seven years, involving violations of Federal criminal civil rights laws at the **Department of Justice**, Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section. After two years prosecuting cases as a trial attorney involving hate crimes, police brutality, and slavery, her leadership potential was recognized and she was promoted to Deputy Chief where for five years she supervised trial attorneys while still carrying her own case load. Ms. Miller also has private practice experience as a senior litigation associate in employment law at the firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi.

Ms. Miller was an active duty Judge Advocate in the **United States Air Force** for nine years, where she defended the Air Force in employment discrimination cases in Federal courts, prosecuted the most serious felony court-martial offenses, served as in-house counsel at the Air Force regional medical center in Europe, and defended medical malpractice cases. As a reserve officer for 14 years, Ms. Miller served as Staff Judge Advocate for the 175th Wing, where in September 2001, she led a staff of attorneys and paralegals, and advised commanders on multi-faceted state and federal legal issues relating to homeland defense. She was also senior legal counsel for the Assistant Adjutant General at the Maryland National Guard Headquarters, and retired in 2006 as a Lieutenant Colonel, earning numerous military awards and decorations for her service.

Ms. Miller earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, *with honors*, from Notre Dame, her Juris Doctor degree from Michigan Law School, and was the first female Air Force ROTC Cadet Commander at Notre Dame. Ms. Miller is African American and Korean, was born in Seoul, Korea, adopted and raised by African American parents in Michigan. She is married to an Air Force Colonel who is also an attorney, and they have two children.