



**ARCHIE B. HAYWARD, JR.**  
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A native of Fort Myers, Florida, Archie B. Hayward was educated in the Lee County schools—graduating in 1976 from North Fort Myers High School and later obtaining his Associate of Arts degree from Edison Community College. He went on to complete his Bachelor’s degree in 1980 at the University of Florida where he also was awarded the Juris Doctor in 1983.

Licensed by the Florida Bar since 1984, he was also admitted to practice before the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida. Since 2000, Archie Hayward has served as a staff attorney with Florida Rural Legal Service where he provided leadership for the Senior Advocacy Project. Prior to this appointment, he operated a solo practice for nine years where he handled court appointed criminal conflict cases for the County Court Administrator’s Office. From 1984-89, he worked with the Public Defenders Office of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit managing felony, juvenile, misdemeanor, and traffic. In addition to practicing law, Mr. Hayward occasionally serves as an adjunct paralegal instructor with Edison College where he is a member of the Paralegal Advisory Committee. Presently, he serves as a Judge for the Lee County Court.

Ever concerned with his local community, he has worked as a volunteer Child Support Hearing Officer for the County Court Administration Office of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. In addition, he is a member and secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Alvin A. Dubin Alzheimer’s Resource Center and holds memberships in the Lee County Bar Association, Isaac Anderson Bar Association, and Downtown Rotary Club of Fort Myers Incorporated.

Most recently, he was a presenter for Florida Legal Service, Incorporated’s Health/Public Benefits Advocacy Skills Training Workshop. His presentation centered on effective representation for clients involved in a Medicaid hearing.