

Redditt Hudson

Throughout his childhood in University City, Redditt Hudson was actively involved with the University City Sports Association, playing baseball, football and basketball, where he formed life-long friendships. Hudson attended Pershing Elementary, Brittany Woods Middle, Hanley Junior High and graduated from University City High School in 1983, where he earned all-state player honors after four years as a UCHS basketball Indian. Hudson graduated from St. Louis University where he played basketball for four years. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the FOCUS Leadership St. Louis class of 2010.

Currently program associate for the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri, Hudson began his work at the Eastern Missouri affiliate in 2005, when he was hired as its racial justice manager. Hudson advocates for the civil liberties and civil rights of all citizens and is a recognized community leader who fights for the community he serves. He is an advocate for criminal justice reform and works to address civil liberties issues within the criminal justice system and particularly within the police/community relationship.

As a former officer in the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Hudson is keenly aware of the important role that families and communities play in determining the overall quality of life in the St. Louis area as well as their need for resources to be effective in those vital roles.

Hudson has been active in coalitions formed to address critical issues relative to affirmative action, equal treatment under the law, and racial profiling. He has worked on these issues in both legislative and community settings. He is a frequent media presence in the region and has traveled the country speaking and participating on panels at various conferences.

With his commitment to working for the betterment of children's education, Hudson has worked to address violence in our schools and communities, creating better learning environments for our youth. He has been recognized by the Ferguson-Florissant School District as its parent of the year.

He remains deeply attached to the University City Schools and the University City community, having recently been integrally involved with naming the University City High School gymnasium for Hall of Fame coach Ed Crenshaw, and its court for former player Hasan Houston. (*Dedication is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2012. Visit www.ucityschools.org for details.*)

Redditt and his wife, Hope, live in North St. Louis County with their daughters Lauryn and Faith. His family also includes a daughter Elizabeth, who lives in Arizona, and a stepson, Justin.