Pauline H. Tarver

Pauline Harriet Tarver graduated from John Adams High School and John Carroll University. She later received her law degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School.

After graduation, she worked as a community organizer, and with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center as the Justice Systems Coordinator. She counseled victims, trained the Grand Jury, and advised the Cleveland Police Department and the Ohio Patrolmen's Association. She also served briefly as Acting Executive Director.



Tarver was hired to serve as the Executive Director of the Cleveland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and as such, became the organization's liaison between community organizations, corporations, and local and state government. Her law practice included criminal misdemeanor, personal injury, domestic relations, bankruptcy and probate cases. She also served as an Acting Magistrate for the East Cleveland Municipal Court.

In November 2003, in her first attempt, Tarver was elected to the Cleveland court. She lost her seat in the November 2015 election, and returned to private practice.

Tarver passed away at the age of 63 in July of 2017.

Pauline H. Tarver served Cleveland Municipal Court from January 3, 2004 to January 2, 2016.