



## Ofonedu-Ime Goodwyn

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Ofonedu-Ime Goodwyn is a Florida Bar Board Certified Real Estate Attorney with a reputation for delivering exceptional work product and providing responsive, high-quality client service. His practice focuses on real estate and commercial transactions, including corporate matters, secured lending transactions, and the acquisition, disposition, development, and leasing of real property. Ofonedu regularly represents closely-held companies, national and regional lenders, and a diverse range of borrowers and developers in a variety of commercial matters.

As part of a Columbia Law School Human Rights fellowship, Ofonedu served as a summer research intern with the Lawyer's Collective HIV/AIDS Unit in Mumbai, India, and developed an ongoing interest in social impact work and a deep admiration for attorneys who serve as change agents.

Prior to moving to South Florida, Ofonedu returned to his alma mater, George School, a Quaker college preparatory school in Newtown, Pennsylvania, to give back to his community by teaching and mentoring the next generation of young leaders. Ofonedu is board chair of Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida (NHSSF), a local community development organization founded over 40 years ago, providing a full spectrum of homeownership services to potential homebuyers. NHSSF is actively working to address South Florida's affordable housing crisis.

## Professional Affiliations

- American College of Mortgage Attorneys, Fellow
- The Florida Bar
  - Vice Chair of the Real Estate Certification Committee, July 2022 – June 2023
  - Real Estate Certification Committee, 2021 – 2022
- Florida Bar Board Certified Real Estate Attorney
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD)
- National Bar Association

## Honors & Awards

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Real Estate Law, 2024

## Practices

Business & Commercial Transactions

Corporate Transparency Act Compliance

Real Estate & Lending

## Education

J.D., Columbia University School of Law, 2005

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, 2002

## Admissions

Florida

New York



- LCLD Fellow, 2021
- Selected as a Top 40 under 40 by the National Bar Association, 2019 – 2020
- Named to *DiversityMBA's* list of "Top 100 under 50 Diverse Emerging Leaders," 2018
- Selected by *Legacy* (formerly *Success South Florida*) magazine as one of "40 Under 40: Leaders of Today and Tomorrow," 2010

## Presentations

- Co-Presenter, "Commercial – Mitigating Risks in Commercial Credit for Dealers," 2024 Auto Finance Seminar, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago, Illinois, May 16, 2024

## Publications

- Co-Author, "Condominium Associations' Power to Restrict Access to Areas on the Property," *Daily Business Review*, August 14, 2020

## Media Mentions

- "Attorney to Educator and Back Again," *Daily Business Review*, February 24, 2017

## Personal

Ofonedu is deeply committed to family—including his wife and three young daughters. He is guided by the values of integrity, stewardship, and equity, which he learned to cherish early in life. Ofonedu strives for excellence, believes in doing the right thing—"even if nobody's watching"—and wants to make his community a better place for his daughters and future generations.

## Community/Civic Activities

- Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida, Chair of Board of Directors