

Elliott Epps

Elliott Epps was born in Raleigh, NC but grew up in Aiken, SC. He attended Wofford College, where he majored in History and Government. At Wofford, he ran Cross Country and served as both Vice President and President of the Student Body. After Wofford he was accepted to be a part of the first full year of AmeriCorps and was part of first City year Columbia full year corps serving on a housing and homelessness team working at the Family Shelter. After serving two more years in City Year (with service in Columbia, SC, Columbus, OH, and Boston, MA) as a fundraiser, event planner and team leader in an elementary school and surrounding neighborhood in South Boston; he returned to graduate school. Elliott earned a Masters in Public Administration in 1999 with internships at the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, South Carolina Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Executive Institute, and the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission. After receiving his M.P.A., Elliott worked two years for the Palmetto Project traveling around supporting individual, groups, and communities working on improving race relations in South Carolina. In 2001, he entered the USC School of Law and earned his law degree and passed the SC bar in 2004. During law school he interned and clerked for the Charleston solicitor's office, a federal judge, and for SC Applesseed. After graduation he worked for Motley Rice, LLC in Charleston. He then worked for both the Aiken and Charleston Solicitor's offices prosecuting drunk driving offenses, criminal domestic violence, and juveniles. He returned to the Palmetto Project to lead an anti-bullying pilot project called Challenge Day and then was hired as Executive Director for City Year Columbia. He served 5 years as executive director before leaving to become a stay at home dad for his 3 sons for the past two years. Elliott now is active leading a Cub Scout Den; assisting with the coaching of multiple sports teams; assisting with homework; driving his children around; serving on community boards (SC Applesseed and the Community Relations Council); and most recently has started a manners and ballroom dancing program for 6th and 7th graders called Columbia Social Dance. Elliott is married to Dr. Amy Rawl Epps, a cardiologist at Lexington Cardiologist and they have three sons (John Elliott, 12; Thomas, 9; and Sullivan, 6.)