

ABOUT RIC PRESIDENT

Alfred Reynolds, the president and founder of the Reynolds Institute of Criminology (RIC), worked as an investigative journalist for an international radio station at a very young age. He joined the United States Army Reserve in 1995 while pursuing his associate's degree (A.S.) in criminal justice from Connecticut State Norwalk Community College where he graduated in May 1997 and, in May 2000, from Western Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree (B.S.) in Justice and Law Administration. After eight years working for the federal government as a military reservist, Alfred decided to join the Georgia State Army National Guard while starting a career as a law enforcement officer.

With his years of professional experience, Alfred's focus was now on international studies. In fact, with the help of the International Bureau for Children Rights (IBCR) in Quebec (Canada) while working as an intern in pursuing his master's degree in international and transnational Laws at University Laval School of Law, Alfred started researching on different countries that are located in the Caribbean, in Africa, in the Middle East and in Latin America that are experiencing firsthand democratic changes. Thus, Alfred decided to work on Haiti, where there is a continual scene of acts of violence that are well planned and executed by both sides of the political spectrum. He focused his research on the topic of "child soldiers" because of the use of children in armed conflicts around the world.

Alfred has also contributed to the publication of the annual IBCR's report in 2007 and has published several articles to online journal reviews and blogs concerning the Criminal Justice System and the necessity for a progressive reform of the Haitian legal system. Alfred is a former Adjunct Professor at the Community College of Vermont (CCV) in Saint Albans, Vermont (USA), where he specialized in Criminal Law, Criminology, and Juvenile Justice while working part time with the Vermont Department of Corrections. He is also a former member of the Vermont Army National Guard. He worked as an in-house counselor for children at-risk in the States of Connecticut and Massachusetts. While in the military, Alfred graduated from different military schools with specializations in Water Treatment, Supplies and Logistics, Disaster Planning, Mass Fatalities, Internment/Resettlement, Physical Security, Corrections, Civil Disturbance and Fatal Fire Investigation.

Alfred is also a member of the Juvenile Court Association of Georgia (JCAG), the Gang Investigators Association of Georgia (GIAG), the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), the International Law Association, the Lawyers Without Borders, the Interdisciplinary Research Center on Family Violence and Violence on Women, and the Research Center on the Rehabilitation of Youth and Family at-risk (Quebec). Alfred benefited from several opportunities from his law professors to hold conferences at the Cercle Europe and at the Peace Program and International Security, both are branches of the Institut Québécois des

Hautes Études Internationales as well as the Summer University for Feminists (University Laval). He has a graduate certificate (Ed.S.) in Education and Leadership from the University of Georgia. Further, aside from his experiences in the legal and investigative fields, Alfred also graduated from Liberty University with a master's degree (M.Div.) in Pastoral Ministry and Chaplaincy. He is the founder of the Haitian-American Institute for Justice and Law (HAIJL), a “think tank” and a human rights organization, with its headquarters in Winter Haven, Florida (USA), where he is currently working as its Executive Director. Finally, based on his research on child soldiers, Alfred published a book with a focus on criminal justice, juvenile delinquency, law enforcement, and international law, with the title: “Child Soldiers: Victims and Aggressors – a Problematic for Public Safety in Haiti.”