

## Biography

### ***Mrs. Jawahn E. Ware***



Jawahn Ware is a passionate community advocate and business professional in the Albany, GA area. She is married to Richard E. Ware Jr. and is the mother of three children. Jawahn has an undergraduate degree from Spelman College with a major in Sociology and a minor in Creative Writing, a Master's in Management from Troy University with a concentration in Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness and certificates in Servant Leadership and Public Administration from Columbia Southern University. Believing in continuously “sharpening the saw” she has enhanced her education by obtaining five additional specialized certifications- Six Sigma Green Belt, Customer Service Specialist, Project Manager, Municipal (County) Clerk and Certified Public Manager.

Mrs. Ware is a member of The Relevant, Empowering, Alive and Loving (REAL) Church and is involved in the community. She has volunteered with many community groups and professional organizations and believes her confidence and willingness to serve is rooted in her rearing as a Girl Scout for more than fifteen years. She began her local government career in 2003 and has worked in the fields of information technology, human resources, procurement/purchasing, executive administration and project management.

As an entrepreneur and owner of three businesses, she teaches individuals soft skill development practices and specializes in helping organizations enhance their efficiency through business process management. She has received recognition in the community for being the first Sertoman of the Year for the Albany Downtown Sertoma Club (2011); a Southwest Georgian 40 Under 40 (2012); Georgia Trend's 40 Under 40 (2015); was appointed as the first African American County Clerk for Dougherty County Board of Commissioners (2012); and is an inductee in the National Society of Leadership and Success (2020). In 2022, Mrs. Ware was selected as the Albany Herald's Government Sector Woman of the Year.

Those who know her well have characterized Jawahn as being fun-loving, optimistic, ambitious, and out-going. She has a passion, not only for those she serves professionally, but for people in her extended community. Her adage in life is derived from Mahatma Gandhi to “become the change we want to see.”