

## **Former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page on Life and Education**

Alan C. Page grew up in Canton, Ohio and earned a scholarship to Notre Dame, where he helped his team to the National championship in 1966. Page graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and moved to Minnesota to play professional football for the Minnesota Vikings. Page played in four super bowls with the Vikings and received and received many awards including National football League Most valuable player award in 1971. After eleven years, Page was traded to the Chicago Bears and he played there until his retirement in 1981.

Most impressive aside from his many football awards it the fact that Page completed his legal education while continuing to play football. In 1981 after retiring from football he served as Special Assistant Attorney General until 1987 and then Attorney General 1985 to 1993. Page ran for election in 1992 for election to the Minnesota Supreme Court becoming the first African American to serve on the Court. He was re-elected multiple times until 2015 when he reached mandatory retirement age of 70.

Page is known for his commitment to the community, serving on many boards such as the Urban League and University of Minnesota. He founded the Page Education Foundation, which provides financial support to Minnesota youth of color in their pursuit of higher education. Justice Page has written many court opinions and orders but it is little known that he has written three children's books.