

## **Charles S. Brown**

Mr. Brown became the Director of Volunteer Lawyers for the Blind in 2007, after a 36-year legal career with the US Government. He is also 1st Vice President of the National Association of Blind Lawyers.

Before joining the Action Fund, Mr. Brown was the Ethics Official for the National Science Foundation. He played a major role in assuring the integrity of the NSF's merit review process. Mr. Brown previously worked for the Solicitor's Office at the US Department of Labor, in its Legislation and Legal Counsel Division. For twelve years he was the Department's Special Projects Counsel. While serving the Federal Government, Mr. Brown received numerous awards, including the National Science Foundation's Gold Medal for exemplary service and the Labor Department's Distinguished Career Service Award.

Mr. Brown graduated from Harvard with a Bachelor's degree in American History and received his law degree from Northwestern. He is a long-time member of the National Federation of the Blind -- serving as a chapter president, Virginia State President, National Board Member, and National Treasurer. Mr. Brown received the Federation's Jacobus tenBroek Award in 2006.

Since its formation, Mr. Brown has served on Virginia's Community Integration Advisory Commission for People with Disabilities. He is also a member of the Virginia Government's Medicaid Transformation Leadership Team.