



Odell L. Brown, CIA, CPA, PHR, a member of the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter and Lifetime Member of NABA, is a retired CPA and Human Resources professional. (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/odell-brown-7bb0184/>)

Odell's passion is the mentoring and developing of others as evidenced by his 46 years of continuous service on the local, regional, and national levels within NABA, the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. He has served as Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter President, Western Regional President, National Director, and on many local, regional, and national committees within NABA. He recently served on the National ACAP Task Force and National Elections Committee.

Odell is the recipient of the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter's Outstanding Member, Achievement in Industry, and Meritorious Service Awards. On the National level, he is the recipient of the National Outstanding Member, National Achievement in Industry, and National Community Service Awards. Since its inception in 2001, Odell has served as Executive Director of Dallas ACAP (www.dallasacap.com), where 950 students have graduated from the program.

Odell retired from a 41-year successful Accounting and Human Resources career in December 2013 which included work experiences in public accounting, internal audit, financial and SEC reporting, higher education, college recruiting, curriculum development, leadership training, career transition resources, and ERP implementations. While in accounting, Odell started and directed a summer internship program that went from five (5) college interns to almost 120 interns over a five-year period. Odell's employers have included KPMG LLP, Associates First Capital Corporation, North Lake College, and Southwest Airlines.

Odell has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Northwestern State University, a Master of Science degree in Human Resources from Amberton University, and a Master's in Arts degree in Professional Counseling from Amberton University. Odell is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and a Professional in Human Resources (PHR). Odell is also a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Fun Facts: Odell has been to 46 of the 50 states. He met Nelson Mandela during one of his travels to California. One of his favorite quotes is *"Until purpose is discovered, existence has no meaning"* by Dr. Myles Munroe. Being a man of faith and a Deacon at his church, for self-care, Odell starts his day with devotional reading and prayer; he is an avid reader of self-help and personal development materials. In high school, Odell was voted *"Most Likely to Succeed"*.

Odell is married, has one married daughter, and is the grandfather of two lovely grandchildren.