



## **Leonard Marshall**

Leonard was an outstanding defensive end for 12 seasons, the first 10 with the New York Giants. It was here that he won two Super Bowls, XXI & XXV. He racked up 83.5 career sacks and was named to the Pro Bowl twice, in 1985 and 1986. He finished his playing career by suiting up for the New York Jets in 1993 and for the Washington Redskins in 1994.

As dominant as Marshall was on the playing field, he has possibly been even more powerful in the boardroom in his post-playing career. From businesses to education to charitable causes, he is involved heavily.

Leonard was the founder of Pro Star Athletics, one of the largest sports licensed apparel companies of its times in the 1990's. He also owned The Marshall and Fox Sports Asset Management Group and is currently a Partner at Home Towne RX while also being a Partner at ED Healthcare. He co-owns The Original Soupman with fellow investors Shaquille O'Neill and Reggie Jackson and is a Partner at Playbook Solutions Group Advisors, LLC. Those are "just" his business endeavours.



Leonard also gives a large portion of his time to many worthwhile causes and in that regard is the Executive Director of The Game Plan Foundation, a member of the President's Council and a member of the National Diversity Advisory Board at Louisiana State University.

In 2013, Marshall was diagnosed with Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), a neurodegenerative disease that has been found in the brains of many former NFL players and others who have had multiple head injuries. The debilitating headaches, confusion, memory loss and other symptoms caused him to look for other forms of relief outside of the traditional opioid-based medications which lead to life-long addictions. Ultimately, Leonard found and is now a brand ambassador for cannabidiol or CBD hemp oil, which is derived from the marijuana plant. It doesn't contain THC, the component of marijuana that makes one high, it simply relieves many of the symptoms of CTE. He also founded The Brain Unity Trust to help other head trauma victims. Marshall has committed to donating his brain to science to support research into concussions and CTE.

Leonard has his degree in Business Administration from LSU, his Certificate in Management from Seton Hall University and his Masters in Business Finance also from Seton Hall. For several years, he was a professor at Seton Hall's Stillman School of Business teaching Sports Management.

If you are looking for a speaker who has achieved the pinnacle of success in sports, business and education, Leonard Marshall is the speaker you want for your organization.

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