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The Honorable Judge Arthur Burnett Sr.



Judge Burnett brings to this task an extensive record of accomplishments. He graduated from Howard University summa cum laude with a major in Political Science and minor in Economics and in his junior year was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He then attended New York University School of Law where he received his law degree in 1958, graduating in the top 10% of his class and as a Founders' Day Award Recipient. He was also Associate Research Editor of its Law Review. He commenced his law career in the Attorney General's Honors Program at the United States Department of Justice in the Criminal Division in June 1958. After specializing in fraud, obscenity and public integrity criminal cases, including serving as a special prosecutor in several cases for the U. S. Department of Justice, in April 1965 he became an

Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, D.C. where he prosecuted for almost four (4) years all types of cases, including homicides.

In December 1968 he became the first General Counsel of the Metropolitan Police Department in the District of Columbia. On June 26, 1969 he was appointed the first African American United States Magistrate (now call United States Magistrate Judges) in the United States, in which capacity he served until December 1975. He then became the Legal Advisor for the United States Civil Service System and between 1976-1980 he served also as a legal advisor to the President of the United States on all civil service and personnel laws in the United States and as one of the President's chief representatives in dealing with all bills pending before the U.S. Congress dealing with the federal personnel system. In January 1980 he was appointed United States Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for the second time, where he served until appointed by the President to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in November 1987.



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George Garrow, Jr., Esq



George Garrow, Jr. is senior trial attorney in the Garrow Law Firm, PLLC, where he represents individuals seriously injured as result of medical malpractice, nursing home abuse and neglect, wrongful death and corporate malfeasance. He practices nationally with a network of attorneys handling cases for injury victims throughout the country.

As the former Executive Director of Concerned Black Men National, George has a successful history of developing strategies that produce positive and measurable outcomes for children, youth and parents. He has played a significant role nationally in advocating for greater philanthropic investments in the lives of black boys and men, and more broadly in supporting the development of expanded societal opportunities for boys of color. George led his organization's efforts in the creation of a national mentoring program for young Black males. The CBM CARES® National Mentoring Initiative was a multi-city one-to-one and group mentoring program that included more than 800 middle school boys in 30 schools.

George also serves as Vice Chair of the Board of the DC Children's Trust Fund, a nonprofit focused on preventing child abuse and neglect through education and advocacy.

He received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School and an A.B. degree from Dartmouth College. He is married to Arlene Williams, a non-profit executive with the Economic Policy Institute.





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Silas H. Grant, Jr.



Silas H. Grant, Jr. has dedicated his life to community engagement and activism in the Washington metropolitan area.

While at Hampton University, Silas volunteered with the Making Men Foundation. The Foundation focuses on providing positive examples for young African-American boys in the Tidewater Area of Virginia.

Upon graduation, Silas began working with Certified Learning Centers, a tutoring program that provides educational assistance to students in the Washington, D.C. area. Silas also gave of his time as a volunteer for the Lifting As We Climb Foundation, an organization that combines academic enhancement with athletic performance. From there, he began tutoring and mentoring for H.E.L.P. (Higher Education Lifts Potential). This program provides educational assistance to at-risk youth, primarily boys, who are in the judicial system.

A resident of Ward 5, Silas has also utilized his talents and care for others by working with toddlers within the Children's Ministry at his local church. After this humbling and awesome experience, he truly realized the need to help others, especially the young men.





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Villareal Johnson, II



Villareal D. Johnson, II is a father of a son, a native Washingtonian, a graduate of DC Public Schools and longtime advocate for the advancement of young people.

He is the producer of a podcast called “It Takes Two,” a show that discusses how parenting, relationships, and family are critical to the development of healthy adults. He began his career teaching in the District of Columbia Public School System, both traditional and charter. His niche skill set has allowed him to success in education, community and union organizing, politics, health, and government.

He is a graduate of DCPS’s Phelps Vocational High School. His undergraduate work was at Savannah State University, where he studied Sociology, Psychology, and Education. His graduate work was at Nyack College mastering Organizational Leadership and Succession Planning. He has attended programs at George Washington University, The University of the District of Columbia and The National Labor College.

Villareal is an active member of Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Incorporated, The 100 Black Men of America and serves on several key local boards that affect youth and families in Ward 7 and 8. He is a former ANC Chairman and lives with his son in the Ward 7 neighborhood of Hillcrest. His past time is spent with family, close friends, reading, and writing. He enjoys outdoor and recreational activities.





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Franklyn M. Malone



Franklyn M. Malone is a community activist, motivational speaker, author, and a national fatherhood and mentoring leader with a certification as a Master Fatherhood Trainer. Franklyn has long worked for the youth. While employed with the City of Alexandria, under Mayor William Euille, at the Family Resource Center (FRLC) located in the public housing, Franklyn discovered the impact the presence and absence fathers have, coupled with his own personal experience, in the lives of children. While at the FRLC the Alexandria City Public Schools rewarded the Center with grants because the presence of men and fathers helped improve study skills and improve the Standards of Learning scores. From there, Franklyn created the Northern Virginia Regional Fatherhood Coalition and Alexandria City Public Schools received an award as one of the top 100 cities for youth.

Under Mr. Malone's strategic leadership, The 100 Fathers was responsible for the origination of the Bill-B20 366 for the D.C. Commission for Fathers, Men, and Boys and which provides a model for at-risk youth. This bill was brought before the D.C. City Council and was introduced by the late former Mayor and Council Member Marion Barry and the Honorable Kenyan McDuffie. It was introduced June 27, 2013 and passed in September of 2014. As evidenced by the overwhelming turnout in support of the Bill, 100 Fathers created partnerships with programs in all 8 Wards and throughout the region.

Franklyn has also propelled fatherhood and mentoring efforts into the courts. His organization's trainers helped to create the highly successful D.C. Fathering Court working with Judges Milton, Epps, and Burnette. Through his specialized knowledge and education, Franklyn has kept the District of Columbia in the conversation nationally about solutions to help the crisis of absent fathers and at-risk youth. In 2013, Franklyn received a personal call from President Barack Obama, congratulating him for speaking at the conference of Fathers and Families Coalition of America where he currently serves on the National Affiliates board of Directors.

Franklyn is also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and is a caring faith leader. He is a National Vice President the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Men's Ministry (1883), a Licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister of Our Savior Episcopal Church, and a devoted husband to Rhonda Michelle, father to Phillana Malone Hailemariam, Ebony McIntyre, Marion and Sheanita age 16, and a grandfather.

His vision is to help to create opportunities where all fathers make positive life choices as available, authentic, affirming, and nurturing men. Where father friendly services and supports provides a new generation of responsible young men based upon asset building, data driven, supportive resources that make a difference for children and families.





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Chester Marshall, MSW, LICSW, LCSW-C



Chester Marshall is the Founder and President of the Institute for African Man Development Inc. He is also an adjunct professor of Social Work at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. He began his work in 1981 in Chicago Illinois where he was part of the inaugural staff at Imani House, a shelter for neglected and abused boys.

Chester has more than 33 years' experience in providing social services, program development, and management in various settings including child welfare, therapeutic communities, and private practice. He has helped to develop successful social services programs targeting Men and Boys in the DC and Chicago areas including: mental health, rites of passage, therapeutic-based milieus and training curriculums.

Chester has led the Institute since he founded it in 2002. He brings a wealth of executive management and board leadership expertise to the organization. Chester was appointed and currently serves as a commissioner on D.C. Congresswomen, Eleanor Holmes Norton's Congressional Commission on Black Men and Boys.

He is certified in Clinical Hypnosis and Neuro-linguistic Programming and is a certified NTU psychotherapist. He also holds a certificate in Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy from the Albert Ellis School in New York and is a graduate of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW) Academy of African-Centered Social Work.

Known for his dynamism and ability to connect with and engage audiences, Chester has presented at many conferences and public forums and is frequently invited as a keynote speaker. He has been a regular guest speaker on various television shows including Howard Television, Africa News Vision, CNN and the popular BET.

Chester is the author of *Black Man Heal: Volume I: A Resource Manual for the Healing and Uplifting of African Men and Boys* and *Black Man Heal Volume II: The Blueprint for Healing Disconnected African American Men and Boys*. He is also the author of *Lies by the Numbers: The Negative Imaging of African- American Men and Boys through the Use and Misuse of Statistics* and has written countless working papers, articles, and curriculums on the subject of developing African-American Men and Boys.





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Jelani Murrain



Jelani Murrain is an experienced regulatory attorney, combining a decade of expertise in health advocacy and Medicaid reimbursement. Currently, Jelani serves as a Health Policy Analyst for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Jelani brings to the Commission a passion for political advocacy. Jelani previously served in the Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Legislation and has served as Counsel to state and federal political campaigns.

Jelani completed his Bachelor's Degree at Hampton University and Juris Doctor at Howard University School of Law. Jelani also has a Master's Degree in Health Administration from The George Washington University School of Public Health.

Jelani is married to Rosemary L. Murrain and they have three children.





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Elsie L. Scott, Ph.D



Elsie L. Scott, Ph.D. serves as the founding director of the Ronald W. Walters Leadership and Public Policy Center. She previously served as president and chief executive of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation (CBCF) and as the organization's vice president for research and programs. Dr. Scott has served as executive director of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and Deputy Commissioner of Training for the New York City Police Department.

She has also held senior and supervisory roles in the police departments of Detroit and the District of Columbia and with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. She has taught Political

Science, Urban Studies and Criminal Justice at several universities, including Howard University, Rutgers University, the University of Central Florida and North Carolina Central University. She earned degrees in political science from Southern University-Baton Rouge, the University of Iowa and Atlanta University.





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Don Smith



Mr. Don Smith is the Program Director for Hard Light Consulting Group.

Mr. Smith has a strong record of accomplishment in the development and execution of forward-thinking solutions and business process improvements in the context of large multilevel organizations. He has an established track record of leading people, mentoring and developing diverse team members and achieving excellence.

A native Washingtonian and current resident of Ward 5, Don has also utilized his talents and care for others by working with the Nationals Youth Baseball Academy in Ward 7, and mentoring UPO Workforce Development candidates trained in weatherization and energy conservation tactics in Ward 8. This humbling and awesome experience made him aware of the need to make an investment in others, especially African American young men.





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Ivory A. Toldson, Ph.D



Dr. Ivory A. Toldson is the Deputy Director, for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Prior to this role, Dr. Toldson served as an Associate Professor at Howard University, Senior Research Analyst for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, and Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of Negro Education. He was also contributing education editor for The Root, where he debunked some of the most pervasive myths about African-Americans in his Show Me the Numbers column.

Dr. Toldson has more than 60 publications, including 4 books, and more than 150 research presentations in 36 US states, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Scotland, South Africa, Paris, and Barcelona. He has been featured on MSNBC, C-SPAN2 Books, NPR News, POTUS on XM Satellite Radio, and numerous local radio stations. His research has been featured in The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Root, The National Journal, Essence Magazine, and Ebony Magazine.

Dubbed a leader "who could conceivably navigate the path to the White House" by the Washington Post, one of "30 leaders in the fight for Black men," by Newsweek Magazine, and the "Problem Solver" by Diverse: Issues In Higher Education, Dr. Toldson, according to U.S. Secretary Arne Duncan, is "a prolific young scholar and myth buster." According to Capstone Magazine, "Toldson has spent a lot of time traveling across the country talking with teachers about misleading media statistics that invariably either link Black males to crime or question their ability to learn." Dr. Toldson was named in the 2013 The Root 100, an annual ranking of the most influential African-American leaders.





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Tristan Wilkerson



Tristan works to find creative opportunities to expand and advance solutions to issues of gross inequity in communities of color particularly for fathers, boys and men. At present, Tristan is co-creator of Black and Brown People Vote (BBPV), a nationwide voter empowerment project aimed at building equity in democracy for people of color.

Prior to creating BBPV, Tristan worked with successful start-up organizations that offer Millennial policy, organizing, and leadership in groups like Young Invincibles, New Leaders Council, and Wellstone Action. A catalyst bridging problems with solutions, Tristan, also a former Hill Staffer and Aide to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, has organized Members of Congress in developing the first-ever Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys, and coordinated its nationally televised initial event. There he managed a portfolio that included juvenile justice, drug policy, healthcare, education and higher education, and other issues regarding boys and men of color.

Tristan earned his degree in Political Science and Rhetoric in Communication and a minor in Africana Studies from the University of Memphis. He has also studied at the University of Ghana in Accra. His work has been captured by CNN, MSNBC, C-SPAN, Ebony Magazine, The Root, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, The Washington Business Journal, The Commercial Appeal, EmPower Magazine, and Al Jazeera America. He currently lives in Washington DC.

