

August 10, 2007

Dear Supporter:

The Black Board of Directors Project cordially invites you to our 24th annual black tie preferred dinner on **Friday, October 19, 2007** at **The Westin Kierland Resort and Spa**, 6902 E. Greenway Parkway in Scottsdale, Arizona (Phoenix). This affair starts at **6:30pm** with a reception and the dinner program begins at 7:30pm. This awe inspiring educational and relationship building event is expected to *sell out fast*. **Please make your reservations ASAP!**

One of the main goals of this stunningly magnificent evening is to introduce the 2007 Black Board of Directors Project members and alumni to **leaders** in Arizona and to hear a featured speaker, of national or international stature, provide insights into critical issues in society, whether domestic or global.

The featured speaker for this year's dinner is **The Honorable Wallace Jefferson**, Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court. He earned a reputation for appellate excellence early in his career, successfully arguing two cases before the US Supreme Court before he was 40 years old. Decisions in those cases have guided courts nationally in complex areas of civil rights litigation.

He earned a BA in political philosophy from the James Madison College at Michigan State University and a JD from the University of Texas School of Law.

Presently, the honorary co-chairs of this gala include: **Dr. Hollis Underwood, Reggie Dye, Terri Jackson, Gordon Lewis, The Hon. Fulton Brock, Carl Landrum, Andrea Melchor, Dr. Brent Chrite, Dr. Paul Underwood** and **Eric Kirkland**. Other co-chairs and an honorary chair will be announced soon.

The 2007 award recipients are: **Charles Brewer**, section manager, State Farm Insurance – *Lincoln J. Ragsdale Sr. Outstanding Director Award*; **Laya Gavin**, vice president of investment, Chase Bank – *Dr. Charles R. Campbell Outstanding Alumna Award* and **Goodwill Industries** – *Outstanding Non-Profit Diversity Award*.

We want your organization (you) at this “Evening of Class and Substance.”

Seats are **\$250.00** per person, **\$2,250.00** per table of (10) ten and **\$2,000.00** each per table for two or more tables.

Please use the attached form to make your reservation(s) **ASAP!** *We encourage senior level executives and other key decision makers to attend.* This support means very much to our members and the BBOD Project. Tickets will be mailed between two weeks and 10 days prior to the event.

For more information, call John B. O'Donnell at **602-234-1255**. Also, visit our website at **www.bbodproject.com**.

Sincerely,

Marvin E. Perry
President

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