

NOMINEE FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Antoinette Barksdale
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Currently, Ms. Barksdale serves as the General Counsel at the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Community Relations Service (CRS), and an Adjunct Professor at Howard University in Washington, D.C. where she teaches Technical Writing Pre-law. Ms. Barksdale has successfully handled complex civil rights cases for the DOJ for more than 18 years and for over 25 years for the federal government. As General Counsel, she is responsible for all aspects of legal and high-level programmatic matters at CRS.

Prior to becoming General Counsel at CRS, she was a senior trial attorney at DOJ in the Civil Rights Division's (CRT) Employment Litigation Section (ELS). In addition, she was the Senior Advisor to the General Counsel at the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); an Attorney Advisor in the White House Counsel's office under President Bill Clinton; and a Trial Attorney with the Department of Housing and Urban (HUD). Ms. Barksdale is an extraordinary advocate and litigator.

Ms. Barksdale currently serves on the Board of the Women Lawyers' Division of the National Bar Association (NBA); Community Service Chair, Nation's Capital Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and Board Member of the Washington Bar Association Educational Foundation. Additionally, Ms. Barksdale served as the Chair of the Scholarship Committee for more than six years for the Washington Bar Association. She also served as the Chair of Awards and Scholarship for the NBA and the Women Lawyers' Division. She has received numerous awards, including Outstanding Woman Lawyer in Public Service; Chair's Award for Outstanding Service to the Women Lawyers' Division; and the President's Award for Exemplary Service to the NBA. Ms. Barksdale has served on numerous boards for the District of Columbia. She was appointed by former Mayor Marion Barry to the Board of Appeals and Review for two terms and was later appointed by former Mayor Adrian Fenty as a Commissioner on the Small and Local Business Development Commission. She is a volunteer for Girl Scouts Nation's Capital (former member & Chair of the Nominating Committee, active Girl Scout volunteer at Peoples Congregational Church, current member of the Gold Award Panel, mother of a Girl Scout and a Lifetime Member).

Antoinette is a graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law; Howard University, and Indiana University in Pennsylvania. She is a long time resident of the District of Columbia and has been intimately involved in public and community service in the District for more than 25 years. She brings both exceptional legal skills coupled with a strong dedication and passion to civic engagement and public service to the residents of the District of Columbia. She resides in Ward One and is the proud mother of Blaire Elizabeth (a Girl Scout) and wife to Kleber.