

Albert E. Dotson, Jr., Esq.

Albert E. Dotson, Jr., Chairman of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. and an equity partner in the Miami law firm of Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod LLP, represents real estate developers in securing land use, zoning and other government approvals and permits for large-scale real estate developments and matters regarding federal and local government procurement contracts and compliance. He graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in Economics and History and earned his juris doctor degree from Vanderbilt University, School of Law and was awarded the Bennett Douglas Bell Memorial Prize for academic achievement and high ethical standards. He is bilingual in English and Spanish, having studied at the Universidad de Granada in Spain.



Mr. Dotson was first elected as an officer of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. in 1994 as the organization's Secretary. In 1996, he was elected Vice President and re-elected to successive two-year terms until 2004. In 2004, Mr. Dotson was elected Chairman of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. He became a member of 100 Black Men in 1989, when he was elected the founding president of his local chapter—100 Black Men of South Florida, Inc. Mr. Dotson served as President of the South Florida Chapter for 10 years.

Mr. Dotson has lectured at the National Law Institute on compliance with federal and state environmental laws and environmental insurance litigation. In 2005, Mr. Dotson was named by the *Daily Business Review*, "Most Effective Lawyers" in Real Estate/Construction Law. The March of Dimes, in 2002, selected him for the Community Excellence in Real Estate Law Award. In 2001, Mr. Dotson was selected by *Miami Metro* Magazine as one of South Florida's Top Lawyers. In 1998, Mr. Dotson was selected one of "40 Business Leaders in South Florida under age 40" by the *South Florida Business Journal*; and in 1999 was named by the *Journal* as among the corporate elite in the practice of law in South Florida. Also, in 1999, he was presented the Community Leader Award by the Wilke D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association. He was presented, in 2001, the Outstanding Star of Our Community Award by The Vizcayans. In 1997, Mr. Dotson was selected by the U.S. Secretary of Defense as one of 60 persons to participate in the Department of Defense's Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, a multi-service orientation program for civilian public opinion leaders who are provided first hand opportunities to meet Department and Service senior leaders, soldiers, sailor, airmen and Marines and to learn more about their missions first hand. In 2004, Mr. Dotson was presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition by Senator Bill Nelson in honor of his contribution to the State of Florida. Mr. Dotson's commitment to his community has also been recognized by Commendations and Proclamations from the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Miami and the City of Miami Commission.

Mr. Dotson serves as the Chairman of the Miami Dade College Foundation Board of Trustees. He chairs the Investment Committee, which is responsible hiring investment advisors and managers, for monitoring the Foundation's investments and for recommending and taking

appropriate action. The Committee presently oversees approximately \$55 million in liquid assets, among other investments. Miami Dade College (MDC) awards more associate's degrees than any other school in the nation and graduates the highest number of minority students. That is the finding of *Community College Week* magazine in its 2003 report on "The Top 100 Associate's Degree Producers." As the "direct support" organization, the Foundation serves as the fund-raising organization for the College. The Foundation operates an active and continuing development process of working with individual donors, corporations, foundations, businesses, and organizations to secure financial resources to provide "a margin of excellence" for the educational programs of the College, and to provide student scholarships to assure that no student with talent and ability is denied access because of lack of financial resources.

Mr. Dotson serves as President of The Orange Bowl Committee for the 2006-2007 Orange Bowl Festival and FedEx Orange Bowl Game. The Orange Bowl Committee was created in 1935. Since that time, the non-profit 301-member, all-volunteer organization has expanded its reach beyond Miami to become a foundation of the South Florida community. The FedEx Orange Bowl, along with the Nokia Sugar Bowl, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and the Rose Bowl, rotate in hosting the #1 vs. #2 national championship. The Orange Bowl festival attracts more than 150,000 visitors to the South Florida community annually. In 2002-03, the staging of the FedEx Orange Bowl game and festival generated just over \$65 million in economic impact to the South Florida community.

A partial listing of Mr. Dotson's other involvement includes FTAA Ministerial Board of Trustees, Super Bowl XLI Host Committee, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami (Board of Governors), The Simon Wiesenthal Center (Tribute Committee), United Way of Miami-Dade County (Trustee), Overtown Youth Center (Chair Board of Directors), Dade County Bar Association Blue Ribbon Commission on Judicial Campaigns, Miami Business Forum, Jackson Memorial Hospital Public Health Trust (Trustee), The National Conference of Community and Justice (51st Annual Humanitarian Award Committee), Alliance For Ethical Government (Executive Committee, Chair Lobbying Reform Task Force), Beacon Council, Miami-Dade County 1998 Empowerment Zone Application Task Force and Defense Orientation Conference Association.

Mr. Dotson is a native of Detroit Michigan and currently resides in Miami, Florida with his wife attorney Gail Ash Dotson and their two elementary school aged children Ashley and Albert III. He and his family are members of Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church, where Mr. Dotson serves as Chairman of the Trustees.