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Legacy South Florida Magazine celebrates 10 Years of success and unveils its listing of the 50 Most Powerful Black Professionals in Business and Industry

(Cover of the 10th Anniversary Issue of Legacy Broward Magazine)

Hollywood, Florida- For the tenth year, Legacy South Florida magazine is pleased to unveil its annual distinguished listing of South Florida's “50 Most Powerful Black Professionals in Business and Industry for 2014.” These honorees were nominated by the community at large, then carefully vetted and selected by a highly accomplished selection committee comprised of former honorees and business and civic leaders from South Florida.
"At Legacy South Florida, we pride ourselves in showcasing the best and brightest stars in our community. Their accomplishments inspire us and their commitment to serving others is the cornerstone of their power," said Publisher Dexter Bridgeman.

The publication recognized Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief as its Public Official of the Year; Brown Forman executive Eric Gudger as the Corporate Executive of the Year; McWhite Funeral Home owner Albert R. McWhite as the Entrepreneur of the Year; Attorney Reginald Mathis as its Trail Blazer of the Year; Community champions and real estate moguls Milton and Barbara Jones as the Legacy Award recipients; the noted Urban League of Broward County as the Community Organization of the Year; Betty's Soul Food Restaurant as the Small Business of the Year, and JM Family Enterprises, Inc as the Corporation of the Year.

This year’s stellar group of honorees is impressive. They range from several corporate directors, community leaders, several of South Florida's top attorneys, public officials and several successful entrepreneurs. This is just a sampling of the 50 honorees in this year’s group.

"I'm honored to receive the Legacy Award. To God all honor and glory for birthing a dream in me to live a purpose driving life," said Alexis G. Harris, State Farm Insurance Agent, and President & CEO Alexis Harris Insurance Agency Inc.

"As a native of Miami, Opa-Locka to be exact, being recognized as one of the 50 Most Powerful Blacks in South Florida is simultaneously humbling and inspiring. It is humbling because I dare not believe that there are not others who are just as deserving, if not more. As I look at the success of my fellow impressive honorees, I am reminded of how far I have to go. At the same time, I am inspired to continue to strive and be as worthy of the honor as those who chose me for it believe I am," said Sal Richardson, Esq., Managing Partner (Litigation), Florida office of Adelson, Testan, Brundo, Novell and Jimenez.

Legacy South Florida will be published on Monday, April 28, 2014 and will be distributed in the Business section of Sun Sentinel. More than 150,000 copies will be circulated throughout South Florida.

On Saturday, May 17, 2014, Legacy magazine will host its tenth anniversary Gala and Awards Banquet in honor of this year’s, “50 Most Powerful Black Professionals in Business & Industry Influential for 2014," hosted by television anchor Jawan
Strader. The event returns to the Bonaventure Resort and Spa at 250 Racquet Club Road in Weston, the cost is $150.00 per guest. The event starts at 7 p.m.

Legacy congratulates the following honorees for being selected 50 Most Powerful Black Professionals in Business and Industry in 2014:

1. **Melida Akiti**, Vice President, South Broward Community Health Services
2. **Jonathan Allen**, City Manager, City of Lauderdale Lakes
3. **The Honorable M. Margaret Bates**, Vice Mayor, Lauderhill, FL
4. **Dr. Desmond Blackburn**, Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer, Broward County Public Schools
5. **Matthew S. Bradford**, Infrastructure Technology Manager, Sheridan Healthcare, and Florida State Director Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.
6. **Traci Cloyd**, News Anchor, Hot 105 F.M., Cox Media Group
7. **Raffael ‘Ralph’ Crockett**, President and CEO, BrightStar Credit Union
8. **Sheryl A. Dickey**, Owner, President and CEO, Dickey Consulting Services, Inc.
9. **Bishop Henry Fernandez**, Senior Pastor, The Faith Center Ministries
10. **George Gadson**, Owner, George Gadson Studios
11. **Yvonne Garth**, President and CEO, Garth Solutions Inc.
12. **The Honorable Joseph ‘Joe’ Gibbons**, Member, Florida House of Representative, 100 District
13. **Dr. Xunda A. Gibson**, Medical Director, Premier Urgent Care Center
14. **Pauline Grant**, CEO, Broward Health North
15. **The Rev. Henry E. Green, Jr.**, Senior Pastor, Mt. Hermon AME Church
16. **Eric Gudger**, Film Marketer Manager, Brown Forman for the Urban Market
17. **Alexis G. Harris**, State Farm Insurance Agent, President & CEO Alexis Harris Insurance Agency Inc.
18. **The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings**, Member, U.S. House of Representatives, Florida's 20th District
19. **Dian Haye**, Director of Operations, Call Center, American Express (Plantation)
20. **Cecil Hayes**, Interior Designer and Founder of Cecil’s Designers Unlimited
21. **The Reverend Dr. Derrick J. Hughes**, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church Piney Grove, Lauderdale Lakes, FL
22. **Dr. Laquinta W. Hyppolite**, RPh., Pharmacy Manager, Healthy Meds Wellness Pharmacy, Pembroke Pines, FL
23. **Yolanda Cash Jackson, Esq.**, Shareholder, Becker & Poliakoff
24. **Brian Johnson**, President and CEO, Minority Builders Coalition
25. **The Honorable Albert C. Jones**, Commissioner, City of Dania Beach
26. **Barbara H. Jones**, Secretary and Treasurer, Milton Jones Development Corporation, and Community Leader
27. **Milton L. Jones**, CEO, Milton Jones Development Corporation
28. **Debra Kerr**, Senior Vice President, Pearson U.S. K-12 North America, Executive Project Leader for the East Region
29. **Commander Nathan J. King**, Executive Officer, Navy Recruiting District Miami and the Caribbean
30. **Sharon Lawson**, Anchor, NBC 6 South Florida Today Weekend
31. **Dr. Dildra Martin-Ogburn**, Executive Director, Benefits & EEO Compliance, Broward County Public Schools
32. **Reginald A. Mathis, Esq.**, Attorney at The Law Office of Reginald A. Mathis, LLC
33. **Albert McWhite**, Funeral Home Director and Owner of McWhite Funeral Home
34. **Elaina Norlin**, Regional Library Manager, African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Ft. Lauderdale
35. **Dr. Rosalind Voreece Osgood**, CEO, Mount Olive Development Corporation and Broward County School Board Member
36. **Dr. Cyrus R. Pettis, DMD**, Office of Cyrus R. Pettis DMD
37. **Woodrow J. Poitier**, Commissioner, City of Pompano Beach, District 4
38. **Dr. Avis Proctor**, President, Broward College North Campus
39. **Dr. Melanie A. Reese**, Optometric Physician and Founder of Reese Vision Care
40. **Sal Richardson Esq.**, Managing Partner for Litigation at the Florida office of Adelson, Testan, Brundo, Novell and Jimenez
41. **Dr. Lanalee Araba Sam**, Medical Director at Elite Obstetrics & Gynecology
42. **Anthony A. Sanders**, Commissioner, City of Hallandale Beach
43. **Frank Scruggs**, Esq., Partner, Berger Singerman LLP
44. **The Honorable Barbara Sharief**, Mayor, Broward County
45. **Jasmin Shirley**, Vice President, Broward Health, Community Health Services
46. **Dr. Brenda C. Snipes**, Supervisor of Elections, Broward County
47. **Michael Stotts**, CEO, Going the Extra Mile Group; Independent Distributor, Organo Gold; Diamond Consultant
48. **Betty Taylor**, Owner, Betty’s Soul Food Restaurant
49. **Albert Tucker**, Vice President of Multicultural Business Development, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau
50. **Caren Snead Williams Esq.**, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, JM Family Enterprises, Inc.

For more information on *Legacy South Florida* magazine and its honorees, please contact LaTiesha Rivera at 305-761-7661 or LR@MIAMediaGRP.com.

About *Legacy* Magazine:

Established in 2004, *Legacy* through distribution partnerships with the Miami Herald, the Sun Sentinel, the Palm Beach Post and Orlando Sentinel has a statewide readership of more than 4 million and publishes bi-monthly. Legacy is a
news/business publication serving South Florida’s black professional community with insightful articles and information on business, careers, politics, lifestyle, culture and social commentary.
The Partners, Associates & Staff of Adelson, Testan, Brundo, Novell & Jimenez would like to congratulate

Salisu (Sal) A. Richardson, Esq. on being selected as one of South Florida’s Most Powerful Black Professionals in Business and Industry for 2014.

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