

**KAREN HASTIE WILLIAMS**

Ms. Williams is a graduate of Bates College and the Catholic University School of Law. She was a law clerk to Mr. Justice Thurgood Marshall and Judge Spottswood W. Robinson III of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. She also served as Chief Counsel to the United States Senate Committee on the Budget, and as Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy in the Office of Management and Budget. She is currently a retired partner in the Washington law firm of Crowell & Moring LLP where her practice focuses on public contract law, legislation, and strategic diversity counseling for corporate clients. From 1992-93 she served as Chair of the ABA Section of Public Contract Law. Ms. Williams is also a member of the National Contract Management Association, the Black Women Lawyers' Association, the National Bar Association, and the Women's Forum of Washington, D.C.

Ms. Williams community activities include service on the Board of Directors of the National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and the Board of Trustees of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Greater Washington Research Center and of Amherst College. She also serves as Chair of the Black Student Fund and The BOLD ("Business Opportunities for Leadership Diversity") Initiative. Ms. Williams was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as one of seven Life Members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board appointed by the President of the United States and served on the board from 2000-2003.

Ms. Williams serves currently as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chubb Corporation, Continental Airlines, Inc., Gannett Company, Inc., Washington Gas Holdings Company, SunTrust Bank, Inc. and the Fannie Mae Foundation.

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