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## **OBJECTIVE**

To use my 30 plus years of professional experience, business relationships and corporate acumen to provide both enhanced financial benefit and political access to the companies I represent.

## **WORK HISTORY**

*Jan 1984*  
*to*  
*Education*  
*present*

### **President/CEO**

*MBELDEF (Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defence and Fund) Washington, D.C*

President and CEO of a public interest Law firm that played a significant role as a legal advocate on both legislative and regulatory issues on behalf of the minority business community.

*Jan 1975*  
*to*  
*Jan 1984*

### **Partner, Private Practice Law Firm**

*Singleton, Dashiells & Robinson P.A.*  
*Baltimore MD.*

A General Practice Firm, that specialized in the areas of labor, criminal and personal injury law.

As Partner, my team of lawyers targeted employment and housing discrimination cases.

*Jan 1976*  
*to*  
*Jan 1982*

### **Served as a commissioner for two years**

*Maryland Inmate Grievance Commission*  
*Towson MD.*

Appointed Chairman by Governors Hughes of Maryland in 1977  
The commission adjudicated formal complaints of mistreatment and other concerns.

Jan 1972  
to  
Jan 1975

**Associate Legal Counsel**

*Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*

*Washington, D.C. 20003*

Provided legal counsel to the firm in all of its legal affairs; including litigation involving both internal and external concerns of the organization.

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**EDUCATION**

Aug 1970  
**American**  
to  
May 1973

**Washington College School Of Law -The**

**University** *Washington, D.C.*

*Juris Doctorate Degree*

May 1966  
to  
May 1970

**Morgan State College**

*Baltimore Maryland*

*BS., Political Science*

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Mr. Robinson has developed close working relationships with numerous racial, ethnic and gender trade association and business leaders.

They include:

- National Minority Supplier Development Council
- US Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Latin American Management Association
- National Business League
- National Indian Business Association,
- National Black Chamber of Commerce
- Asian American Business Roundtable, among others.

**SOFTWARE/SYSTEM SKILLS**

Familiar with most basic business and legal computer software programs.

- Micro-soft word
- Excel
- power-point
- Word Perfect
- Lexis-Nexis

## **REFERENCES**

Furnished upon Request

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### **SUMMARY**

Anthony W. Robinson for the past twenty five years has been President of the Minority Business Legal Defence and Education Fund (MBELDEF). As President he has guided the organization into the premiere legal advocacy and watchdog organization on behalf of the minority business community. The organization's founder, Parren J. Mitchell, was the first Black to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Maryland and chose Mr. Robinson to lead the organization. Mr. Robinson shared Mr. Mitchell's view that economic inequality is the final frontier of the civil rights movement. Without equality in business, capital formation and wealth, minority Americans will not sustain and improve upon the gains made during the civil rights struggles of the last century. They have found the development of legally defensible MBE programs for the benefit of racial/ethnic minorities and women to be an effective tool in addressing racial and gender discrimination occurring in the public and private marketplace.

MBELDEF under Mr. Robinson has engaged in activities on behalf of MBEs that have been comprehensive in nature including litigation, testimony before legislative bodies, legal guidance and technical assistance to local, state and federal agencies. He and the organization have actively participated in the passage and preservation of major MBE legislation from P.L. 95-507, P. L. 99-661 and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program with the US Department of Transportation. Mr. Robinson through MBELDEF's National

Lawyers Panel has participated as a litigant or Amicus (Friend of the Court) in dozens of court cases including cases before the US Supreme Court on behalf of MBEs. He has testified before Committees of the US Congress regarding issues of importance to the MBE community. These issues have included such federal agencies as the Small Business Administration, Department of Defence, Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency and General Services Administration to name a few. The numerous congressional committees on both the House and Senate have included Small Business, Armed Services, Government Operations, Transportation and Judiciary.

Most recently he was instrumental in mobilizing the public and private sector (i.e. majority corporations) to work in a collaboration to address those public policy issues that impede building capacity in minority enterprises. He has advised international business organizations relative to their business development strategies including the African National Congress' Constitutional Committee, the Department of Transportation for the State of Tanzania, the Indigenous Business Organization of Zimbabwe and Integrate the supplier diversity program in Brazil.

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### **ANTHONY W. ROBINSON**

In addition Mr. Robinson serves on the following:

- Co-Chair of the Industry and Commerce Sub-Committee, Liberia state of Maryland sister state committee
- Chairs the Economic development arm of his church, The Economic Empowerment Coalition (TEEC) of The Empowerment Temple A.M.E. church in Baltimore, Maryland.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

The Affirmative Action Debate  
by George E. Curry

- Contributing Editor

*Jan 1984*  
*to*

### **Achievement Awards**

*present* Over the course of my thirty plus years as an advocate for business, the following awards have been the most

meaning; because they represent positive results for the business community:

. *Vanguard for Justice Award, Top 100 MBEs Committee, Nov. 2007*

. Impact Award, Minority Business Input Committee (MBEIC), Chicago Minority Business Development Council, April 2008.

. The Spirit of Dr. M L King Legacy Award, IMC Greater Harrisburg, PA.

- MD\District of Columbia Partner in Business
- Leadership award in protecting and strengthening the minority business.
- Appreciation for Integrity, Commitment and Courage from American Contract Compliance Assoc.
- MBR's Minority Business Advocate of the Year Award
- Trailblazer Award (recognition) from 2nd Black CEO summit.
- University of Virginia Appreciation Award from Annual Seminar for Minority Firms
- The Thurgood Marshall Founders Award from Monumental City Bar Association.