Phoenix) and to minority owned businesses.



We request BBOD Project members and alums to keep us informed of personal and professional changes and achievements in your life. This includes promotions, births, anniversaries, vacations, social events, degrees, major transitions of close family members and awards. BLACK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS BUILDING GREAT

About the Publisher: MARVIN E. PERRY, President and Founder of the BLACK BOARD OF

DIRECTORS PROJECT has had tremendous positive influence in many areas. When barely out of his 20s, he was able to influence the three largest commercial banks at that time to diversify their boards of directors; namely, George Evans (Valley National Bank Board), Dr. Morrison Warren (First National Bank Board) and Ronnie Lopez (Arizona Bank Board). His efforts have also lead to billions of dollars in loans being made in underserved areas in Arizona, such as South Mountain (South

COMMUNITIES AND REAPING ABUNDANT REWARDS

"Doing Good and Living Well" East Valley NAACP recognized Erica Alexander, Albert McHenry, and Stanley Silas. Angela

Copeland was the organization's 2016 banquet chair.

The White House Council

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on Women and Girls SC ENCE& NNOVATION selected ASU Associate **Professor Kimberly Scott** 

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Christopher Houk has joined the

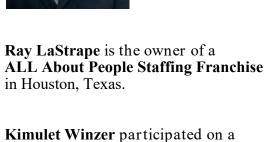
Shehara Smallwood was the guest speaker at











panel discussion at Wesley United Methodist Church Women's Day. Among her comments, she stated, "Often we spend time reacting to decisions that have already been

made...Civic engagement is about leading

Women's Financial workshop. The event was sponsored by Victoria Jones, President and Founder of Victorious Women and NorthPointe. Shehara has also started her own business, Your Story, LLC.

and not following."

Maria Bailey Benson has co-authored a book, A Girlfriend's Guide to Social Media. Law Firm of Gillespie, Shields and Durrant. Karen Hardin, who started the organization STEP (Students Striving Towards Excellent Performance), announced that one of their graduates Malcolm Temple

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has been accepted at Harvard University. Bob Young and his wife attended DANCING WITH THE STARS.

Gordon Lewis, Partner, Jones, Skelton, and Hochuli has been named, the 2017 Lawyer of The Year for Education on Law in Phoenix by BEST LAWYERS and selected as one of the BEST LAWYERS in America 2017 in the area of education law and employment.

Denise Meridith attended the Arcadia Parkside opening in the Arizona Club.

Keith Killough elected to the Transportation Research Board Policy Study Committee. Eric Luster elected to the Board of Waymark Gardens Brenda Holt elected to the Board of FSL

a MLK Living the Dream Award at the 30th Annual MLK Awards.

of Jack and Jill: and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Phoenix Chapter,

Victoria Jones sponsored a workshop with the Blacks Against

Linda Walton started an organization, Celebration of Women

Breast Cancer and Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Gamma Mu.

Paula Moore received the Art of Media: Special Engagement Award at the 11th Annual Living History Awards Program <u>ENOS KING-LEWIS II, AGENT</u> presented by the Phoenix Chapter of the Links: Phoenix Chapter

**Dr. Duane Wooten** received the Calvin Goode Award and Marchelle Franklin,

Guide, Producer A to Z Businessman Regina Ponder was a guest on the radio program, hosted by **FUN TRIPS** the Prostate Cancer Foundation. WELLNESS—PROSPERITY

Kerwin Brown & Clarence McAllister discussed black owned businesses in Arizona on Cronkite News Chuck Kelly and Tyrone Benson are two of the founders of REAP (Real Engagement Through Active Philanthropy).

> Wanda F. Moore received The Henry Quinto Award for the Tucson Urban League in recognition of her

The 2016 State of Arizona recognized Chris Crockett, Ginger Spencer and Kenja Hassan.

Winifred "Winnie" Scott has been named the discipline department chair at Zayed University.

**Christine IIJima Hall** received the Award of Appreciation from the State Bar of Arizona.

community service.

Kimberly A. Scott was included in the First Edition of Celebration of Women.

Clarence McAllister's company, Fortis Networks received a major contract from Tinker Field Air Force Base. Loretta Cheeks, founder, Strong TIES, was invite to a White House Summit on United States Women.

Dr. Dana Jamison has been elected to the Board of

Erica Alexander is a co-founder of Crayon Box Consulting which is a catalyst for

Arizona Humanities Council.

IN MEMORIAM ..... Adele

James home

coming was July 4, 2016.

attended

therapist

Hurwitz Article

Supreme Court.

more than a decade.

collegial colleagues."

even attending a rock concert.

"I was singing with Bruce Springsteen just seven hours before coming here" he joked. "No, I wasn't on stage with him, I was in the balcony singing along! It was a great concert!"

By Jodi Weisberg, MS, JD

Zachary Scott retired from UPS.

**Tamika Curry Smith** recently joined Mercedes Benz USA as Head of Diversity and Inclusion.

Dr. Patricia Bennett has joined the faculty at

Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine.

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A Life of Purpose and Passion

The earthly life of Adele began in the mid-western state of Indiana on February 5, 1947. She was a 1965 graduate of Franklin Community High School and attended college in the country of Mexico. She has lived in several states over the years, but finally settled in her beloved Phoenix, Arizona.

who consistently increased her knowledge and abilities by learning and applying something new and innovalive or by encouraging others to do so.

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Adele James As a respiratory therapist and Maricopa Community College instructor by profe She was born Adele always made herself available to assist anyone in need of medical attention whether providing immediate emergency care or by just sitting with a patient in the hospital or see facility to relieve a family member. Even with her own medical carea, she was always interested in the needs of others who were all and wondered how she February 5, February 5, 1947 - July 4, 2016 1947 in could help. Her work in the medical field was her passion and her goal was always to empower as many persons as possible with the life-saving knowledge of CPR skills through her business of "Touching Hearts with CPR." Adele was a life-long student Indiana and

Celebrating the Life

Because Adele's interests were so varied from medicine to natural hair, she held college in memberships and associations in many professional and social organizations in the Valley of the Sun. She made many life-long triends whom she enjoyed most at a dining table through her love for eating lots of good food. She always knew where the newest restaurants were located and which items on the menu were the best to order. Adde also enjoyed keeping in touch with her friends through her frequent Facebook postings and email messages. She loved to share and would frequently surprise her friends with unselfish acts of kindness and gestures of generosity. Mexico. She was a respiratory

Adele was a baptized Believer in Jesus Christ. She was an active member of New Beginnings Fellowship of Mesa, Arizona for several years under the leadership of Pastors Tommy and Nancy Reynolds. and very active in her As a very active and dedicated member of First Institutional Baptist Church for more As a very active and dedicated member of First Institutional Baptist Church for more than 25 years, Adele served wholeheartedly in numerous capacities—always looking for ways to gnow closer to Jesus and for ways to enhance FIBC. She adored her Pastor, Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr., (and his (amily) and was especially attentive to his medical needs and health concerns. Over the years Adele served FIBC in the following ministries: Chartes Drew Medical Ministry, Multimedia Ministry, Women's Ministry (chaired the Women's Expo for several years and was a member of the Core Termit General Mission Ministry, Administration as Church Cherk and Front Desk Volunteer, Floral and Decorations Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, Noon-Day Bible Study Class, Women's Ministry Class, CSI Classes, Seniors Line Dancing Class and more. church and community.

(Sweetiepie85206@gmail.com) Her husband, parents and sister preceded her homegoing To the One Who Lifts Up My Head She was a mother, grandmother and most importantly and eternally, a child of the King! "We will miss her dearly and cherish her sincerely." Have Another Great Day adele

Shark fin soup, immigration cases, and bloggers rights, are just a few of the issues Judge Andrew Hurwitz rules on. As one of 29 judges on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, he sits on the largest geographical Circuit Court in the country, and the second busiest. "The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit extends from Alaska to Arizona and past the International Date Line," he said. "It is also comprised of Hawaii, Guam and America Samoa, and it is the only Circuit to televise its oral arguments." Hurwitz was nominated by President Obama, and confirmed to the Court in 2012. Prior to his confirmation, he was a Justice on the Arizona

US APPELLATE JUDGE

ANDREW HURWITZ SPEAKS

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not need to be enlarged from five to seven judges. "The Arizona Supreme Court works well with five judges, because the Arizona Court of Appeals is so good," he said. "It is the Superior Courts that need more judges. That is where efforts should be focused.

Hurwitz's sense of humor, calm demeanor, and

Director's audience, that court systems, at all

levels, are working well, despite the political,

As a believer in merit selection for judges in Arizona, he says the Arizona Supreme Court does

judicial, and societal turmoil of this election year.

keen intellect, assured the Black Board of

of business with them. So it that were to happen, I'm not sure it would lessen the caseloads," he said. "And, If Arizona splits off from California, it actually would result in the Circuit being more Democratic in political makeup." But for Hurwitz, it is not the politics or ideology of a judge that concerns him. "If one relies on the political process, with some oversight, the courts will work fine," he said. "The most important factors for me are to work with judges who are smart, honest and

Because the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit is based in San Francisco, most people think he has moved there. But every judge has chambers in the city where they reside. Although he does a lot of traveling, Hurwitz is in town often, and enjoys seeing his colleagues, and

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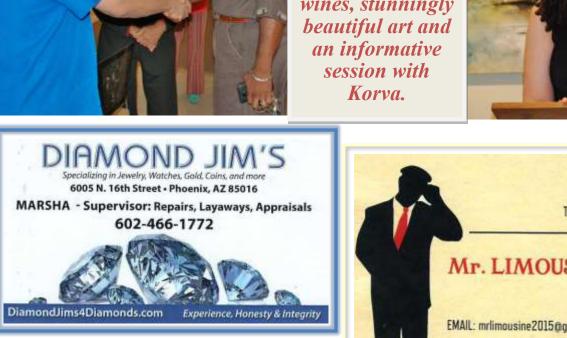
Coleman at the gallery.

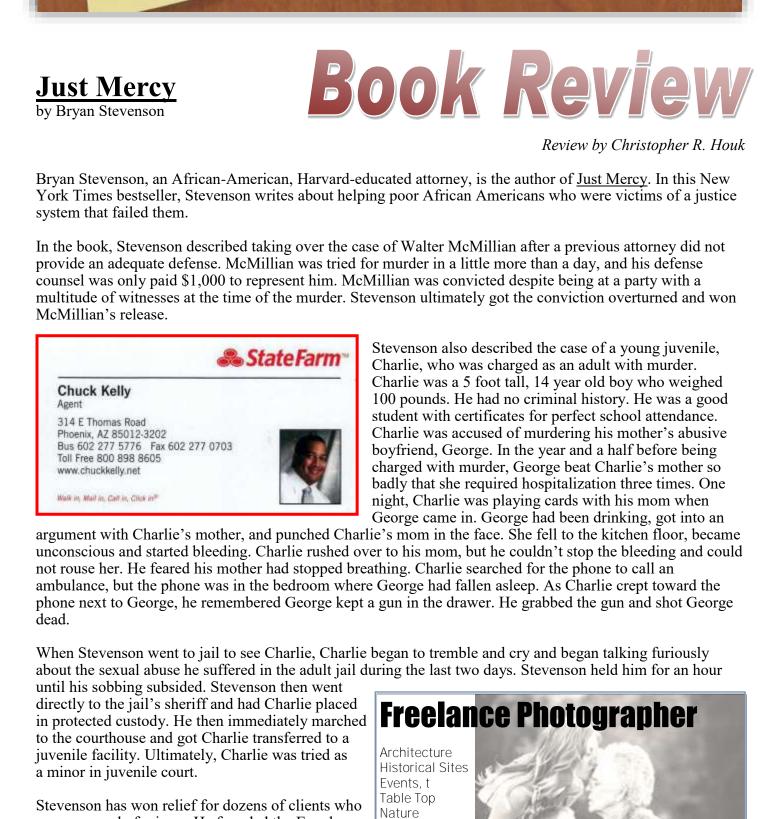
Hurwitz also does not believe the 9th Circuit should be split; an idea that has been discussed for "The splitting of the Circuit was originally politically motivated by those in the Northwest, who thought the Circuit was too liberal," he said.

**Appellate Court.** 









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I really enjoyed the play, FENCES, and the after party. Thanks for inspiring me to higher heights .

and Ph.D. Candidate at Harvard Medical School Dr. Jackson Wright was a study leader and director of the and MIT respectively. clinical Hypertension Program Orrin Hudson has been named the first Chess Life at Case Western reserve

> Penny. Wall Street Veteran Maxine Leftwich was named the executive director of the 2016 Wall Street Project. She is the founding principal of LS

Financial Group, an advisory consulting firm in New York. Debra Lee, Chairman and CEO, BET Networks has

executive director of the HistoryMakers was the commencement speaker at Brandies University and received an honorary doctorate. She was the Featured Speaker at BBOD Project 2003 Dinner.

"Now Gov. Ducey is saying it's too busy, so it should be split to lessen the work load." However, the state of California makes splitting the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit difficult. It has 50% of the judges, and generates 75% of the cases. "If a split were to occur, Arizona should stay with California, because we do a lot





The attendees were treated to hors d'oevres. wines, stunningly Mr. Calvin Graham President OFFICE (480)666-8105 TOLL FREE (877)368-6763 Mr. LIMOUSINE LLG. EMAIL: mrlimousine 2015@gmail.com LET VERNE HELP YOU CONNECT THE DOTS. Connecting the dots to form a successful retirement Let our team help you! requires tremendous effort. It takes hard work leading Call us! 602-953-7871 up to retirement, careful planning after retirement, and 11811 N. Tatum Bled. Suite 3031 diligent execution of a suitable strategy throughout Phoenix AZ 85028 www.smithfmancialservices.com retirement. Don't leave your retirement to chance. Verne W. Smith CLU, ChFC Let Verne help you connect the dots.

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.. Wanda Mills-Bocachica

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were accused of crimes. He founded the Equal

Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama

that provides legal representation to people who

were unjustly accused of crimes. Many of EJI's clients are poor African Americans who are on death row. Stevenson has argued five cases in the US Supreme Court. In addition to his work at EJI, Stevenson is a law professor at New York University School of Law. He has also given a highly popular TED talk on legal

I want to thank you for the honor that was

bestowed upon me at the BBOD Project VIP Awards Reception/Volunteer Fair. It was a fun evening and a chance to catch up with people I have not seen in a while.---Gloria

it has been over 20 years since we met when I was a student at Arizona State University, suffering from severe economic insecurity. I will always be grateful that it was you who

unselfishly reached out and gave me encouragement and referred me to a job at Nabisco. It was those acts of kindness that propelled me to become a successful

I am now living in Los Angeles but will

financier on the world stage.

injustice.

Wyatt

Hi Mr. Perry,

University that found aggressive treatment of high

I really enjoyed hearing KORVA COLEMAN speak and the Marshall Art Gallery was beautiful. Thanks again for your generous invitation...Larry Sandigo

blood pressure can reduce deaths by 25%. Meshack Asare, a native of Ghana received the 2015 NSK Neustadt Laureate for Children"s Literature. Lisa Fairfax has been nominated to the US Securities Commission by President Obama.

> Magic Johnson has left the Board of Square, Inc. Julianne L. Richardson, founder and

He is the former Acting President of Boeing. Pamela Cox has been elected to the board of Hewlett-Packard. a 33 year old advanced leadership organization. Copyright 2016. We appreciate your help and support in recruiting new members! If you know someone you think could benefit and contribute to society by being a member of BBOD Project, please call us or email your recommendations. We strongly encourage the referral and participation of non-black professionals, entrepreneurs,

interesting people, not to mention the lovely Korva herself. --Peter Strub, Marshall Gallery Principal FROM THE BLACK DIASPORA contest winner Bennet I. Onadu, MD, MBA, MPH received the Scientist of the Year from WebMD. Ambrose Jearld has been named to the inaural class of American Fisheries Society. He spoke at The 2001 Black Board of Directors Project Advanced Leadership Retreat "BrainFest" in Monterey, California. Kobe Bryant has started a \$100 million venture capital fund with Jeff Stibel. been elected to the Board of Twitter. Vada Manager has been named one of 300 Most Influential Black Corporate Directors by Savoy Magazine. He was a panelist at the BBOD Advanced Leadership Breakfast on corporate boards in April James White stepped down as the CEO of Jamba Inc.

The evening with KORVA COLEMAN came off with some panache and we were glad to meet so many Theaster Gates named one of America's Best and Brightest by the Smithsonian Magazine. Marvin Ellison elected President and CEO of JC

Seth Carter is Acting Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets in the US Treasury Department. John King is the US Secretary of Education James Bell has been elected to the Board of Apple. Brothers Isaac Kinde 33 and Benyam Kinde 27 were named by SCIENCE NEWS as two of the 10 Brightest Minds by Science News. Isaac is chief scientific officer at PapGene and Benyam is a MD PROJECT POINTS is published by the Black Board of Directors Project,

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