



## ***PIPELINE CRISIS/WINNING STRATEGIES* INITIATIVE HOLDS SECOND SUMMER FORUM**

**New York, July 13, 2007** – The *Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies* Initiative held its second summer Forum at Chelsea Piers in New York City today. The Forum concerned the widening achievement gap between young black men and the rest of society, and attracted over 1,000 people representing nearly every sphere of corporate and public life, including New York’s legal, financial, business, government, academic and media communities.

The *Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies* Initiative seeks to pool the talent, know-how and resources of these professional and business communities to support concrete solutions that combat the alarming rate at which young black men are falling between the cracks. The Forum, which featured Harvard Law Professor Charles Ogletree as moderator and a distinguished panel of scholars, practitioners and business, government and community leaders (see the enclosed agenda), was designed to serve as a platform for the exchange of ideas and as an incubator for new approaches that will become actions and solutions.

Last summer, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Goldman, Sachs & Co., and Harvard Law School’s Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race & Justice launched the *Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies* Initiative to address the social and economic conditions that have significantly reduced the number of young black men in the pipeline to higher education and professional endeavors. The event generated a remarkable level of interest and hope, unveiling a palpable thirst for solutions to this epic struggle.

The *Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies* Initiative heralds a broad range of goals from supporting local community programs to focusing on large public policy initiatives, with the big picture emphasis on closing the achievement gap. This assemblage of professionals is serious about not just talk but concrete action and results as well. “We want to tackle America’s growing social problem,” said William Snipes, a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell, who has co-chaired the Initiative.

Since last summer, the Initiative has attracted many new sponsors in addition to Sullivan & Cromwell and Goldman Sachs, including: RBC Capital Markets Corporation, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, Citi Smith Barney, Inc., Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, Latham & Watkins LLP, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Morgan Stanley & Co., Merrill, Lynch & Co., Inc., Vallot Consulting, Karp Consulting Group, Inc., PepsiCo , Inc., Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, American International Group, Inc, Vault, Inc., American Express Company, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Scripps Networks, and Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP.

In addition, teams of lawyers, bankers, human services professionals and academics have been developing initiatives to address areas of need where the greatest opportunities for meaningful change exist. Particular focus has been placed on promoting winning strategies and concrete

actions in the following areas: (1) early childhood development; (2) public school education; (3) employment and economic development; (4) criminal justice, prison reform and reentry; and (5) opportunities for high achievers.

By reconvening this year, the *Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies* Initiative, which has received considerable attention and support, hopes to continue the momentum

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## **PIPELINE CRISIS/WINNING STRATEGIES FORUM AGENDA**

**JULY 13, 2007, CHELSEA PIERS, NEW YORK CITY**

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4:00pm Welcome & Introductions

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4:15pm OVERVIEW

**Prof. Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.** — Moderator

**Prof. Roland Fryer**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Harvard University; Chief Equity Officer, New York City Dept. of Education

**Prof. Harry Holzer**, Professor of Public Policy and Associate Dean, Georgetown University

**Prof. Ronald Mincy**, Maurice V. Russell Professor of Social Policy and Social Work Practice, Columbia University School of Social Work

**Hugh Price**, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute; Former President & CEO, National Urban League

**Jeremy Travis**, President, CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

**Alford Young**, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan

**Theodore Shaw**, Director-Counsel & President, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.

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5:15pm Break

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5:20pm WORKING GROUP REPORTS

**Early Childhood & Preschool**, Rowan Wilson, Maureen Denton & Margot Hammond  
**Education**, Roger Blisset, Elisa Hyman & William Kuntz

**Criminal Justice**, Theodore Wells, Nicholas Turner & Mindy Tarlow

**Employment & Economic Development**, Sidney Holmes, Prof. Harry Holzer & Prof. Ronald Mincy

**High Achievers**, Colin Gibson & Ian Walker

**Youth Summit**, Lori-Anne Ramsey

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6:10pm General Reception

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