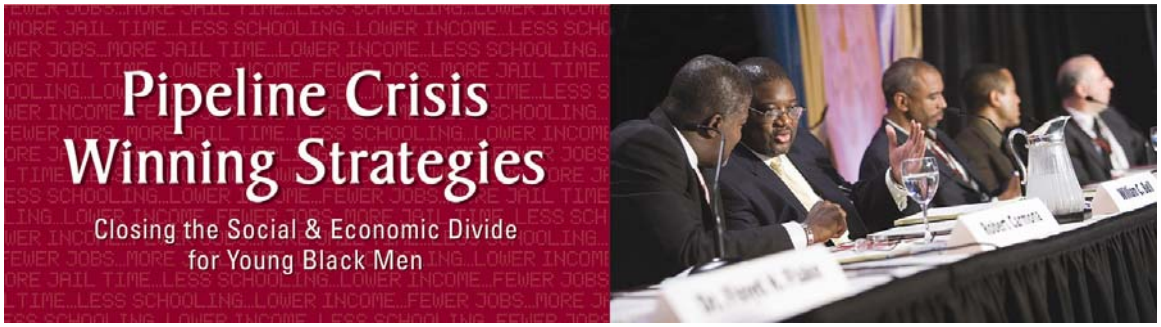

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Private and Public Sector Convene for
Third "Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies" Forum July 11, 2008 in New York City

New York, N.Y., July 8, 2008 – The Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies Initiative will convene leaders from the legal, financial, human services, and academic communities for its third plenary forum to focus on solving one of America's most gripping social problems – the widening social and economic divide between young black men and the rest of society.

Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Charles Rangel will each engage in a dialogue with Harvard Law Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. Professor Ogletree will also moderate a distinguished panel of scholars, practitioners, government officials and community leaders (see attached agenda).

The panel will discuss the Initiative's 2008 National Platform, a wide-reaching statement of policy and program reforms to address the panoply of obstacles to young black men's pathways to success, as well as realistic and practical strategies to remove the social and economic barriers that limit the number of young black men in the pipeline to higher education and professional endeavors.

Senator Schumer and Congressman Rangel will discuss America's urban agenda and how the private sector can help bridge the gap between America's global business interests and her disadvantaged youth.

The Initiative also will present awards to honorees who have shown courage, leadership, and innovation in developing and executing winning strategies and advancing important social initiatives targeting or significantly impacting young black men. The honorees are: Bard College President Leon Botstein, for the Bard Prison Initiative, City University of New York Chancellor Matthew Goldstein, for the City University of New York

Black Male Initiative, and Dr. Roland Fryer, for the New York City Million Motivation Campaign.

As in years past, more than 1,000 attendees are expected at the event, including leading lawyers, bankers, judges, business executives, government and public officials, human service professionals, philanthropic leaders and academics.

To date, the following have announced their sponsorship for this year's *Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies* forum: Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Goldman Sachs & Co., Citi, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, RBC Capital Markets Corporation, American Express, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, Goldman Sachs Foundation, Latham & Watkins LLP, Morgan Stanley, Pepsico Foundation, American International Group, Inc., Diageo, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, Geotext, Legal Support Personnel, Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, VallotKarp Consulting, Verna Myers Consulting Group, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, DLA Piper, US LLP, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC, Salans Nick Turner & Theresa Trzaskoma, and Vault, Inc.,

The mission of the *Pipeline Crisis/Winning Strategies* Initiative is to stimulate the legal, financial services, and business communities to partner with the public sector. As such, working groups of lawyers and bankers are working with the human services and academic communities to collaborate on programs and policy initiatives addressing critical needs in five target areas: (1) early childhood education; (2) public school education; (3) employment and economic development; (4) criminal justice, prison reform and reentry; and (5) opportunities for high potential youth.

The forum will be held on **Friday, July 11, 2008** at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers, 23rd Street & West Side Highway. The program will begin at 3:00 pm, with a general reception to follow.

Members of the press are welcome. To attend, please register at the following link: https://www.online-reg.com/sullcrom/2008.

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Agenda

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Presentation of National Platform

Prof. Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Moderator

Early Childhood Education — Dorothy Stoneman
Education — Dr. Ronald Ferguson, Dr. Pedro A. Noguera
Criminal Justice — Gladys Carrión, Marc Mauer
Economic Development — Sheena Wright

III. Dialogue with Elected Officials

Senator Charles E. Schumer (D, NY)
Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D, NY)

Winning Strategies Honorees, 2008

For *courage* under pressure:

Dr. Matthew Goldstein
Chancellor, CUNY

Presented by: Hon. Carol Robles-Román

For exemplary *leadership*:

Dr. Leon Botstein
President, Bard College

Presented by: Barry Kamins

For groundbreaking *innovation*:

Dr. Roland G. Fryer
Professor of Economics, Harvard University

Presented by: Dean Kurt Schmoke