



Shirlyon McWhorter

Judge McWhorter is the founder and president of Motivate Worldwide where she serves as a professional keynote speaker, trainer and coach. Whether it is a keynote, a breakout session, or an onsite training, you will be captivated by the judge's enthusiasm for life. It is no doubt that her life epitomizes the value of unwavering dedication and focus. Her humble beginnings lead her from the country town of Wauchula, Florida where she picked oranges after school to the courtroom in South Florida where she served as a role model for the litigants that appeared before her.

The Judge also serves as the Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs and Diversity at Florida International University where she currently manages EEO and Diversity for the University's 55,000 students and more than 10,000 employees.

Judge McWhorter is an energetic professional with a dynamic personality and a strong commitment to public service and diverse communities. She graduated with honors from Bethune-Cookman College and received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida Law School before moving to Miami where she served as a County Court Judge.

She is an active member of her community: President of the Miami Dade Alumni Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University, Immediate Past President of the Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Immediate Past President of the Greater Miami YWCA Board of Directors, Former chairperson of the Miami Gardens Educational Excellence Council, member of the Links, Incorporated and a graduate of Leadership Miami.

Judge McWhorter has received many awards for her commitment to the success of others. She was recently awarded the AAUW Leadership Award. She is the first African American female to be inducted into the Hardee County High School Hall of Fame. She was recently honored with The Miami Chapter of the National Business and Professional Women South Florida Club's highest award, the Sojourner Truth Award for her leadership. She is also a John Maxwell Certified Coach, Trainer, and Speaker.