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**CORPORATE EXECUTIVES OF COLOR HONORED AT  
P&L PUBLISHING 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA**

On Thursday November 1, 2007, P & L Publishing, the single resource for diversity needs, held its first annual Leadership Forum and Gala at the Wardman Park Marriott in Washington DC, in honor of the company's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The event played host to 250 corporate executives and diversity experts from Fortune 500 companies around the nation. The event included one full day of interactive best practice sessions and provided a format for business building relationships. Participants benefited greatly from the unique interactive experience.

"The leadership forum exceeded my expectations," said Gisele A. Marcus, Customer Business Director – Ericsson Johnson Controls. "I've participated in numerous leadership forums and courses in the past. The difference this one made is that the caliber of the corporate executives coupled with the expertise of the guest speakers resulted in spirited dialogue that led to a uniquely stellar learning experience".

"While it was a fantastic honor to be recognized by Diversity MBA Magazine as one of the "Top 50 Under 50" award winners for 2007, I am even more grateful for the inspiration and motivation I received during the gala and the leadership forum," said Keith R. Wyche, President - U.S. Operations, Pitney Bowes Management Services. "Though I have participated in several similar leadership development events previously, none could compare to what I experienced during the Diversity MBA event. The content was enriching, the dialogue was insightful, and the 'lessons learned' were beneficial even for someone at my level."

Renowned motivational speaker, Les Brown hosted the elegant affair that honored the "Top 50 Under 50 African American MBA Corporate Executives on the Move." Highly successful African American entrepreneur Michael V. Roberts, Sr. JD, Chairman and CEO of the Roberts Companies was the keynote speaker. After a sumptuous meal at the evening's black-tie Gala, attendees were inspired by Roberts' challenge to every honoree to reach out and mentor another person of color and help them to also rise through the ranks of corporate America.

The Top Companies for African American MBAs to Work were also recognized for their commitment to diversity, leadership and development of minority employees. Marriott International was honored as the #1 ranked company for it's long-standing commitment to global diversity over the last year.

This year's top 50 honorees were a diverse group of professionals with a common goal of excellence, each received an engraved crystal plaque to commemorate the occasion. Honorees presented awards at the gala included: Laura Bartlett, Asst. Vice President, Allstate; Delbert T. Stafford, CFA Pension Investment Exec. The Vanguard group; Gisele A. Marcus, Customer Business Director, Johnson Controls; Denise Russell Fleming, Director of Staff Operations, Ofc. of Chairman/CEO, Sprint/Nextel; Rosberto A. McGinnis, Director of Capital Investment/Financial Control Director, Daimler/Chrysler; Richard P. Williams, Advertising/ Digital Media Operations, Verizon Wireless; David E. Morris, Managing Director, Oracle Capital Partners; Dave James, SVP ATL Region Retail Banking Group, Sun Trust Bank; Ira L. Moreland, Managing Director/ Group Head, Sun Trust Bank; Keith Wyche, President US Operations, PBMS, Pitney Bowes; Myrlene Gelibert-Bush, Complex Senior Manager, Daimler-Chrysler; Cordell K. Brown, Strategic Planning Director, MetLife; Calvin Strong, Field Claim Director & Home, MetLife; Corey M. Robinson, SVP Operations, Private Label, Citigroup; Deanna Hamilton, Chief Financial Officer, Origen Partners; Darren McQueen, CDMA/LTE Product Management, Motorola; Troy Turner, Global Marketing

Director, Eli Lilly and Company; Wally Bakare, VP Regional Voice Service, VP, IMS, Time Warner Cable; Curtis Gregory, Sr. VP/Business Banking Director, Wachovia; Octavia Matthews, Regional Branch Services VP, Grainger; and, Stanley Porter, Partner, Deloitte & Touche.

Other Honorees included: Mark Allen, City of Chicago Area Vice President, Comcast; Eric P. Brown, Divisional President/West Charter Communications, Charter Communications; Eugene B. Campbell, Jr., Director, Community Relations, Walt Disney World Co.; Timothy F. Coleman, Director, Global Medical IT, Eli Lilly; Marvin O. Davis, SVP of Marketing & Sales, Comcast Cable, Comcast; Antoine Ezell, Executive Director, Acute Care Business Unit, Eli Lilly; Moctar Fall, Managing Director and Head of Latin American Debt Capital Markets, JP Morgan; Deadra Gibbons, Director Investment Banking Division, Credit Suisse; Lance Hall, GM, Aero Energy Service, GE ENERGY; Crystal Hardie, Relationship Manager, The Vanguard Group; Marvin F. Irby, VP Finance, Global Support, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts; Russell M. Jackson, SVP, Human Resources, Safeway; Oscar Johnson, Jr., Senior VP/Division Mgr., LaSalle Bank; Thomas Konditi, President & CEO, GE Asset Intelligence; Edmund Lelo, Area head, Greater Los Angeles Region, Commercial Banking Group, Wells Fargo; James M. Lewis, President, Disney Vacation Club; Todd Looney, VP Marketing & Sales Houston, Comcast; Christopher Lovest, Asst. Field VP, Allstate; Mabelle McAdory, Sr. Mgr. Human Resources Global Procurement and Supply, Daimler-Chrysler; James Mitchell, Jr., managing Director, General Electric; David E. Morris, Founder and Managing Partner, Oracle Capital Partners, LLC; Marisa Pratt, Director LRL Financing, Eli Lilly; Gloria J. Roberts, Staff VP, SEL; FedEx; Brenda Ross-Dulan, SVP/Regional President, Wells Fargo; Dean Seavers, President, Simplex-Grinnell; Scott Simpson, Managing Director Media & Telecommunications Group, Credit Suisse First Boston; Lawrence Smith, Director, Finance & Member Accounting, Disney Vacation Club; Charles D. Wallace, Director Global IT Architecture and Infrastructure, Rohm and Haas; Kathy Waller, VP and Chief of Internal Audit, Coca Cola; and, Lewis W. Warren, Managing Director of Banc of America Securities, Dep. Head of Global Investment Banking, Banc of America Securities.

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Diversity MBA Magazine provides companies with a single source for all of their diversity initiatives. In addition to covering the minority recruiting niche, Diversity MBA Magazine provides continuous research on the demographics of the workforce, 'the top' industries, companies and leaders that are important to career talent seekers.

Diversity MBA Magazine also serves the needs of multicultural professionals in corporate America, business students and entrepreneurs. Successful multicultural professionals are highlighted in addition to research reports on industry diversity programs and performance, continuing education, networking opportunities, and business and professional-development advice from some of the world's most enlightened thinkers.

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