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SDSBS sponsors gala for Just the Beginning Foundation whose goal is to increase diversity in the legal and judicial professions

SDSBS was a sponsor of the Just the Beginning Foundation’s gala held October 2, 2010, in Atlanta, Georgia. JTBF was founded as a multiracial not-for-profit organization of judges, lawyers, and citizens brought together to preserve the rich stories of the legal profession’s members of color. The lessons learned from these trailblazers inspired the organization to develop programs that would open the pipeline of opportunity for young people with diverse backgrounds. JTBF’s long-term goal is to increase diversity in the legal profession and on the federal bench. ♦

SDSBS participates as a sponsor of National Coalition of 100 Black Women’s ‘Power Breakfast 2010’

SDSBS was a sponsor of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women’s “Power Breakfast 2010,” held September 22, 2010, at the Airport Hilton in West Palm Beach, Florida. The featured speaker was Walter A. McNeil, secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections. He spoke about methods used to reduce crime in the community. ♦

Photo at right: Rosalyn Baker, Secretary Walter A. McNeil, and SDSBS attorney Sia Barnes.



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