

# *Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated*

*A Public Service Sorority Founded in 1913*

---

1707 New Hampshire Avenue N.W. ▲ Washington, DC 20009 ▲ (202) 986-2400 ▲ Telefax (202) 986-2513

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 27, 2009

**CONTACT: Ashley Chaney**

202-986-2400

[achaney@deltasigmatheta.org](mailto:achaney@deltasigmatheta.org)

## **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Congratulates Soror Jacqueline A. Berrien On Nomination for Chair of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre, National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., announced the organization’s support and congratulations to Jacqueline A. Berrien on her nomination for the position of Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The 96-year-old public service Sorority is the single largest African-American women’s organization in the country. Berrien was initiated into the organization in 2006 through the Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter in Brooklyn, N.Y.

“We are immensely proud of our soror, Jacqueline A. Berrien, for her nomination for the position of chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission,” said Butler-McIntyre. “Throughout her career, Soror Berrien has vigilantly advocated for the rights of others and has a proven track record of fighting to give a voice to underrepresented communities.”

Since 2004, Berrien has served as associate director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF), where she helps to direct and implement the organization’s national legal advocacy and scholarship programs. Berrien began her legal career as a clerk for the Honorable U. W. Clemon, the first African-American appointed to the U.S. District Court in Birmingham, Ala. She has also worked as a staff attorney with the Voting Rights Project of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and the National Legal Department and Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Berrien began her work with the LDF in 1994, serving as assistant counsel. During this time she coordinated the organization’s efforts surrounding voter rights and political participation. From 2001-2004, Berrien served as program officer for the Ford Foundation’s Peace and Social Justice Program. In this role, she administered more than \$13 million in grants to promote political participation amongst underrepresented groups with a primary focus on people of color, women and youth. Berrien has also taught trial advocacy at Harvard and Fordham law schools and served as an adjunct professor of law at New York Law School.

Berrien is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where she served as a general editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

The Sorority is encouraging members to monitor Berrien’s confirmation process and to lend their support and prayers to her during this time. Further advocacy initiatives will be announced at a later date.

\*\*\*

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has members in more than 900 chapters worldwide. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs.*

##