



## **Ernest E. Jones**

**Ernest E. Jones, Esquire, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the *Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation***, an agency which funds, coordinates and implements employment and training activities in Philadelphia. As fiscal agent for the City of Philadelphia, it oversees in excess of \$100 million annually for workforce development activities in the local service delivery area. PWDC's mission is to contribute to the growth of a strong regional economy, and is accomplished by actively leading, advocating for and implementing quality workforce development activities.

Prior to joining the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation, Mr. Jones was President of the **Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition**, an organization which brings together business and community leaders to solve urban problems.

Mr. Jones also served as **Executive Director of Community Legal Services, Inc.**, the principal provider of legal services for the poor in Philadelphia, and before that served as the first **General Counsel to the Temple Legal Aid Office**. He began his legal career as an **Assistant District Attorney** specializing in narcotic cases.

Mr. Jones received his **J.D. from Temple University School of Law**, and a **B.A. in Economics from Dickinson College** in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

He is involved with, and serves on the boards of numerous civic, business, academic and community based organizations, including **African American Museum in Philadelphia, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of SE Pennsylvania, Center City District, and Thomas Jefferson University**. He formerly chaired the **Philadelphia Housing Authority**, and is a former member of the **School Board and the Redevelopment Authority of Philadelphia**.

He formerly served as a corporate director with **Philadelphia National Bank, CoreStates Financial Corporation, and First Union Financial Corporation**. He currently serves as a director with **UGI Corporation, The Philadelphia Contributionship, and Vector Security**.

He is married to D. Rae Scott-Jones, Esquire, and has two adult sons.