

*Jamilah A. Adams, Executive Director, Prince George's County Human Relations Commission*

Ms. Jamilah A. Adams is a native Philadelphian who is proud to call Prince George's County, Maryland home! Ms. Adams is a graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and became fond of the metropolitan area while attending Law School at Howard University in the District of Columbia where she earned her *Juris Doctorate* in 1990. Ms. Adams is a Member of the Maryland Bar, the Maryland Court of Appeals and the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. After graduating from Law School, Ms. Adams accepted a job with the Office of the State's Attorney in Prince George's County, Maryland. With hard work ethic and a commitment to the residents of Prince George's County galvanizing her, she quickly rose to the position of Senior Prosecutor/Litigator in the Felony Trials Division where she was responsible for the prosecution of all types of major felony cases including: *homicides, aggravated assaults, carjacking, robberies and sex offenses*. It wasn't long before her hard work ethic and dedication found her assigned to administer the Drug Court Program and shortly thereafter, she was assigned as liaison for the State's Attorney's Office, the Court System and other County and State agencies in matters dealing with substance abuse issues.

As an Assistant State's Attorney, Ms. Adams prosecuted numerous juvenile matters and District Court misdemeanor cases. In February 1998, Ms. Adams was promoted to Division Chief of the Juvenile Division where she prosecuted cases involving the most serious Juvenile Offenders. Ms. Adams credits this position with serving as an "eye opening" experience while serving as a catalyst for her championing the rights of ALL! In this position, Ms. Adams acted as liaison to all agencies, both County and State, charged with handling Juvenile Crime. Ms. Adams expertise was such that she trained the newly assigned Assistant State's Attorneys who came to the Juvenile Division which she acknowledges as a career period that enhanced her Managerial ability. From 1996 to 1998, Ms Adams was second in Command to the District Court Chief where she continued to train newly hired attorneys in a vast array of topics dealing with both substantive and procedural criminal law. As Ms. Adams proficiency in training grew, it wasn't long before she was asked to serve as Training Coordinator for the Prince George's County Office of the State's Attorney. Upon this appointment, at the request of the County Executive, Ms. Adams accepted a position in the Office of the County Attorney where she served as Litigator for cases involving County Government.

In May 2007, the County Executive appointed Ms. Adams to the position of Executive Director of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. In this role, Ms. Adams's believes that her professional and personal experiences have "*come full circle*" in that the Commission serves as the County's Civil Rights Agency enforcing local, state, and federal laws that protect the rights of ALL who live, work, and visit and Prince George's County. During her tenure with the Commission, Ms. Adams continues to burgeon in her commitment to protecting and defending the rights of ALL by becoming a Member of the Coalition Opposed to Violence and Extremism, the Maryland Association of Human Rights Agencies, the National Association of Human Rights Agencies and an advocate of civil rights across our County.

Ms. Adams was appointed a member of the Commission for Women in fall 2007. In addition to Women's Commission activities, Ms. Adams is active in numerous Community Civic activities and Community based initiatives and events sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., in which she is a proud member. Ms. Adams believes that her commitment to the Community and her advocacy for the issues of those who live and work in the community is the way to unite strong, sufficient men and women in Prince George's County in their mission to help and advocate for one another. Ms. Adams commitment as an advocate for the rights of ALL and for women's issues continues to expand as Ms. Adams has formed a Breast Cancer Awareness project which has already raised hundreds of dollars for the American Cancer Society as a way to honor friends and family plagued by this terrible disease. Ms. Adams believes that unity can conquer all things and with that, "*Together*" is her motto!