

## Larry R. Handfield, Esq.

Attorney Larry R. Handfield is a nationally known trial lawyer. He holds two (2) Doctorate degrees. He received his Bachelor's degree from Bethune-Cookman University located in Daytona Beach, Florida and then received the degree of Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law located in Washington, D.C. The degree of Doctor of Law was later conferred on him by Bethune-Cookman University. He has worked as a Federal Prosecutor, and as a Chief State Prosecutor under the former United States Attorney General, Janet Reno.

Attorney Handfield has received three (3) gubernatorial appointments throughout his distinguished career. *First*, he was appointed to the Sentencing Guideline Commission by Governor Robert Martinez. *Second*, he was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commission for Miami-Dade County Court System by Governor Lawton Chiles, where he served as Chairman of that commission. His duties were to submit names to the Governor for the appointment of Judges. Presently, Governor Charlie Christ appointed Attorney Handfield to the position of State Commissioner to the Statewide Ethics Commission for the State of Florida.

Attorney Handfield is the immediate past Chairman of the Public Health Trust, which oversees the operation of Jackson Health System, an integrated

healthcare delivery system, consisting of 12 primary care centers, seven (7) school-based programs, two (2) long-term care nursing facilities, six (6) Corrections Health Services clinics, a network of mental health facilities, Jackson South Community Hospital, Jackson North and its centerpiece, Jackson Memorial Hospital. Attorney Handfield oversaw a budget of \$2.5 Billion annually and signed the check for more than 13,000 employees. Jackson Health System is the largest Hospital system in the nation.

Additionally, Attorney Handfield was appointed Chairman of the newly established City of Miami Police Oversight Board, where his job was to investigate police misconduct and provide police oversight. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Bethune-Cookman University. Attorney Handfield honors are too many to name. However, on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, Bethune-Cookman University honored Attorney Handfield by naming its newly erected music building the Dr. Larry R. Handfield Music Building.

This past April 14, 2007, he received a national recognition from the National Coalition of Christians and Jews, with the Silver Medallion Award for outstanding service to our community, for improving health care, and improving police oversight.

Last, but not least, Attorney Handfield's motto is "Service is the price we pay for the space we occupy on this earth."