

BIOGRAPHY

GLORIA JOHNSON GOINS

Gloria Johnson Goins was born and raised in Miami, Florida. In 1985, Mrs. Johnson Goins graduated with honors from Stanford University with a degree in Psychology. Upon her graduation from Stanford, Mrs. Johnson Goins attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School where she served as an Editor of the Law Review. Upon her graduation from law school in 1988, Mrs. Johnson Goins began her career in her hometown of Miami in a private law firm where she represented various corporate and governmental clients on complex commercial litigation matters. In May 2000, Mrs. Johnson Goins received her MBA from Mercer University, where she served as a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee.

In 1992, Mrs. Johnson Goins joined the Legal Department of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc, which had been one of her private practice clients. After her arrival at BellSouth in 1992, Mrs. Johnson Goins handled matters for BellSouth in a variety of practice areas, including employment and labor law, general litigation, and state and federal regulatory matters. In 1996, Mrs. Johnson Goins co-authored an article on the Family and Medical Leave Act, which was published in the October 1996 issue of the Georgia Bar Journal.

From 1997-2000, Mrs. Johnson Goins was a General Attorney with BellSouth Cellular Corp., where she was the equivalent of a partner in a law firm, and had responsibility for general and employment litigation, real estate matters, and compliance with federal regulatory requirements. Mrs. Johnson Goins was also an active member of the BellSouth Legal Department's Diversity Committee, which works to promote diversity within and outside of BellSouth.

From 2000 to 2002, Mrs. Johnson Goins served as the Vice President of Diversity of Cingular Wireless. Cingular Wireless is the second largest wireless communications company with 40,000 employees throughout the United States. Under Mrs. Johnson Goins' leadership, Cingular's diversity organization has received national recognition from Diversity Best Practices, Next Step Magazine, and the Disability Rights Advocates.

Mrs. Johnson Goins is currently the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion for The Home Depot with responsibility for creating and implementing company-wide diversity and inclusion initiatives for the world's second largest retailer. In this role, Mrs. Johnson Goins is charged with leveraging diversity and inclusion to enable The Home Depot to become the Retailer of Choice, Employer of Choice, Neighbor of Choice and Investment of Choice.

Mrs. Johnson Goins is a member of the Florida and Georgia Bars, the National Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. Additionally, Mrs. Johnson Goins is very active in numerous professional and civic organizations that include the United Way of America, the NAACP, the Boy Scouts, Leadership Atlanta, the Atlanta Ballet and the Georgia Council on Child Abuse.

Mrs. Johnson Goins is married to Prince Leon Goins and they have one daughter, Grace Princess.