



**The Leon H. Sullivan Foundation
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Dear Friends,

Famed attorney Johnnie Cochran, Jr., was a faithful member of the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation Board of Directors. His love for Africa and his keen sense of respect for the common man drew him to our work. He first met Reverend Sullivan at the first African-African American Summit in 1991 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. From that point on, he was a trusted legal advisor to Reverend Sullivan, who admired and respected Attorney Cochran so very much.

We know Johnnie Cochran as a champion of the oppressed. Although his celebrity trials made him famous, he established a law practice from coast to coast where competent, honest attorneys under Johnnie Cochran's leadership assured thousands of nameless individuals of a fair trial. He and his wife Dale also helped to deal with the question of poverty by creating an expanded group of business opportunities in retail sales and airport concessions.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the entire Cochran family, especially his lovely wife Dale, his daughters, his son and his sisters. We work closely with his wife Dale and his daughter Tiffany, who serves as an anchor on *WXIA-TV 11* in Atlanta. He will be missed, but most of all, he will be remembered as a giant in our times.

In the tradition of other exceptional jurists, such as Thurgood Marshall and A. Leon Higginbotham, we salute Johnnie Cochran as one who encouraged us to fight the good fight and never tire, even when the battle seems to be lost. More than anything else, he taught us to believe in ourselves and trust in God, knowing that when we step out on faith to advocate for those less fortunate than ourselves, He will guide our steps.

Godspeed, Johnnie. May your soul rest in perfect peace.

Andrew J. Young