



DR. BARBARA WILLIAMS-SKINNER

CEO of Skinner Leadership Institute

Trusted advisor, public policy strategist, faith and community leader, author, lecturer, educator, executive coach, and mentor, Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner has made an indelible imprint in American public policy, government, diversity, and community relations. She has a long history of building bridges and advancing the inclusion of people of all cultures in both the private and public sector.

Considered one of Washington's most influential leaders, Dr. Williams-Skinner is included in the "Presidential Who's Who Among Business and Professional Achievers", Dr. Williams-Skinner also served on President Barack Obama's White House Faith Council. She was the first female Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, and continues to serve as spiritual advisor to CBC Members and to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. She is a frequent blogger with the Huffington Post. On a consistent basis, she prays with and for members of Congress from both political parties, following God's mandate to pray for those in authority. Dr. Williams-Skinner also spends time at Ballou High school in Washington, DC, on a job readiness and life skills program.

Dr. Williams-Skinner is currently CEO of Skinner Leadership Institute, which she co-founded in 1992 with her late husband, Tom Skinner, former Chaplain of the New York Yankees, New York Giants and Washington Redskins sport franchises. Together they co-founded the highly popular CBC Annual Legislative Conference Prayer Breakfast, attracting over 3,000 diverse national and local leaders annually. Dr. Williams-Skinner is a founding member of the Black Women's Roundtable and is committed to advancing the interests of women in the public policy arena. She founded the Masters Series for Distinguished Leaders, a culturally sensitive program for moving talented African American middle managers, ages 25-45, to the next levels of their lives and careers while serving those less fortunate. She also founded the Masters Series for Distinguished Clergy Leaders to equip clergy across the nation as skillful public policy advocates. Dr. Williams-Skinner has a B.A. Degree in Sociology from San Francisco State University; a Master of Social Work Degree and a Juris Doctor Degree from U.C.L.A; as well as a Master of Divinity and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Howard University School of Divinity. She works closely with multi-cultural leaders on policy issues such as health care, immigration, criminal justice reform, and voting rights reform. She is the

mother of two adult daughters through marriage, grandmother of 11, godmother of 7, with countless mentees and protégés across the nation.