

Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

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Introduction

Cynthia McClain-Hill leads the land use, environmental law and regulatory practice for Strategic Counsel, a Los Angeles-based interdisciplinary firm that uniquely blends legal expertise and litigation experience with deep public policy insight and strategic communications capabilities. As incoming president of the National Association of Women Business Owners, she is often looked to as a mentor and informal coach by women entrepreneurs across the country. And as the owner of her own firm, she has over the years sought the guidance of executive coaches to help her lead the growth of her thriving business.

Experience

- Founder, McClain-Hill Associates, Los Angeles
- Attorney, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC
- Vice President, CS First Boston, New York
- California Coastal Commission
- California Fair Political Practices Commission
- CalEPA Environmental Justice Advisory Working Group
- Community Redevelopment Agency, City of Los Angeles
- Small and Local Business Advisory Commission
- Los Angeles Mayor's Economic Advisory Council
- Board of Directors, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Education

- Juris Doctorate, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) 1981
- Bachelors Degree, Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), 1978

Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

- President-elect, National Association of Women Business Owners (2007-08)
- Board of Directors, National Association of Women Business Owners (2005-07)
- Chapter President, National Association of Women Business Owners – Los Angeles (2003-04)
- *LA Focus* "L.A.'s Top African American Lawyers for 2007"
- National Association of Women Business Owners "2005 Chapter Public Policy Advocate of the Year" award
- U.S. Small Business Administration's "2004 Women in Business Advocate Award"
- First recipient of the Greater Sacramento Union League's "Ruth Standish Baldwin Award" (2004)
- Minorities in Business Magazine's "Thurgood Marshall Award"