



NATIONAL
URBAN
FELLOWS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL BRUNCH



KAREN I. DUCKETT, JD, RD,

DUCKETT DESIGN GROUP, Inc.

President/CEO

- ❖ The first woman to head a Planning Department for a city with a population over 350,000.
- ❖ A Registered Designer and has earned degrees in architecture, urban planning and law.
- ❖ Has more than 40 years of project execution that reflects a diversity of commissions. Projects include medical facilities, office buildings, courthouse and justice facilities, education, airport, transit stations and Olympics Venues.
- ❖ Gained national attention for the design and completion of the LEED certified Gold Maynard Holbrook Jackson International Terminal at Hartsfield – Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The \$1.3 billion project was the largest commission completed by an African American-Female certified design firm.
- ❖ Has received more than 100 awards for her achievements and community activism.



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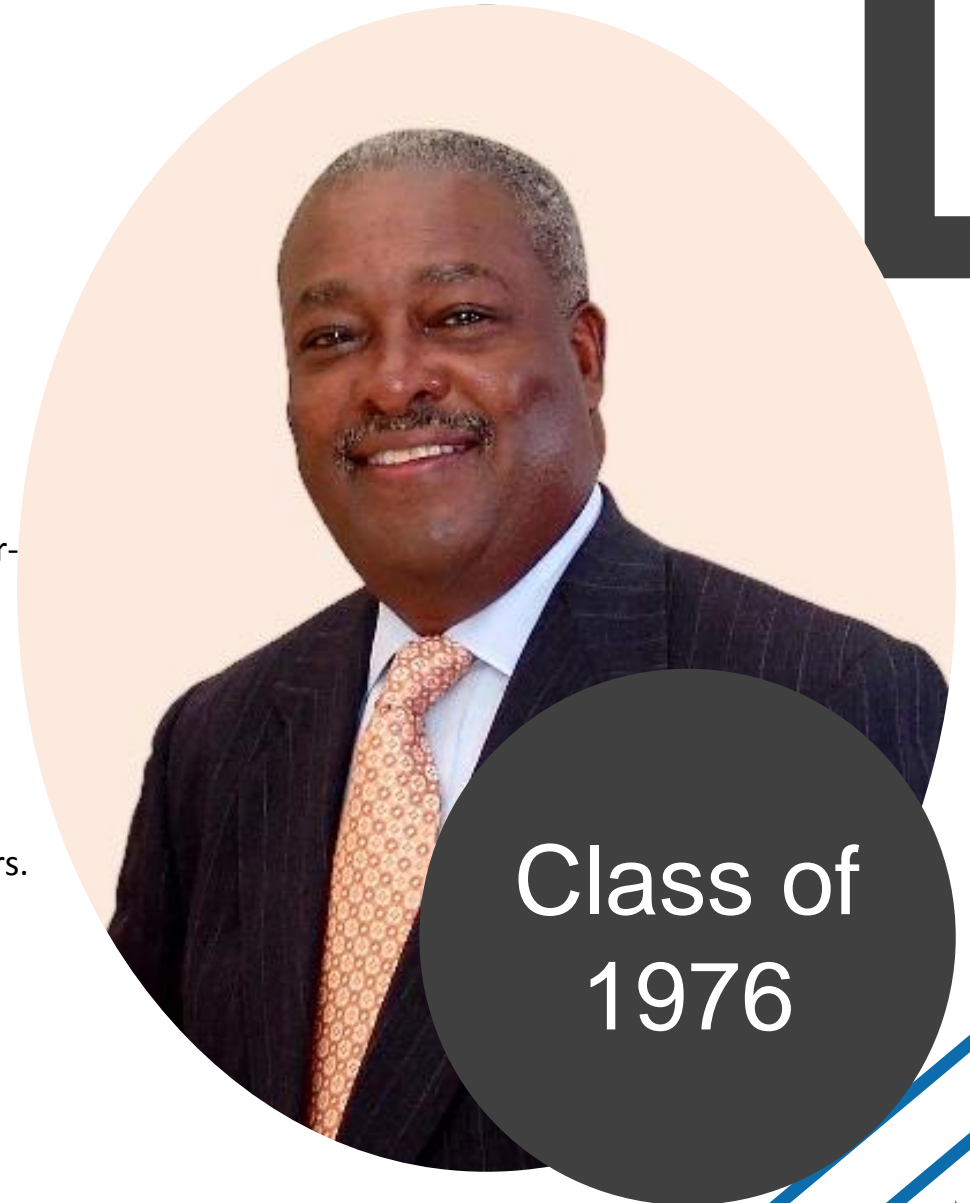


Hon. Harvey Johnson Jr.

City of Jackson, Mississippi

Former Mayor

- ❖ Elected as the first African-American Mayor in Jackson, Mississippi (1997 election)
- ❖ Served three terms as Mayor, making him the longest-serving mayor under the City's mayor-council form of government.
- ❖ Former President of the National Conference of Black Mayors.
- ❖ Served on the board of National Urban Fellows for 25 years, serving as secretary for 11 years.
- ❖ Charter member of 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc.
- ❖ Life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the NAACP.



Class of
1976





Hon. Hattie Portis-Jones, MPA

The City of Fairburn, Georgia

Council Member

- ❖ Second-term council member on the Fairburn, Georgia City Council. Re-elected to city council in November 2017.
- ❖ Served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2017.
- ❖ An alum of the Georgia Academy for Economic and Leadership Development Program.
- ❖ The recipient of numerous awards and honors including Woman of Courage in Government (2018) and Who's Who in Black Atlanta (2017).
- ❖ Currently on the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities and has served as a board member for several non-profit organizations locally and abroad.



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1998

