



Melvin Bazemore

GM Director Corporate & Government Relations

In January, 2007 Melvin Bazemore was promoted to director, Corporate and Government Relations for General Motors Corporation. Melvin directs GM's Washington office activities with the Members of the 110th Congress of the United States. He is responsible for all issues of public policy and continues to direct philanthropic activities for the GM Foundation.

Bazemore joined General Motors in 1976 at its Linden New Jersey assembly plant as a quality control analyst. In 1979, he transferred to GM's central office in Detroit, Michigan as a process-engineering analyst. In 1983, Melvin joined the GM government relations staff as a senior analyst and in 1987 he was appointed manager, Urban Affairs. In 1993, Melvin was appointed manager, Corporate Relations where he worked for the GM Foundation President as the primary liaison with organizations in the areas of Corporate Responsibility.

Prior to his current appointment, Melvin served as director, External Affairs with responsibility for coordinating the GM Foundation activities including managing its \$43 million budget. He also served as GM's primary liaison with specific national, state and local organizations and had responsibility for outreach projects and strategy development on urban environmental issues.

Born in Portsmouth Virginia, Bazemore earned a bachelor degree in Political Science from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1976. In 1983, he earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Oakland University and a Jurist Doctor degree from Wayne State University Law School in 1992.

Melvin is actively involved with many non-profit organizations and currently serves on the boards; Congressional Black Caucus Foundation-Corporate Advisory Board; National Coalition on Black Civic Participation; and NAACP-Special Contribution Fund Trustees. Melvin also serves as a member of the National Conference of Black Mayors Corporate Advisory Council, National Black Caucus of State Legislators Corporate Roundtable, and National Fair Housing Alliance Advisory Committee.

Melvin is also active in his local church, Restoration Christian Ministries, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Prince Hall Masonic family. He is married to Anita Bazemore; they have three children and seven grandchildren.