

## **Sharon Madison**

### **Owner, Madison Madison International**

Sharon Madison is the 3rd generation in her family to lead Madison Madison International architects, engineers and planners. Taking the firm into new areas beyond design, she has been a trailblazer in the fields of program management, planning, architecture, engineering, construction management and real estate development. It was the first program management firm headquartered in the City of Detroit.

Madison's company has managed over \$5 billion dollars in design and construction programs and has had projects in 21 States, the West Indies and Africa. She is the owner of the Julian C. Madison Building a 71,000sqft. office building and is the only African American female to own property in downtown Detroit. Ms. Madison is the Chair of the Detroit Wayne County Joint Building Authority, which oversees the 745,000sqft. Coleman A Young Municipal Center.

She was the only nongovernmental employee appointed by the Governor of Michigan to a 5-member team to review and make recommendations regarding the finances of Wayne County, the largest county in the State. She is the founder of the Julian C. Madison Foundation, which developed programs, opportunities and scholarships for students interested in careers in architecture, engineering, planning and other construction related areas, and serves as Chairperson of Detroit CARES, an affiliate of the National CARES Mentoring Movement.

Ms. Madison has also served on the Boards of The Detroit Downtown Development Authority, The Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, The National Women's Business Council, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Black Chamber of Commerce, and The Detroit Police Foundation. Ms. Madison earned an AB and Masters in Urban Planning from The University of Michigan, is certificated in Marketing Communications from Harvard University, and is a recipient of the Goldie B. Wolfe Fellowship in Real Estate at Roosevelt University.