

Linda Johnson Rice

Chairman and CEO of Johnson Publishing Company | Former Chairman Emeritus of Ebony Media Operations

Ever since 2002, as chairman and CEO of Johnson Publishing Company — where she became the first African American woman CEO among the top five of the Black Enterprise 100s largest black-owned companies — Linda Johnson Rice has shone a ray of positivity on the black community with her strong and resilient leadership.

Today, Johnson Rice continues to bring diverse and dynamic viewpoints to the business community through her extensive board experience. As President of the Chicago Public Library Board of Directors, she has significantly streamlined processes as well as brought a hands-on community approach to the Board. Linda also serves on the Board of Directors of Omnicom Group and Grubhub, and is also a council member of The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, and Northwestern Memorial Corporation; and a trustee at the Art Institute of Chicago. She previously served on the boards of Continental Bank; Bausch & Lomb; Dial Corporation; Viad Corp.; MoneyGram; Quaker Oats; Kimberly-Clark and Tesla.

She has successfully carried the torch of the family legacy through the sale of the treasured Ebony/Jet photo archives made possible by a consortium of foundations led by the J. Paul Getty Trust, with co-purchasers the Ford Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The archives are shared between the Getty Foundation and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.

Linda is currently the CEO of Johnson Publishing Company.
