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**Dr. Thomas L. Coleman**

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**Dr. Thomas L. Coleman is a retired Senior Executive in Government Service. He recently served as Chief of Staff to CEO Burrell Ellis, Dekalb County Georgia. Prior to that, Dr. Coleman Served for over eighteen years as the Deputy Commissioner of the State Department of Juvenile Justice. In this capacity, he oversaw the operations of the various departments to include: Department of Education (\$30 Million Budget), Department of Medical Services (\$30 Million Budget), Department of Mental Health (\$30 Million Budget), and Long Term Secure Campuses (\$50 Million)**

**In 1991 Dr. Coleman was appointed by Governor Zell Miller to head up the Department of Highway Safety for the State of Georgia. Dr. Coleman served in that capacity from 1991 until 1995. He was cited by Governor Miller as one of the key appointments of his administration.**

**Dr. Coleman is a retired, “highly decorated”, Vietnam Veteran and a United States Air Force Officer with over twenty five years of military service. In addition to his military experience, he has served as a College Professor of Educational Research and Statistics in the Graduate School, Central Michigan University. He also served**

**as a College Adjunct Professor of Management and Economics at the Georgia Perimeter College, and at St Leo College. He served as a College Administrator and as the Director of Adult Education at the Dekalb Technical Institute. He was the President of his own firm, “The Management Center”, and an accomplished writer, author and lecturer.**

**Dr. Coleman’s dedication to leading the community and developing future leaders is recognized in his 1985 book, entitled “Put me in Coach”, a book on management styles and decision making. He recently completed his second book, “From There to Here” A Memoir of his life journey. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Georgia State University, a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a Doctorate Degree in Higher Education, Administration and Supervision from Clark-Atlanta University. Dr. Coleman serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Board member of the Board of Juvenile Justice, State of Georgia and Commissioner, Dekalb County Housing Authority.**