



**Michele Coleman Mayes**

Michele Coleman Mayes assumed the position of Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Pitney Bowes in February 2003. In that capacity, she is responsible for the legal affairs of the Company. In addition, she also oversees the Company's Government Affairs group, the Office of the Corporate Secretary, and its Corporate Governance function, which includes Environmental Health and Safety and Corporate Compliance and Integrity Affairs. Her extensive legal and global business experience was obtained as a result of holding a variety of positions.

From 1976 through 1982, Ms. Mayes served in the United States Department of Justice as Assistant United States Attorney in Detroit and Brooklyn, eventually assuming the role of Chief of the Civil Division in Detroit. In 1982, she entered the corporate sector as Managing Attorney of Burroughs Corporation. Her career continued to evolve as Burroughs and Sperry Corporation merged, creating Unisys Corporation, for which she was appointed Staff Vice President and Associate General Counsel for Worldwide Litigation.

In February 1992, she joined Colgate-Palmolive Company as Vice President and Associate General Counsel U.S. In 1993, she was promoted to Vice President of Human Resources and Legal for North America. She next became Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, and effective May 2001, she was promoted to Vice President, Legal and Assistant Secretary and elected a corporate officer, a position she held until joining Pitney Bowes.

She joined the board of Legal Momentum in 1996, and was elected its Chair in June 2001. In 2004, she was elected to the boards of Assurant, Inc. and SACIA (The Business Council of Southwestern Connecticut). She also is a member of the American Bar Association, where she formerly served as Co-Chair of the Arbitration Committee and a member of the Commission on Women in the Profession. She has been admitted to the Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania bars; she received her bachelors degree from the University of Michigan and her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

In 2003 Ms. Mayes received the Margaret Brent Award from the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession and the Trailblazer Award from the Minority Corporate Counsel Association. In the November 2003 edition of *Black Enterprise*, she was identified as one of America's top black lawyers.

She resides in New York City.