

## **CYNTHIA COOPER**

Cynthia Cooper is an internationally recognized speaker, consultant, and best-selling author. She speaks to students and executives on the topic of ethical leadership. She was named one of *Time Magazine's* Persons of the Year for her role in uncovering the fraud at WorldCom and has been featured as one of twenty-five most influential working mothers in *Working Mother* magazine.

Cynthia is a recipient of the Maria & Sidney E. Rolfe Award for her contributions to educating the public about economics, business and finance. She is the first woman to be inducted into the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Business Hall of Fame. In addition, Cynthia is an inaugural inductee of the Institute of Internal Auditors American Hall of Distinguished Audit Practitioners, and she is the first woman to receive the American Accounting Association's Accounting Exemplar Award.

Cynthia has been featured in national periodicals such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *CFO Magazine* and *Business Week*. She has served on panels with notables such as Anderson Cooper, Donna Brazile, and Grover Norquist and has appeared on programs including Fox Business' America's Nightly Scoreboard, PBS's Tavis Smiley, NBC's The Today Show, ABC's This Week with George Stephanopoulos, CSPAN's BookTV, CNBC's The Big Idea with Donnie Deutsch, and CNBC's Squawk Box.

Cynthia serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy Center for the Public Trust dedicated to advancing ethical leadership in business, institutions and organizations. She previously served as Chairman of the Board of Regents for the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and as a member of the Standing Advisory Group of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB).

Cynthia has donated all of the profits from her book to ethics education for students. She serves on advisory boards for Mississippi State University and Louisiana State University and previously served on advisory boards for the University of Alabama and Lehigh University.

Cynthia served as Vice President for MCI where she and her team helped the company move forward and successfully emerge from bankruptcy. Cynthia began her career in public accounting and previously worked in Atlanta, Georgia for Deloitte and Touche and Pricewaterhouse.