

**“WHY I ENDORSE JOYCE ROBINSON FOR DIRECTOR
OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION”**

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Many of you know me as the street fighter from the workroom floor who ascended directly to National Business Agent from a Clerk Craft Director. I graduated from Joyce’s arbitration class in May of 2013. I walked out of Joyce Robinson’s class into my first arbitration two months later armed only with the CBA and the invaluable knowledge imparted upon me by Ms. Robinson. Less than 90 days after being Joyce’s student I won over \$600,000.00 for the Detroit District Area Local. I am known as the “Guru” of discipline due to my arbitration success for both PSEs and career employees. This did not happen just by sheer luck. Many people look at the success of an NBA or the effectiveness of a National Officer but what is often overlooked is the bigger question, “How did they do it?” I attribute much of my success to the relentless desire and passion of Joyce Robinson as she opened our eyes and provided us the tools to become warriors for the members. We often give kudos and accolades to great politicians, scientists, athletes, and to others who have “ascended” in life, but what is often overlooked are the teachers, coaches, parents, and mentors who provided the basis and direction which paved the way.

That my dear friend is Joyce Robinson. Her name may not appear on the arbitration award which returned an improperly terminated employee back to work with \$75,000 in their pocket or her name may not be on a Class Action grievance which garnered a million dollars, but Joyce Robinson is just as much a part of that equation as is the advocate because she provided the knowledge and training which made all of that possible. Bruce Lee was amazing but imagine this, if not for his teacher we would not even know his name.

The passion, commitment, knowledge, dedication, and skill possessed by Joyce Robinson as Director of Research and Education is unparalleled as she is an icon of monolithic proportions. Joyce Robinson not only has my support but also my respect as she has been the wind beneath many wings.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AMAZING FIGHTER

In Solidarity,

**James Stevenson
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