

## *Past Chamber Presidents*



### **JIM CLINGMAN | 1996 - 2000**

“In the early 1990’s, after returning to Cincinnati from Chicago and having worked for a Black marketing firm on projects with the Cosmopolitan Black Chamber, I advocated for a Black Chamber in my hometown. I envisioned an advocacy and technical assistance entity that would help grow our businesses and add value to our city as a whole. Although it was a lofty goal, I stayed with it. Getting advice and support from Ernie Waites, who told me about a chamber in Cincy in 1953 (He was referring to the National Negro Business League, of which Cincy entrepreneur, Horace Sudduth, was President). I also received help from Cincy businessman, Dorien Nunez.

On June 14, 1996, the Chamber was established by a small group of Black entrepreneurs and individuals who saw the need and did the work to bring it to fruition. I am very proud of the Chamber, now 20 years old. Congratulations!”