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**Daphne L. Taylor** was born in West Palm Beach (WPB) and raised in Riviera Beach. Since high school, she knew she wanted to be in media and communications. She began her career at Channel 12 in WPB, where she was selected as a high school intern. She then went on to work in various forms of media and journalism at Florida State University (FSU) and, upon graduation, interned at NBC-TV Network in Washington, DC, where she worked with nationally known news anchors and radio announcers. After leaving Washington, she moved to Fort Lauderdale, where she fell in love with radio and worked as a talk show host for more than a decade. Concurrently, she became a national radio correspondent for American Urban Radio Networks and began interviewing dozens of national figures, celebrities and world leaders,

including media icon Oprah Winfrey and performer and businessman Will Smith. But her greatest joy was teaching broadcast journalism to at-risk teen girls in her hometown, Riviera Beach. She taught her students to interview very famous people and, for that, they were often featured on the local nightly news and in newspapers. *People Magazine* heard about her program and wanted to do a feature story on Ms. Taylor, but her superiors wouldn't allow it. Still, Ms. Taylor's program became so successful that it attracted the likes of basketball star Alonzo Mourning and Richard Williams, father of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams. They became the program's biggest supporters. Later, she worked seven years for Mr. Williams. Today, she is a print journalist for various newspapers, through which she has written about President Barack Obama, other national leaders as well as many significant local newsmakers. She has recently taken on the role of publicist for several high-profile cases. She is pleased to join the team at cocowire as a guest columnist and is thrilled to support her cousin, Marian V. Dozier, cocowire's founder. Ms. Taylor says she looks up to her cousin because she, too, is a nationally acclaimed journalist who has written for some of the largest newspapers in the United States.