Eddie Harrell, Jr.
Vice President and General Manager, Radio One-Columbus

Eddie Harrell, Jr. is the Vice President and General Manager of the Columbus Market for Radio One. The Columbus Market of Radio One include three FM Stations (WCKX, WXMG, WJYD), which are the pre-eminent stations that primarily target African American and urban listeners in Central Ohio. Mr. Harrell began his post at Radio One in June of 2011.

Mr. Harrell also serves as Chairman of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, of which he has been a Commissioner through a gubernatorial appointment since 2008.

Prior to joining Radio One, Mr. Harrell served as the President and CEO of the Columbus Urban League from 2006 to 2011. The Columbus Urban League, founded in 1918, is an affiliate of the National Urban League and is one of the oldest affiliates in the United States. The Columbus Urban League serves thousands of people every year in the following areas: Career Development, Education, and Housing. During Mr. Harrell's tenure at the Columbus Urban League, the organization grew to a budget of $12 million from $2.7million, and the staff has grew from 40 to over 100 strong.

Prior to his tenure at the Columbus Urban League, Mr. Harrell served as the Executive Director of I KNOW I CAN and Project GRAD Columbus. These two programs, with a combined budget of $7.4 million, worked to provide Columbus City School District students with a quality public education that prepares them to enter college. Both programs also provided financial assistance for high school graduates from the Columbus City School District. Under Mr. Harrell's leadership, I KNOW I CAN grew from awarding $1 million in Last Dollar Grants to awarding $1.7 million. While at I KNOW I CAN, growth in Last Dollar Grant funding was spurred by an endowment in excess of $22 million.

In 2000, Mr. Harrell was recognized as one of the outstanding "Forty Under Forty" community leaders in Central Ohio by Business First.

Before working for I KNOW I CAN and Project GRAD Columbus, Mr. Harrell held various management positions with The Kroger Company. Prior to taking over the helm at I KNOW I CAN, he served on the organization's Board of Directors. He now serves on the Otterbein University Board of Trustees (Executive Committee, Chair-Governance Committee, Finance Committee), as well as the Board of Directors for COSI (Center of Science and Industry), Columbus City Schools Education Foundation, I KNOW I CAN, OSU Harding Hospital and KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program). Additionally, he serves as Co-Chair of the Diversity Focus Area for the City of Columbus 2012 Bicentennial Commission. He has previously served on the Boards of Youth For A Positive Image, Greater Linden Development Corporation, Otterbein College Alumni Council, Columbus City Schools Equity Task Force, and the Columbus Workforce Alliance. He is a member of the Capital Square Rotary Club and currently serves as an Adjunct Faculty member at Franklin University.

Mr. Harrell received a B.A. in Business Administration from Otterbein College (now Otterbein University) and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Ashland University. Mr. Harrell received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Otterbein College Alumni Association in 2002.

Mr. Harrell and his wife, Valerie, reside in Columbus with their two children, Kayla and Eddie III.