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**AWARD-WINNING ATTORNEY AND AUTHOR EXPLAINS:
WHAT WOMEN NEED TO KNOW WHEN FACING DIVORCE**

Divorce can send even the most levelheaded, educated person into a tailspin. With financial difficulties as the primary cause of divorce, experts predict today's soaring unemployment will drive a record number of couples to file for divorce. Most have no idea the land mines they will face in doing so.

Sheilah Vance, attorney, educator and author of the new book *Land Mines* (Elevator Group, January 2009), speaks from the mind and heart on important and often untold truths of separation, divorce and the process of rebuilding one's life.

Vance, who as an attorney has handled her share of divorces, was not prepared when it was her turn. Her personal and professional experiences give her a unique perspective as she guides others through their land mines.

Vance is an insightful guest available to discuss:

- How journaling can help women overcome divorce
- 10 things every married women should know
- Legal separation, yet still living together, as a financially viable option
- Before filing for separation, crucial yet little known financial facts
- Do the courts today protect women as they once did?
- The keys to rebuilding confidence, humor and optimism after divorce.

Sheilah Vance is the author of newly released book *Land Mines*, has her own law firm in Philadelphia, and is the President and CEO of The Elevator Group publishing company. Vance is a graduate of Howard University and Georgetown University Law Center. She teaches education law at Villanova University Law School and serves as Executive Director of the Institute for Educational Equity and Opportunity in Washington, D.C. Vance has earned many accolades as an attorney and writer including the Woman of Distinction Award from the Barristers Association and the honor of having her first novel, *Chasing the 400*, as the first selection of the African American Museum of Philadelphia Book Club.

***Land Mines* (January 2009) is available at all bookstores and online vendors. 200p. ISBN978-0-9786854-1-6; paperback \$15.95 www.TheElevatorGroup.com**

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