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# THE 20TH ANNUAL CORPORATE COUNSEL WOMEN OF COLOR CAREER STRATEGIES CONFERENCE

What an incredible celebration we had just four months ago, marking our 20th anniversary with record attendance of nearly 1,900 enthusiastic attendees!

Cheers to 20 years filled with empowerment, progress, and unity! We reflect on a remarkable journey that has paved the way for countless accomplishments and advancements, and we look forward with excitement to the many more years to come.

As we honored the 20th anniversary of Corporate Counsel Women of Color, we were brimming with pride, gratitude, and anticipation for what lies ahead. For two decades, CCWC has been a true trailblazer and has transformed the legal landscape in our industry. By providing a vital platform for women of color to connect, share experiences, and support one another in navigating the complexities of corporate law, this organization has played a pivotal role in breaking down barriers, advancing equality, and cultivating a thriving community of empowered and successful women.

Reflecting on the incredible achievements of the past two decades fills us with joy as we eagerly anticipate a future in which women of color continue to thrive and excel in the legal profession.

Our time in Las Vegas was a powerful reminder of the strides we have made and a celebration of our members' accomplishments. We reaffirmed our commitment to fostering a more inclusive and legal profession for all. Through networking opportunities, professional development sessions, and collaborative endeavors, we continue to build a nurturing community where women of color can flourish.

The agenda for our 20th anniversary celebration was a testament to our dedication to advocacy and leadership in the legal field. With engaging keynote speakers, informative panel discussions, and interactive workshops, we inspired, educated, and empowered our members to reach new heights in their careers.



From the Desk of  
**Laurie N. Robinson Haden**  
CEO and Founder  
Corporate Counsel  
Women of Color

We were thrilled to have main stage headliners like **Suze Orman, Taye Diggs, Issa Rae, Desiree Ralls-Morrison, Carla Harris, and Donnie McClurkin**, who energized and motivated us all.

Our signature Boot Camp program featured over 48 sessions, including 6 hours of continuing legal education on topics ranging from AI to healthcare, cybersecurity, and beyond.

Networking activities were a highlight, including Speed Mentoring, Speed Networking, and unique experiences like Top Golf and Cirque du Soleil. We ventured on unforgettable tours of Hoover Dam and the Las Vegas Food Tour, and enjoyed the Sphere VIP Experience, all fostering connections and camaraderie among our members.

In the spirit of giving, CCWC proudly celebrated its commitment to supporting the pipeline, having awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships to aspiring lawyers and providing invaluable opportunities for law students through internships and externships. Our dedication to urban youth programs ensures that young minds are nurtured, and for beginning associates, we offer conferences, mentorships, and ongoing legal coursework to support their growth.

As we celebrated our achievements, we remained focused on the essential work that lies ahead—United in our pledge, we are committed to creating a more just, equitable, and diverse legal profession for generations to come.

Here's to 20 years of empowerment, progress, and solidarity! Together, we eagerly anticipate at least 20 more years of success and influence on the horizon.

We are already looking forward to the 21st Annual Chicago Conference from October 1-4, 2025, at the Chicago Hilton, where we will continue our journey together!

*Laurie*



Carla Harris



Donnie McClurkin



Issa Rae



Christy Harris with  
Taye Diggs



Jennifer Wu  
(Kirkland & Ellis)



Corporate Counsel Women of Color's  
**Focus for 2025**

Corporate Counsel Women of Color fosters transformative communities where our members thrive, lead, and drive change through empowerment, innovation, and collaboration.

1

**Empowerment and Advocacy**



Empower our members in the legal field by providing advocacy, mentorship, and resources to support their professional journeys and amplify their voices in the industry.

4

**Global Networking and Collaboration**



Foster a global community transcending borders and enriching members' experiences through diverse cultural and professional exchanges.

2

**Professional Development**



Equip members with the tools and opportunities to advance their careers through training, networking, and leadership development.

5

**Mentorship and Support Systems**



Establish a robust mentorship network that connects seasoned professionals with emerging leaders in the legal field.

3

**Leadership and Representation**



To create a supportive community for our members in the legal profession, encouraging collaboration, shared experiences, and the exchange of ideas.

6

**Celebrating Achievements**



Highlight and celebrate the achievements of our members in the legal profession to inspire and motivate future generations.





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# LIVE IN-PERSON EVENT

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

MARRIOTT MARQUIS TIMES SQUARE HOTEL

ASTOR BALLROOM

8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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## HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES TRENDS IN 2024



Sharon O. Small (Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation), Ashley Howlett (Hogan Lovells US LLP), Vinita Kailasanath (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer), Leslie Overton (Axinn, Veltrop, & Harkrider), and Vanessa Yen (Mintz)

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP: HOW TO BUILD A BUSINESS



Elmy Bermejo (Small Business Administration), Linda M. Griego (Paramount Global), Leslie R. Byrd (Hogan Lovells US LLP), and Tiffany M. Hall (Mastercard)

## CYBERSECURITY AND PRIVACY TRENDS 2024



Sunita Bali (Perkins Coie), Elizabeth Mendoza (Perkins Coie), Casiya Thaniel (Workday, Inc.), and Shahira Ali (Workday, Inc.)

## BECOME A TRUSTED ADVISOR: HOW TO BUILD YOUR REPUTATION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH BUSINESS PARTNERS



Sena Byun (Lululemon), Jenny Vo (Lululemon), Susy Mendoza (Lululemon), and Megan Cosby (Lululemon)

## AI PREPAREDNESS FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL



Carine Jean-Claude (Arrow Electronics), Izukanne Emeagwali (J.P. Morgan & Co.), Jackie Felipe Davis (FTI Consulting), Jennifer Grace (Airbnb), Suzy Takata (FTI Consulting), and Caroline Tsai (FIS)

## FEELING STUCK: 10 STRATEGIES TO GET YOUR CAREER ON TRACK



Brittany G. Brewer (Amazon), Jeannine Sano (Axinn, Veltrop, & Harkrider), Shanda Galloway Botts (AARP), and Janet Charles (Brown Harris Stevens)



# CONFERENCE PANELS AND SPEAKERS

## INTERNAL AND GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS IN 2024



Rasha Geroges Shields (Jones Day), Shireen Matthews (Jones Day), and Jordan Matthews (Jones Day)

## A VIEW FROM THE TOP: CLIMBING THE RANKS TO EQUITY PARTNER AND SENIOR LEADERSHIP ROLES



Romona Palmer-Eason (Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Company), LaToya Pierce Frink (FirstService Residential), Chalon Clark-Thomas (Husch Blackwell), and Sonni Nolan (Husch Blackwell)

## AI TRENDS IN 2024



Lauren Chamblee (Microsoft), Njeri Mutura (Microsoft), Anita Lam (Microsoft), and Whitney Pryor (Microsoft)

## UNVEILING CORPORATE ENFORCEMENT PATTERNS IN 2024: CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY-ESG



Saminaz Akhter (Venable), Gueter Aurelien (Venable), and Lisa Tavares (Venable)

## THREE GENERATIONS OF LAWYERS IN THE WORKPLACE: BOOMERS, GEN X, AND MILLENNIALS SHARE THEIR JOURNEYS, CHALLENGES, AND TRIUMPHS



Lisa LeCointe-Cephas (DLA Piper), Farah Bhayani (G6 Hospitality LLC), Cara Edwards (DLA Piper), Poonam Kumar (DLA Piper), Angela C. Agrusa (DLA Piper), Lakisha Spence (B. Braun USA), and Brogiin Keeton (Goldman Sachs)

## CDO SUMMIT: MOVING FROM PURPOSE TO PURPOSEFUL ACTION-IMPACTFUL DEI - PART 1



Precious S. Jacobs-Perry (Jenner & Block LLP), Kristen Jones (McDonald's Corporation), Fatiah Touray (New York University Abu Dhabi), and Courtney Carter (Jenner & Block LLP)



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## CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER SYMPOSIUM



Sherry D. Williams (Strategic Materials), Jennifer Proileau (B.Braun), and Carita Walker (Shell Recharge Solutions)

## THE TRANSACTIONAL LAWYER – BE THE DEAL SUPERHERO



Gerri Lynn Williams (The Home Depot), Courtney Tucker (The Home Depot), Judy Mok (Covington & Burling LLP), and Haniyah Miller (The Home Depot)

## THE POWER OF PRESENCE: LEVERAGING VISIBILITY TO PROPEL YOUR CAREER FORWARD



Dele Butler (Walton Enterprises LLC), Amanda Butler-Jones (Akin), Fitzann Reid (Hunterbrook), and Courtney B. Scrubs (LGC, Limited)

## KNOWING WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW: PULLING BACK THE CURTAIN ON PRIVATE EQUITY FOR WOMEN OF COLOR



Gechi P. Nzewi (Jasper Ridge Partners), Michelle Marcellus (AEA Investors LLP), Angela Oldham (Kirkland & Ellis LLP), and Samara Shepherd (Kirkland & Ellis LLP)

## HOT TOPICS IN LITIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT IN 2024



Nilofer Umar (Sidley), Ranah Esmaili (Sidley), Simone Jones (Sidley), and Doreen Rachal (Sidley)

## IP TRENDS IN 2024, INCLUDING CHATGPT, LLM, AND GENERATIVE AI



Samantha Hsu (Uber Technologies, Inc.), Andrea Watson (Intel Corporation), Haixia Lin (WilmerHale), Dwana Dixon (Amazon), and Mayura Noordyke (Medtronic)



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## CDO SUMMIT: REIMAGINING AND RECALIBRATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION: CRITICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES FOR THE PATH FORTH – PART 2



Lia Dorsey (Ogletree Deakins), Michelle Lopez (Paradigm Strategy), Mikeisha Anderson Jones (Milbank), Sharifa A. Anderson (Fannie Mae), and Virginia G. Essandoh (Ballard Spahr)

## CULTIVATING RESILIENCE: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS AS A WOMAN OF COLOR LEADER



Aisha Gantt (Amazon), Karen Jordan (Dentons US LLP), Liat Rome (Williams & Connolly), Latoya Wright (Medtronic), and Tiffany Fordyce (Greenberg Traurig)

## ADVICE FROM CCWC MEMBERS WHO SERVE ON CORPORATE BOARDS – PART 2



Amber Lee Williams (Bath & Body Works Inc.), Jonice Gray (Paul Hastings), Linda M. Griego (Paramount Global), Singleton McAllister (Husch Blackwell LLP), and Sherrese M. Smith (Paul Hastings)

## CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY 101: KEY LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR IN-HOUSE LAWYERS



Kimberly Eney (Loeb & Loeb LLP) and Diara Holmes (Loeb & Loeb LLP)

## COMPLIANCE AND EMERGING EUROPEAN CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY LEGAL REQUIREMENT



Monica Thurman (Intel Corporation), Adrienne Gittens (Comcast Corporation), Kenya Davis (Boies Schiller Flexner), and Quinn Dang (Paul Hastings)

## EMPLOYMENT TRENDS IN 2024



Ami N. Wynne (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius), Jasmine Fannell (HSBC), Jamila S. Mensah (Norton Rose Fulbright), M. Elaine Horn (Williams & Connolly LLP), and Trina Fairley Barlow (Crowell & Moring LLP)



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ADVANCING DIVERSITY WHILE MINIMIZING LEGAL RISK  
IN CORPORATE DEI PROGRAMS, PIPELINE INITIATIVES, AND  
IMPACTFUL INVESTING



Fatima Hassan Ali (Vista Equity Partners), Sofia Martos (Kirkland & Ellis LLP), and Shonn Evans Brown (Kimberly-Clark)

HOT TOPICS IN GLOBAL PRACTICE: INFRASTRUCTURE,  
CROSS-BORDER M&A, AND OTHER TRENDS



Severine Losembé (Milbank), Denelle Waynick Johnson (UCB), and Iliana Ongun (Milbank)

NAVIGATING CAREER GROWTH FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL



Delia Barceló (Denny's Corporation) and Gail Sharps Myers (Denny's Corporation)

LET'S TALK ABOUT TECH, BABY



Terri-Anne Segovia Caplan (Mastercard), Anushree Bagrodia (Mastercard), Tiffanie Baker (Mastercard), Vanessa Kaye Watson (Mastercard), and Trecia Pessoa (Mastercard)

GUIDING CONSUMER BUSINESSES THROUGH CHANGE  
ESG RISKS AND VALUE CREATION



Megan Nishikawa (Hogan Lovells US LLP), Vassi Iliadis (Hogan Lovells US LLP), and Lily Chinn (Hogan Lovells US LLP)

CRISIS MANAGEMENT:  
HOW TO BUILD AN EFFECTIVE STRATEGY



Judge Glenda Hatchett (Stewart Miller Simons Trial Lawyers)



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## UNLEARNING SILENCE: HOW TO SPEAK YOUR MIND, UNLEASH TALENT, AND LIVE MORE FULLY



Elaine Lin Hering (Author: *Unlearning Silence: How to Speak Your Mind, Unleash Talent, and Live More Fully*), Rocio Monzón (Eversheds Sutherland), Damaris Hernández (Cravath, Swaine & Moore), and Brittany D. Onyimba (Apple).

## KNOW WHEN TO HOLD AND WHEN TO FOLD THEM: STRATEGIC LITIGATION OUTLOOK, SETTLEMENT TOOLS, AND TRENDING APPROACHES



Chantale Fiebig (Weil, Gotshal & Manges), Alea Mitchell (Google), Bethlehem Mebratu Martin (Visa), and Ashley J. Butts (BASF Canada)

## SISTERS, YOU ARE THE PRIZE: HOW TO PROTECT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Natalia Cosío (Eversheds Sutherland), Tomasita Sherer (Dentons LLP), Angela Olivarez (O'Melveny & Myers), and Rachele Laroche (LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, Inc.)

## NEGOTIATING MERIT INCREASES, JOB CHANGES, AND PROMOTIONS



Zelda Owens (Owens Williams & Associates LLC), Michelle Lopez (Paradigm Strategy), Marcia Hook (Clifford Chance), and Vicki D. Blanton (AT&T)

## NAVIGATING THE EVOLVING REGULATORY LANDSCAPE: STRATEGIES FOR COMPLIANCE SUCCESS IN A DIGITAL AGE



Arian M. June (Debevoise & Plimpton LLP), Kimberly Maney (GlaxoSmithKline), and Sheila Adams James (Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP)

## 2024 HOT LEGAL TOPICS IN PHARMACEUTICALS



Lauren Bennett (Gilead Sciences), Shetera Patterson (Gilead Sciences), and Venel Brown (GlaxoSmithKline)



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## BRANDING FOR SUCCESS: PREPARING FOR IN-HOUSE AND BOARD ROLES



Kali Hira (Apple), Rhea Ricard (BNY), Paula T. Edgar (Branding Room Only Podcast), and Raneshia Smith-Duke (NBCUniversal Media LLC)

## TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK: HOW IN-HOUSE AND EXTERNAL COUNSEL CAN PARTNER TO DELIVER IMPACTFUL LEGAL ADVICE



Roxanne Garibay Anderson (Visa), Ruth Obaseki (Visa), Victoria Bridgeman (Visa), Lisa LeCointe-Cephas (DLA Piper), and Ferillia V. Roberson (DLA Piper)

## LEADERSHIP: OPTIMIZING YOUR PERFORMANCE AS A WOMAN OF COLOR LEADER



Esé Ighedosa (Apple), Erika M. Lopes-McLeman (Dentons US LLP), Krystal Durham (Williams & Connolly LLP), Helam Gebremariam (Cravath, Swaine & Moore), and Anjali Srinivasan (Keker, Van Nest & Peters)





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## CAREER RESILIENCE: NAVIGATING CHALLENGES AND BOUNCING BACK STRONGER!

Michele D. Morris (Uber), Lisa Gilford (Sidley Austin LLP), Cathleen Trigg-Jones (iWoman TV), Chalon Clark-Thomas (Husch Blackwell LLP), and Christina L. Martini (McDermott, Will & Emery LLP)



## YOUR VOICE IS YOUR LEGACY

Minda Harts (Author of The Memo LLC)



## WINNING TRIAL STRATEGIES

Lonette K. Merriman (Constellation Brands, Inc.) and Sierra Elizabeth (Kirkland & Ellis LLP)



## EMPOWERING BOARDROOM BRILLIANCE: STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN OF COLOR TO DRIVE IMPACT AND CHANGE

Sherrese M. Smith (Paul Hastings), Linda Criego (Paramount Global), Jennifer Wu (Kirkland & Ellis LLP), Danielle Conley (Latham & Watkins LLP), and Jonice Gray (Paul Hastings)



## FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT: TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR MONEY AND BUILDING WEALTH FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Fireside with Financial Expert Suze Orman



## LEADING INCLUSION EFFORTS IN MODERN TIMES

Vynessa Nemunaitis (Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP), Stacia Marie Jones (Lutulemon), Rosevelie Marquez Morales (Hogan Lovells US LLP), and Dianne Jones (Uber)



## FIRESIDE CHAT WITH APPLE'S TARA LIGNOS

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## THE ROAD AHEAD: VISION AND ACTION PLANS IN THE POST-2024 ELECTION PERIOD

Veleka R. Peoples-Dyer (Replim Group, Inc. NASDAQ:REPL), Stacy Grigsby (Covington & Burling LLP), and Natasha Fapohunda (Mastercard)



## EXPECT TO WIN: SHOW UP WITH YOUR BEST SELF EVERY DAY

Fireside with Carla Harris (Morgan Stanley)



## HOW TO GET THE FEEDBACK YOU NEED TO GET TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Anita Patel (FTI Consulting), Xenia Garofalo (Eversheds Sutherland), Tee St. Matthew-Daniel (Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP), and Meka B. Ward (The Home Depot)



## SETTING BOUNDARIES: NAVIGATING WORK AND PERSONAL LIFE DEMANDS EFFECTIVELY

Angela Johnson (Uber), Iliana Ongun (Milbank LLP), Claudia Lewis (Venable), and Keisha N. Stanford (Jenner & Block LLP)



## REDEFINING SUCCESS: STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN OF COLOR BEYOND THE GLASS CEILING, CONCRETE BRICKS, AND SLIPPERY FLOORS

Debra Hunter Johnson (Reciprocity), Sonni Nolan (Husch Blackwell), Teresa Hutson (Microsoft), and Nicole Fanjul (Latham & Watkins LLP)



## EMPOWERED EXPRESSION THROUGH STORY-TELLING: OWNING YOUR NARRATIVE TO BUILD A STRONGER PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Kim Coles (Well-Known Comedienne and Actress on *Living Single*, *Six Feet Under*, and *Frasier*)



## THE POWER OF PRESENCE. EMBODYING CONFIDENCE AND AUTHENTICITY IN LEADERSHIP

Jessica Lee (Loeb & Loeb), Cynthia Lopez Beverage (Visa), Tania M. Moyron (Dentons), and Linda D. Walton (Perkins Coie)



## FIRESIDE CHAT WITH HOLLYWOOD ACTOR AND PRODUCER TAYE DIGGS

Christy N. Harris (Corporate Counsel Women of Color)



## FIRESIDE CHAT WITH ISSA RAE

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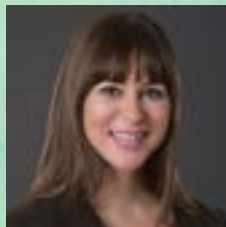
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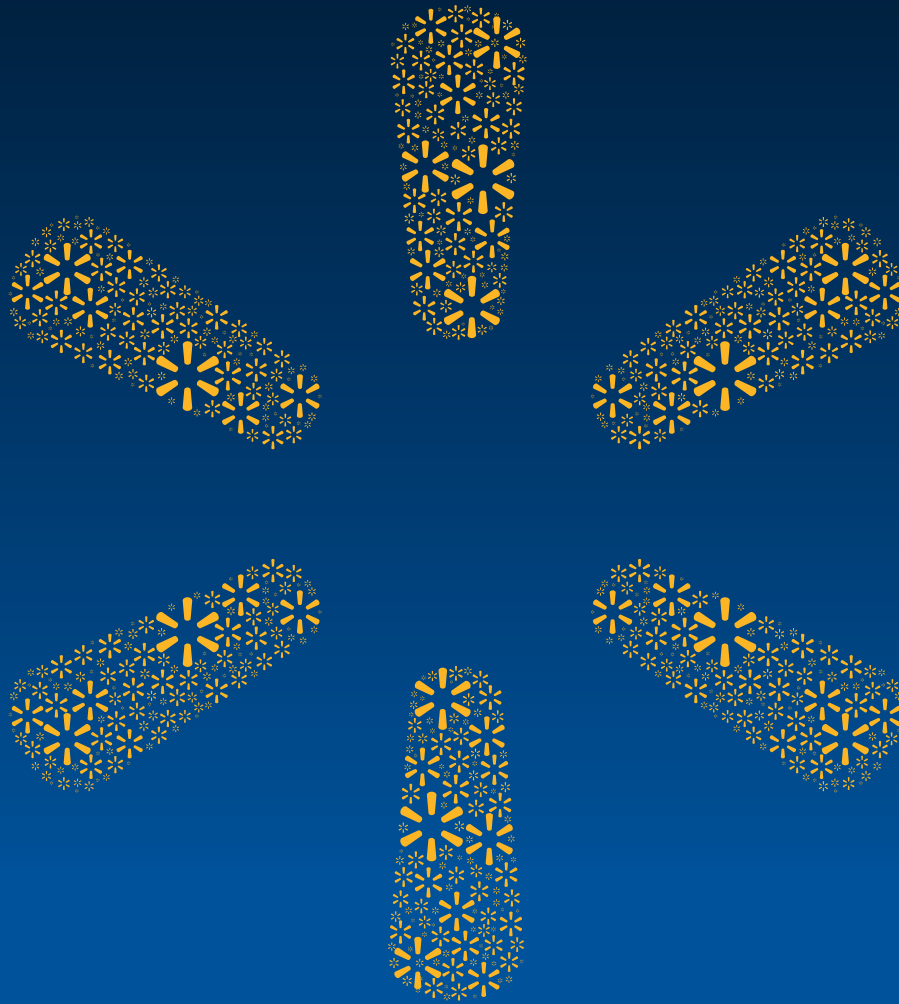
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