The NEW Roundtable, Inc.

5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Inspiring Impact and Igniting Influence in the Legal Profession.

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The Mission of The NEW Roundtable, Inc. is to Empower, Impact, and Influence by: (i) achieving our individual goals collectively and attaining group success through building mutually beneficial relationships between inside and outside counsel, facilitating career-development and advancement initiatives, securing and sustaining relationships with career influencers; (ii) generating and facilitating opportunities for members to impact the profession and the community through Board service, leadership programs, publishing, and speaking engagements, and (i i i) influencing the legal profession through partnering with law firms, in-house legal departments, and other legal employers to increase and improve the recruitment, hiring, retention, and promotion of Black women and partnering with law schools to help Black women law students to be academically successful.

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- VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND SKILLS
- SHARE OUR MISSION WITH OTHERS

NEW Story

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2026



LaCrecia Perkins

2026 THE NEW ROUNDTABLE, INC. PRESIDENT

Dear Conference Attendees,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the leadership team of The NEW Roundtable, Inc., it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to our Fifth Annual Conference, "Rooted, Resilient, and Remarkable: Inspiring Impact and Igniting Influence in the Legal Profession." This year's theme is a powerful reminder of who we are—grounded in our purpose, resilient in the face of challenges, and remarkable in the impact we make every day.

As I reflect on this year, I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished together. Guided by theme, "Elevating Visibility," we have been intentional about creating opportunities for our members to connect, grow, lead, and shine. From our Empower Hour on Redefining the Win at Carrington Coleman to attending the thought-provoking discussion of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson at SMU to the Making Moves program hosted by BakerHostetler, we have continued to create spaces that foster professional development and meaningful connections.

But what makes NEW Roundtable truly special is our sisterhood. This year, we skated together, participated in the Dallas Bike Ride, connected over monthly dine-arounds, and celebrated Founder Chalon Clark's HGTV debut. We cheered one another on through new jobs, new babies, and personal milestones. And through NEW Cares, we showed up for our sisters when they needed us most. These moments remind us that NEW Roundtable is more than a professional organization—it is a community where we are seen, supported, and celebrated.

Behind the scenes, we have also worked to strengthen our organization's foundation. From updating our bylaws and improving our website to formalizing our NEW Cares and Fitness Committees, enhancing our budgeting processes, and hosting Town Halls, we have laid important groundwork for the future. I am deeply grateful to our Board, committee chairs, and dedicated members who made these accomplishments possible. I extend a special thank you to our Conference Committee for the countless hours, creativity, and dedication poured into making this year's conference a success.

As we gather over the next few days, I encourage you to embrace every opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired. More importantly, I challenge you to think about how you can help shape the future of NEW Roundtable. Whether by chairing a committee, serving on the Board, mentoring a fellow member, or simply becoming more involved, your voice and leadership matter. To our provisional members, I encourage you to finish the year strong! We are excited about the fresh perspectives and energy you bring to our sisterhood.

As we look forward to our upcoming holiday celebration and another year of growth, I hope we continue to carry the spirit of this conference into everything we do. Let us remain rooted in sisterhood, resilient in purpose, and remarkable in our impact.

Thank you for making this year as President so meaningful. It has truly been an honor to serve alongside such an extraordinary group of women.

Welcome to the Fifth Annual NEW Roundtable Conference!

With gratitude and sisterhood,

LaCrecia Perkins
President, The NEW Roundtable, Inc.

Conference Committee Co-Chairs

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Rooted, Resilient, and Remarkable: Inspiring Impact and Igniting Influence in the Legal

Five years. Five conferences. Countless connections. One extraordinary organization. And we are just getting started!

With immense pride, excitement, and a heart full of gratitude, we welcome you to our **5th Annual Conference!** This is more than another gathering of accomplished women attorneys. It is a celebration of our brilliance, our ambition, our collective strength, and the undeniable power of what happens when we come together with intention and purpose.

Five years ago, we dared to envision something special. Today, we are living proof of what that vision can become. Reaching our fifth consecutive conference is a milestone worth celebrating! It represents our unwavering commitment to creating spaces where women in the legal profession are not only welcomed, but valued, supported, empowered, and celebrated. What began as a vision has become a powerful tradition, and we could not be prouder of what we have built together.

This year's theme, **"Rooted, Resilient, and Remarkable: Inspiring Impact and Igniting Influence in the Legal Profession,"** could not be more fitting for this moment in our journey. It speaks to the foundation that sustains us, the determination that propels us forward, and the extraordinary influence we possess to shape the future of our profession. More importantly, it challenges us to recognize that our greatest impact is not simply found in what we accomplish individually, but in what we make possible for one another.

ROOTED speaks to the foundation upon which we stand. Our roots are grounded in faith, family, purpose, and the values that guide our personal and professional journeys.

RESILIENT reflects our ability to navigate challenges, embrace change, and continue moving forward. As women attorneys, we often balance demanding careers with equally important responsibilities outside the workplace. We are accustomed to being everything to everyone, often while navigating professional environments where we must work harder to be seen, heard, and valued. Yet resilience is not simply about enduring difficult circumstances. It is also about recognizing when to pivot, establishing boundaries, prioritizing our well-being, and giving ourselves permission to pursue success on our own terms.

REMARKABLE celebrates who we are and the impact we make. Across law firms, corporate legal departments, courtrooms, government agencies, and communities, women attorneys are demonstrating exceptional leadership, driving innovation, and influencing meaningful change. Our accomplishments deserve recognition, but our influence is not measured by titles or accolades alone. It is also reflected in the opportunities we create, the individuals we mentor, and the barriers we help remove for those who follow. We are not simply seeking seats at existing tables; we are creating new spaces where others can thrive.

Together, these three words challenge us to move beyond personal achievement toward **inspiring impact and igniting influence.**

On a personal level, **The NEW Roundtable holds a special place in our hearts. In a world where we are constantly balancing expectations and responsibilities, NEW offers something invaluable—the freedom to set aside our titles, remove our many hats, and simply connect as women who understand and support one another.**

As we gather over the next few days, we encourage you to be fully present. Reconnect with familiar faces, welcome new ones, engage in meaningful conversations, and remain open to perspectives that challenge and inspire you. Take advantage of this opportunity not only to invest in your professional development, but also to celebrate yourself and the women around you.

To our speakers, sponsors, planning committee, volunteers, and everyone who has contributed to making this conference possible, thank you for your time, generosity, and commitment to our mission. Your support has helped make five consecutive years of this extraordinary gathering possible.

As we celebrate this milestone, we are excited not only about how far we have come, but also about what lies ahead. Our hope is that the relationships strengthened, lessons learned, and ideas sparked during this conference will continue to make a difference long after we leave.

We are Rooted in purpose. Resilient through life's challenges. Remarkable in our contributions. And together, we are shaping the future of the legal profession.

Crystal and Liz



Crystal Mitchell
Conference Chair



Liz Holmes
Conference Co-Chair

2026 Conference Committee



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Conference Schedule

Nov. 13 Friday

7:00 - 8:00 AM	**Wellness Walk**
8:30 - 9:00 AM	**Welcome & Opening Remarks: Five Years of NEW**
9:15 - 9:30 AM	**Opening Icebreaker: Rooted, Resilient & Remarkable Connections** *Crystal Mitchell*
9:30 - 10:15 AM	**Resilient & Well: Sustaining Success Without Sacrificing Yourself** *Sarah Ashitey, MD* *Tyria Gardner*
10:15 - 11:00 AM	**Rooted & Rising: Career Pivots, Alternative Paths & Reentering the Workforce** *Julia Simon, Amber Webb Sims, Tasheena Byrd*
11:15 - NOON	**Emotional Intelligence: The Leadership Advantage** *Chasity Boyce*
NOON - 1:15 PM	**Awards Luncheon: Celebrating Remarkable Women** *Representative Nicole D. Collier*
1:15 - 2:15 PM	**From Advocate to Executive: Preparing for the Next Level** *Chasity Henry, Adrienne Mosley, Veronica Moyé*
2:15 3:00 PM	**LinkedIn Maximization: Turning Your Digital Presence Into Professional Influence** *Joyce Wong, Andrea Cook*
3:15 - 4:00 PM	**Protecting Your Business: An Intellectual Property Roundtable** *Tiffany Johnson, Kandace Walter, Paige Wright*
4:00 - 4:45 PM	**From Counsel to Founder: Building a Law Firm of Your Own** *Britney E. Harrison, Imani Maatuka, Nnamdi A. Anozie*
4:45 - 5:00 PM	**Rooted & Resilient Reflection: Today's Insights, Tomorrow's Action**

After Hours

5:45 - 7:30 PM	**Dine Around**
8:00 - 11:00 PM	**Karaoke Night**

NETWORKING BREAKS
11:00 - 11:15 AM
3:00 - 3:15 PM

Conference Schedule

Nov. 14 Saturday

7:30 - 8:30 AM	**Wellness Walk**
9:00 - 9:45 AM	**Beyond the Billable Hour: Building a Side Hustle While Practicing Law** *Chalon Clark Thomas, Lindsey Buckner*
10:00 - 11:00 AM	**Hot Legal Topics: What Women Attorneys Need on Their Radar** *Jervonne Newsome, Amber Rogers*
11:15 - NOON	**AI-Powered Counsel: Mastering Prompting and Innovation in Legal Practice** *Zandra Robinson, Jacqueline Adeola Michael*
NOON - 12:15 PM	**Closing Experience: My Remarkable Next**
12:30 PM	**Conference Adjournment**

NETWORKING BREAK
11:00 - 11:15 AM

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Awards Luncheon

Celebrating Remarkable Women

Welcome & Introduction
LaCrecia Perkins

Invocation
Amber Hamilton Gregg

Lunch Service

Speaker Introduction
Christina King

Keynote Speaker
Rep. Nicole D. Collier

Awards Presentation
Crystal Moore Mitchell

Closing Remarks



Keynote Speaker

Rep. Nicole D. Collier

Texas House of Representatives District 95

DATE
NOVEMBER 13TH, 2026

TIME
12:00 – 1:15 PM



Rep. Nicole D. Collier

Texas House of Representatives District 95

Nicole Collier is a respected attorney, small business owner, grandmother and mother of three who has spent her life working to obtain the American Dream. As a single mother of two children before finishing high school, she was bolstered by both her faith and her family to continue her education. Nicole is a graduate of the University of Houston and Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, now the Texas A&M University School of Law.

For the last 20 years, Nicole has been a strong advocate for individuals and families, and has now taken her skills to the Texas Capitol. Nicole is the first woman to represent Tarrant County's House District 95, and in November 2024, she was re-elected to her seventh term in office.

In 2019, Nicole served as chair of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, which made her the first woman in Texas history to chair the committee since it was formed in 1879. Nicole has also served as chair of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. In the 89th Texas Legislature, Nicole was re-appointed to serve on the House Committee on Public Health and newly appointed to the House Committee on Appropriations.

Nicole draws her legislative priorities from input from the community. She has filed legislation that focuses on affordable housing, access to quality healthcare, environmental justice, and criminal justice reform. Her outstanding legislative achievements have garnered numerous awards, including, the Roy Wilkins Civil Rights Award from the NAACP, the Barbara Jordan Trailblazer Award from the Williamson County Democrats, the Regional Legislator of the Year Award from The National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Texas Hero Award from the Texas State NAACP, and the Profile in Courage Award from Equality Texas.

Meet Our Moderators



Lacy Durham
Friday, 9:30 AM
Resilient & Well



Ki'Jhana Friday
Friday, 10:15 AM
Rooted & Rising



Christina King
Friday, 12:00 PM
Keynote Introduction



Courtney Barksdale Perez
Friday, 1:15 PM
From Advocate to Executive



LaCrecia Perkins
Friday, 2:15 PM
LinkedIn Maximization



Chalon Clark
Saturday 9:00 AM
Beyond the Billable Hour

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Sara Ashitey, MD
Friday, 9:30 AM

Before joining a private practice in Dallas, Sarah Ashitey, MD, worked in urgent care, a rural clinic, and a hospital-owned clinic. She now provides integrative, whole-person care to a diverse patient population. Growing up in West Africa, she witnessed how community doctors, nurses, and expanded health insurance improved access in resource-poor settings, inspiring her commitment to community medicine. Dr. Ashitey earned her medical degree from UT Southwestern and completed a family medicine residency at JPS in Fort Worth. She finds fulfillment in helping patients improve their health, work, and sense of purpose. Outside medicine, she enjoys family time, tennis, and creative writing, and has a secret dream of writing a screenplay.



Tyria Gardner
Friday, 9:30 AM

Tyria Gardner is a dedicated doula and healthcare professional with experience across multiple specialties, including women's health, emergency medicine, and cardiovascular care. Her diverse clinical background allows her to provide compassionate, knowledgeable, and holistic support to individuals and families throughout their healthcare journeys. She is passionate about patient advocacy, education, and empowering women to feel informed, supported, and confident throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and beyond.



Julia Simon
Friday, 10:15 AM

For more than 23 years, Julia Simon served as in-house counsel at Mary Kay Inc., retiring as Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary in 2023. She oversaw the company's legal, risk management, compliance, communications, and social responsibility functions. She also served as Chief Privacy Officer. Before launching Simon Dispute Resolution LLC, Julia was a partner at Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann in Dallas, handling litigation and developing her dispute-resolution practice. Previously, she was an associate and partner at Locke Liddell & Sapp, focusing on commercial litigation and employment law. She began her career at McGlinchey, Stafford, Nealy & Lang in New Orleans. Julia earned degrees from Texas A&M University and The University of Texas School of Law and a mediation certification from South Texas College of Law.

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Amber Webb Sims
Friday, 10:15 AM

Amber Webb Sims is an attorney, speaker, Jesus lover, and abolitionist with nearly 100 first-chair jury trials. A trial attorney and trusted advisor, she handles high-stakes litigation, claims, investigations, compliance, and risk management. She currently leads legal for Liberty Mutual's Medical Special Programs in U.S. Retail Markets as Lead Counsel, supporting a $28 billion net-premiums business. Prior roles include in-house litigation at AT&T, Progressive, The Hartford, and Farmers, plus, Assistant District Attorney in Dallas County during Craig Watkins's tenure. A 2003 Hockaday graduate, she earned a B.A. from The George Washington University and a cum laude J.D. from Texas Tech. She speaks, teaches, ministers and co-hosts Broke-ish. She attends Fellowship Christian Center Church, and lives in Wylie with her husband, dog, and blended family of six.



Tasheena L. Byrd
Friday, 10:15 AM

Tasheena L. Byrd is Director of Passenger Operations at BNSF Railway, guiding strategy and representing BNSF with passenger and commuter rail agencies. With over eight years of legal and business experience, she previously served as Senior General Attorney at BNSF, advising on transactions, regulation, real estate, construction, strategy, and railroad operations. She began her in-house legal career as Senior Assistant City Attorney with the Dallas City Attorney's Office, handling economic development, open records, and public-private agreements. Originally from Amarillo, Texas, she has family ties to railroading. She graduated cum laude from SMU Dedman School of Law and West Texas A&M University. She serves on the law school's Emerging Leaders Board.



Chasity A. Boyce
Friday, 11:15 AM

Chasity A. Boyce is Founder and CEO of Lomax Leadership Hub (LLH). At Barings, she was Chief of Staff, Head of Business Management for U.S./European Real Estate, and inaugural Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, leading their global DEI strategy. She held roles at Heitman LLC and Skadden, was the Illinois Governor's Associate General Counsel, and began her career in litigation. She is the past president and a lifetime member of Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago, former Illinois Executive Ethics Commission chair, and serves on Crisis Assistance Ministry and Howard University School of Law boards. She co-founded the Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program (DAPP). She earned an A.B. in Public Policy from Duke University and a J.D. from Howard University School of Law.

Conference Speakers



Chasity Henry
Friday, 1:15 PM

Chasity Henry is Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Jacobs, where she leads the company's global legal and risk organization of nearly 200 professionals and advises leadership and the Board of Directors. She served as Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at Jacobs, supporting major global business units and complex infrastructure and advanced facilities projects. She served as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of CECO Environmental and held roles at Kimberly-Clark, Keurig Dr Pepper, and Vizient after starting at Vinson & Elkins. Chasity is a founding member of The NEW Roundtable, Inc. She earned her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Wheaton College. Her family includes husband Justin and children Maya and Alex.



Adrienne Mosley
Friday, 1:15 PM

Adrienne Mosley is an executive and legal strategist with more than 23 years of experience advising organizations, protecting brands, and driving growth. She serves as Deputy General Counsel for PepsiCo Foods North America, PepsiCo's $23 billion snacks division, overseeing legal matters for Doritos, Lay's, Cheetos, and Quaker. She guides operations, litigation, regulatory compliance, risk management, and reputation. Previously, she was PepsiCo's Vice President and Global Chief Counsel for IT, Cybersecurity, and Privacy. Her achievements include supporting acquisitions, advancing brand partnerships, and establishing the Larry D. Thompson Fellowship. Adrienne has earned recognition and serves on nonprofit boards. She holds degrees from Yale and Penn Law, privacy certifications, and a leadership certificate from Dartmouth's Tuck School.



Veronica S. Moyé
Friday, 1:15 PM

Veronica S. Moyé is lead counsel in antitrust, intellectual property, class action, and commercial disputes and a nationally recognized trial lawyer. In 2022, the Dallas Bar Association named her Trial Lawyer of the Year and Benchmark recognized her among its Top 10 Women in Litigation and Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America. Chambers USA ranked her for Antitrust in Texas from 2010 through 2023 and General Commercial Litigation in Texas from 2021 through 2023. In 2009, she earned the Dallas Business Journal's Defenders recognition after winning a unanimous copyright defense verdict for Tyler Perry. She has been recognized by Best Lawyers and Lawdragon. Previously, Veronica served as general counsel of the nation's largest healthcare Group Purchasing Organization, advising executives and the board on antitrust, investigations, procurement, and compliance.

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Joyce Wong
Friday, 2:15 PM

Joyce Wong specializes in partner and group placements across diverse practice areas, pairing candidates' motivations, values, and goals with firms' cultures and strategic priorities. Before joining Macrae, she led executive searches for public and private companies, placing Chief Legal Officers, General Counsels, Chief Compliance Officers, vice presidents, and department heads, while building in-house legal and compliance teams. She also led a Law Firm Management division serving AmLaw 100 firms. Earlier in her career, Joyce recruited at Skadden and Foley & Lardner. She began her career litigating in the Delaware Court of Chancery. Joyce earned her J.D. from William & Mary and B.A. from the University of Rochester. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, Joyce advocates for dyslexia awareness and women's health advocacy initiatives.



Andrea Cook
Friday, 2:15 PM

Andrea Cook counsels and defends employers, including national retailers and logistics companies, in labor and employment litigation involving workplace investigations, discrimination, retaliation, and wrongful termination under Title VII, the ADA, FMLA, and related statutes. With two decades of experience, she leads complex matters, including labor arbitrations, administrative proceedings, and internal investigations. Andrea advises management on risk mitigation, settlements, harassment, discrimination, wage and hour claims, and workplace complaints. A certified arbitrator and mediator, she helps clients resolve disputes through business-focused strategies. Before joining FP, Andrea served as managing partner of a Dallas litigation firm, expanding its labor and employment practice. Her municipal and litigation background informs her pragmatic, results-driven counsel.



Tiffany Johnson
Friday, 3:15 PM

Tiffany Johnson is the IP Legal Director at Boston Scientific Corporation (BSC), where she plays a vital role in supporting the Neuromodulation Division located in Southern California. Before joining BSC, she was a Patent Attorney at The Estée Lauder Companies in New York. Prior to going in-house, Tiffany was an associate at IP boutique firms and an examiner at the USPTO. Tiffany earned her law degree from Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law and holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University.

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Kandace Walter
Friday, 3:15 PM

Kandace Walter earned a J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law and a B.S. in Chemistry from Florida A&M University. Texas-licensed and registered before the USPTO, her experience includes time as an ADA at the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Assistant City Attorney and Community Prosecutor at the Dallas City Attorney's Office. Kandace opened her firm, Walter Legal PLLC, in 2016. Since 2020, she directs Southern Methodist University School of Law's Small Business & Trademark Clinic, supervising students delivering pro bono services. She is a founding member & current director of The NEW Roundtable, Inc. She serves on the boards of the DBA and DWLA and is the immediate past president of the Barbara Lynn American Inn of Court and J.L. Turner Legal Association.



Paige Wright
Friday, 3:15 PM

Paige Wright is a Senior Associate in the Complex Commercial Litigation department at Vinson & Elkins, where she focuses on patent and trade secret litigation across a wide range of intellectual property matters. She has secured major wins in IP cases, including a large-scale jury trial with an attorneys' fee award in 2026. Before practicing law, Paige earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Florida A&M University in 2014 and worked as a process engineer at ExxonMobil's Baytown refinery while earning her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center in 2018.



Britney E. Harrison
Friday, 4:00 PM

Britney E. Harrison is an experienced family-law attorney who combines advocacy with compassion to guide clients through difficult family transitions. She listens carefully, identifies important details, and develops creative solutions for custody and co-parenting matters. Britney begins with amicable strategies when appropriate, but is prepared to litigate assertively when necessary. Her background in employment law and commercial litigation strengthens her courtroom judgment and helps clients understand what to expect. An Austin native, she graduated first in her undergraduate class at the University of North Texas and earned her law degree with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 2010. She also studied in Lyon and is proud that her first job after law school helped her father attend college.

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Imani Maatuka
Friday, 4:00 PM

Imani Maatuka is a commercial litigator, entrepreneur, and leader serving as a Managing Associate in Sidley Austin LLP's Commercial Litigation and Disputes group in Dallas. She represents clients in disputes, investigations, regulatory enforcement, False Claims Act litigation, product liability, trade-secret matters, and multidistrict litigation, while maintaining a pro bono practice focused on veterans' advocacy and habeas corpus relief. Recognized among The National Black Lawyers' "Top 40 Under 40" and Just The Beginning's "5 Under 40," she is active in Dallas organizations and Sidley's Pro Bono and Public Interest Law Committee. A Washington University School of Law graduate, she earned her undergraduate degree summa cum laude from North Carolina A&T. Imani founded two businesses and co-founded The Bridging the Gap Scholarship for aspiring minority corporate lawyers.



Nnamdi A. Anozie
Friday, 4:00 PM

Nnamdi Anozie is the founding and managing partner of Anozie LLP, a full-service law firm representing Fortune 100 companies, multinational corporations, and prominent individuals. His career spans complex litigation, corporate counseling, internal investigations, and high-profile matters involving civil rights, entertainment, and emerging technologies. His notable work includes leading civil rights litigation against a major private university and representing the estates of celebrated recording artists and entertainers. Nnamdi made partner in his fifth year of practice and founded his own firm in his seventh. He has not had a bad day since. A Dallas native and three-time Howard University graduate, he previously served as a Howard University Student Trustee and President of its Graduate and Professional Student Assembly.



Chalon Clark Thomas
Saturday, 9:00 AM

Chalon Clark-Thomas is a Dallas-based partner at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, focusing on commercial, employment, construction litigation, and products liability. With nearly two decades of trial experience, she has earned recognition in The Best Lawyers in America and Texas Super Lawyers. She founded Design Redefined, an interior design firm inspired by her Bahamian heritage, and appeared on Season 3 of HGTV's Renovation Resort Showdown. Chalon and her husband own The Island Spot Jamaican Kitchen & Bar and a villa in Jamaica. They are also the proud parents of three daughters. She earned a BBA, cum laude, in Finance from the University of Houston and her J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law. Her work appeared in House Beautiful and Martha Stewart Living, and she is a recognized trial lawyer.

Conference Speakers



Lindsey Buckner
Saturday, 9:00 AM

Lindsey Buckner is an award-winning attorney with more than twelve years of experience advising Fortune 100 companies across government, financial services, retail, and technology. Her work includes complex contracts and negotiations, marketing and product matters, regulatory issues, fintech services, and risk management. She is the founder of LB Consulting Group, where she serves fast-paced businesses as a legal consultant, professional speaker, and corporate trainer. A lifelong athlete, former soccer coach, and certified personal trainer, Lindsey also coaches busy professionals pursuing healthier lifestyles while managing demanding careers. She serves on two boards supporting sports and fitness businesses. Lindsey has received numerous awards and recognitions and is a sought-after speaker at major legal conferences, roundtables, and industry events throughout her career.



Jervonne Newsome
Saturday, 10:00 AM

Jervonne Newsome is a Litigation Partner and accomplished trial attorney at Winston Taylor, recognized for strategic advocacy and courtroom presence. She represents Fortune 500 companies, business leaders, and individuals in complex commercial litigation involving business torts, contracts, fiduciary duties, and intellectual property. With extensive trial and appellate experience, she is known for sharp legal analysis, persuasive oral advocacy, and innovative litigation strategies. Her honors include recognition by The Best Lawyers in America, Texas Super Lawyers, D Magazine's Best Lawyers Under 40, and Lawdragon. Beyond litigation, Jervonne advocates for leadership, opportunity, and women's advancement. She also speaks to churches, ministries, and community organizations about faith, purpose, and personal growth nationwide.



Amber Rogers
Saturday, 10:00 AM

Amber Rogers's national practice advises clients on labor relations, employment counseling, litigation, and complex employment matters. Board Certified in Labor & Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, she handles collective bargaining, representation and decertification elections, unfair labor practice charges, grievance arbitration, contract administration, contract interpretation, and union avoidance. Her litigation experience includes wage and hour collective and class actions, trade secrets, restrictive covenant disputes, and employment discrimination. She conducts corporate investigations, trains clients, and defends employers before administrative agencies. Her clients include energy, utilities, financial services, health care, food processing, staffing, manufacturing, transportation, and retail companies across industries.

Conference Speakers



Zandra Robinson
Saturday, 11:15 AM

Zandra Robinson is an in-house attorney with over 12 years of experience at global companies including Dell, PepsiCo, and Oracle. At Dell Technologies, she focuses on cybersecurity-driven third-party risk management, helping oversee legal frameworks for securely onboarding and managing vendors. Her work supports regulatory compliance, operational resilience, and customer trust. An entrepreneur, Zandra has managed an Airbnb, handled REO property preservation, and managed rental-property repairs and rehabs. A Dallas (Oak Cliff) native, she earned degrees from Southern Methodist University and the University of Arkansas School of Law. She lives in DeSoto with Yancey, an educator, and their two daughters. Recognized with Dell's Game-Changer Award and nominated for Outstanding Corporate Counsel, Zandra inspires others to think boldly and pursue diverse paths to success.



Jacqueline Adeola Michael
Saturday, 11:15 AM

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