



# 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## SHIFT HAPPENS: LEADING THROUGH CHANGE

November 21-22, 2024 | Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa

### Thursday, November 21, 2024

12:00–1:45 PM **Kick-Off Welcome Luncheon: The Champion Within You: The Science of Winning and Losing**  
Ashley Merryman | Founder/President, The Sherwood Group, LLC, *New York Times* Bestselling Author

2:00–2:20 PM **TALK 01: Embracing Pivot Points: Setting Priorities in Changing Landscapes**  
Damien M. Diggs | United States Attorney, Eastern District of Texas

2:20–2:40 PM **TALK 02: Engaging (or Not) on Societal Issues: Guidance in a Challenging Time**  
Jennifer Loven | Partner, FGS Global

2:40–3:10 PM Networking Break w/ Snacks

3:20–3:40 PM **TALK 03: Navigating the Gen AI Revolution**  
Dr. Jessica Ouyang | Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Texas at Dallas

3:40–4:00 PM **TALK 04: Diplomacy and the Limits of Persuasion**  
Aaron Honn | Public Affairs Advisor, U.S. Mission to NATO

4:00–4:05 PM Thank You & Housekeeping

6:00 PM Magna Stella Dinner (Separate Ticket Required)

### Friday, November 22, 2024

8:15–8:55 AM Networking Breakfast

9:00–9:10 AM Gathering, Thank You & Housekeeping

9:10–9:30 AM **TALK 05: Shift Happens When You Least Expect It: Reflections on Change**  
Irma Carrillo Ramirez | Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

9:30–9:50 AM **TALK 06: Both/And Thinking**  
Wendy K. Smith | Dana J. Johnson Professor of Management & Faculty Director, Women's Leadership Initiative, University of Delaware

9:50–10:10 AM **TALK 07: Success Is Not Final: Navigating Change By Advocating Change**  
Joe Tocco | Senior Vice President - Assistant General Counsel, AT&T

10:10–10:40 AM Networking Break w/ Snacks

10:40–11:00 AM **TALK 08: Injustice of the Peace**  
Mark Melton | Partner, Holland & Knight LLP

11:00–11:20 AM **TALK 09: Today's Economics, It's Been Some Crazy Shifts**  
Jeff Lanier | Head of Finance and Economics, SVP of Strategic Accounts, Stewart's Agency Business

11:20–11:50 AM **TALK 10: That Could Never Happen to Me: What Happens When Good Lawyers Mess Up**  
Seana Willing | Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas

11:50–12:00 PM Thank You, Evaluations, Prize Drawings & Save the Date for 2025

12:00–2:30 PM **Farewell Celebration Lunch**