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21st Annual CLE Leadership Conference

March 25-27, 2026

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Tanisha Edwards

2026 Conference President

As we celebrate the 21st Annual Leadership Conference, I'm filled with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead. This year's theme, "Bold Steps, New Horizons," captures the spirit of this community—fearless in moving forward, committed to creating opportunity, and united in shaping the future of the profession.



I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our sponsors and partners whose support makes this gathering possible. Their investment ensures that our community of lawyers and leaders continues to grow, thrive, and inspire.

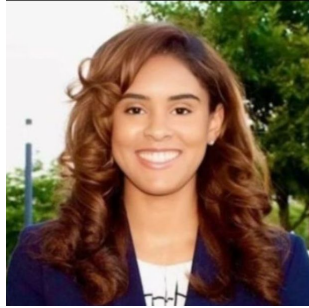
I look forward to the rich conversations, new connections, and powerful insights this year's conference will bring.

Together, let's continue to take bold steps toward horizons that expand what we imagine is possible.

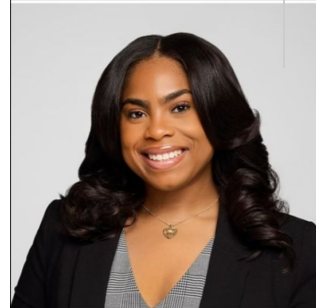
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On behalf of LIWOCA, we would like to thank our valued sponsors for their unwavering support since our founding in 2005. Our sponsor contributions have been vital in hosting our annual CLE conference, which offers professional development, networking, and mentorship for women of color in the legal profession. Thanks to you, we've awarded over \$330,000 in scholarships to law students and successfully launched and sustained our High School Pipeline Program.

LIWOCA SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

2022 LIWOCA Scholarship Recipient

Brigid Carmichael
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"During the last months of my 3L year, it suddenly dawned on me that I had no way to pay for the odd little gap between law school and the start of my staff attorney position - something no one had warned me about. Federal loans wouldn't cover the summer because I had graduated, and, with bar study, I couldn't work more than part time waiting tables.

When I felt lost and stressed, LIWOCA was there. I am proud to be a 2022 LIWOCA scholarship recipient. While the funding assisted me financially, the conference supported me emotionally, introducing me to an eclectic and dynamic group of advocates from whom I could learn and draw inspiration.

We are now living through a time when initiatives that support women of color in higher education are under attack. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a strong community and to serve on the Speaker Committee for the 21st LIWOCA Conference so we can continue to support and inspire our fellow advocates."



2021 LIWOCA Scholarship Recipient

Stephanie Odigie
Linklaters



"The LIWOCA Scholarship provided me with invaluable support during my time in law school. I was honored to receive the award in 2021 and have remained involved with the organization since then, now serving as Scholarship Chair. This scholarship gave me the ability to fully focus on my academic goals, relieving financial pressures and allowing me to focus on my studies. Academically, LIWOCA provided me with a sense of confidence and motivation, knowing that the organization believed in my potential to succeed in the legal field and invested in my journey. Beyond the scholarship, LIWOCA has provided a source of community, reminding me that there is an organization cheering me on and dedicated to supporting my success. I encourage future recipients to embrace this opportunity and to also get involved in joining LIWOCA in other ways."

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