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Top Skills

Contract Negotiation

Oral Communication

Leadership Development

Languages

Spanish (Professional Working)

Certifications

Stark County Government Academy

National Alliance on Mental Illness
Facilitator

Harvard Business School

National Fair Housing Training
Academy

Honors-Awards

26th Class

ATHENA International Leadership
Award Finalist

Women's Hall of Fame, Class of
2016

Spirit of Scouting Award

Stark County's Twenty Under 40!

Corey Minor Smith

Attorney • Author • Award-winning Advocate Talks about
#mentalhealth #advocacy #resilience #professionaldevelopment
#corporatesocialresponsibility

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Harvard Business School recognized the immense contribution Corey Minor Smith has made in leadership development when it bestowed on her a certificate for completion of its 2023 Women of Color Executive Leadership Program. Rolling Out magazine calls Corey Minor Smith a “legendary lawyer, renowned attorney, noted mental health advocate, prominent media fixture, and New York Times celebrated author.” Becoming a trained facilitator for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), paved the way for her mental health advocacy work. With a considerable national profile as a mental health and wellness advocate, Minor Smith has appeared in national media in prestigious venues like nationally syndicated radio show The Breakfast Club. She has also been featured in Forbes and Rolling Out magazines. Minor Smith contributed to the Audible Original We’ve Got Answers and penned a powerful memoir entitled #Driven (pronounced Hashtag Driven) with a foreword by the renowned motivational speaker Les Brown. #Driven was crowned as “searing and moving” by the New York Times and featured as an Amazon Celebrity Pick. Minor Smith’s consulting talents and inspirational words have also benefited Fortune 500 companies such as ViacomCBS, Xerox and iHeartMedia.

Educated at Bowling Green State University, she earned her bachelor and master’s degrees, and at the University of Toledo, she earned her Juris Doctorate. Minor Smith’s legal career spans over 22 years and has been dedicated to public service as an Assistant Prosecutor, Judicial Attorney and Mayoral cabinet member before serving as General Counsel for the same public housing authority that provided housing for her and her family. Minor Smith made history as the first African American to be elected to a city-wide position when she received the most votes over five other candidates to serve as an at-large member of Canton City Council. Currently, Minor Smith is appointed to serve with the Biden-Harris

Administration as Senior Counsel for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In her role, she provides support to the Office of General Counsel under the direction of General Counsel Damon Smith and the leadership of Secretary Marcia L. Fudge.

Corey has received numerous accolades and awards, including the NAACP - Stark County Image Award, NAMI-Stark County Starfish Award, Boy Scouts of America Buckeye Council Spirit of Scouting Award, She Elevates Woman of Courage Award, induction into the YWCA Women's Hall of Fame, and was named an ATHENA International Women's Leadership Finalist.

Experience

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Senior Counsel

December 2021 - Present (1 year 10 months)

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

CMS Worldwide LLC

Consultant

January 2019 - Present (4 years 9 months)

United States

Corey incorporates a strong and relevant mental health care component to her presentations. Global Fortune 500 companies like The Timken Company Worldwide Headquarters, Xerox and Messer have selected Corey to offer presentations to enhance leadership development. In her role as the driving force and imaginative inspiration behind Corey Empowers, she has led the charge with customized presentations designed to foster a culture of care that focuses on mental wellness as a top priority.

Law Office of Corey Minor Smith, LLC

Attorney at Law

September 2006 - December 2021 (15 years 4 months)

Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority General Counsel

July 2011 - May 2021 (9 years 11 months)

Canton, Ohio

Community oriented professional offering a unique combination of creative and analytical skills resulting in project completion beyond expectation. Maintains the aptitude necessary to implement cost-saving solutions to reach desired goals while working in fast-paced, intense environments that require direct interaction with clients. Recognized by superiors as an executive-level director with proven efficiency and reliability resulting from a focus on detail and implementing years of legal, compliance, and training experience.

City of Canton, Ohio

Director of Compliance

February 2008 - July 2011 (3 years 6 months)

Represented the United States as one of three US Delegates and presented on "Professionalism in Housing Education and Practice."

Summit County Common Pleas Court

Judicial Attorney

December 2004 - August 2006 (1 year 9 months)

Education

Harvard Business School

Leadership Certification, Business Administration and Management,
General · (April 2023 - May 2023)

University of Toledo

Juris Doctorate, Law · (1998 - 2001)

Bowling Green State University

Master's degree, Education-Guidance and Counseling · (1996 - 1998)

La Universidad de Guadalajara Autonoma

Cultural Diversity · (1996 - 1996)

Bowling Green State University

Bachelor of Arts (BA), English · (1992 - 1996)