

## BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Cassandra D. Caldwell is an internationally renowned thought leader, author, faculty member, consultant, philanthropist, entrepreneur, and scholar. She has been featured in numerous publications, including *Black Enterprise Magazine*, *Legacy Magazine*, *Profiles in Diversity Journal*, *HBCU Connect Magazine*, *INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine*, *Legacy Miami Magazine*, and *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*.

Dr. Caldwell is the Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer at Akerman law firm a national firm with over 700 attorneys in 25 cities. She has over 25 years of experience through several leadership roles with: Visa, General Electric, Sodexo, the International Society of Diversity and Inclusion Professionals, GlaxoSmithKline, 4-H Youth

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In addition to being a leader in the corporate world, Dr. Caldwell's higher education background is just as impressive. She has also held academic appointments as an adjunct faculty member at Cornell University, the University of Maryland, Nova Southeastern University, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Walden University, Duke University, Seton Hall University, and the University of Houston. She taught in the North Carolina Central University Department of Public Administration for nine years where she created the Executive Master of Public Administration Program.

She completed an executive education program in corporate social responsibility at Harvard Business School. Dr. Caldwell earned a doctor of philosophy degree in human and community resource development from The Ohio State University. She earned a master of public administration degree from North Carolina Central University, and a bachelor of arts degree in speech communication from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Her international education includes being a visiting scholar in Ghana, South Africa, and Swaziland. Her latest international academic appointment was as a visiting scholar at The Oxford Round Table for Women's Leadership at the University of Oxford in England. In addition to these international academic appointments, Dr. Caldwell has been invited to present on leadership topics in Japan, Morocco, South Africa, Taiwan, Hong Kong, England, Canada, Austria, and France.