

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Michael Dues, Lecturer, University of Arizona, Management Consultant

An experienced administrator, consultant, and college professor, Michael Dues has spent 35 years helping organizations with the human side of management.

A former head of The University of Arizona Department of Communication, past President of the Arizona Communication Association, and former Chair of the University of Arizona Ombuds Committee, he continues to serve as a lecturer, teaching conflict management.

Focusing on organizational conflict management, he developed the Conflict Climate Inventory to help organizations assess the conflict management behavior of employees. His lecture course, The Art of Conflict Management, reaches an international audience as one of The Teaching Company's "Great Courses".



Sherry D. Williams, Esq., Sr. VP, Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, Halliburton

Sherry D. Williams is Senior Vice President, Chief Ethics and Compliance officer for Halliburton, leading the Company's global compliance function. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Williams was Vice President and Corporate Secretary, with responsibility for the Public Company Law Group. In this capacity, she also serves on the Legal Management Team, the governing body that determines the function and development of Halliburton's Global Law Department.

Before these roles, Ms. Williams was Senior Counsel for Halliburton, where she managed complex commercial litigation, both domestic and international, and was responsible for setting litigation strategy, managing outside law firms, managing litigation budgets, and serving as a liaison between the Law Department and business-unit senior management.

Ms. Williams was formerly an attorney with the AmLaw 100 law firm of K&L Gates LLP, where she practiced in the areas of complex commercial litigation, employment, and class-action defense.

Ms. Williams earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1992 and is a 1995 graduate of the University of Miami School of Law. She is a member of the state bars of Florida, New Jersey and New York; The Greater Houston Business Ethics Round Table and the Ethics and Compliance Officer Association; the Association of Corporate Counsel; and the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals. She is a director of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council and Houston's Alley Theatre. She has formerly served on the board of directors of Women of Tomorrow, a nonprofit organization that mentors at-risk young women and the University of Miami Law Alumni Association. Ms. Williams is a frequent speaker and panelist on many topics, including client management and client development for outside counsel, legal training best practices, career management, ethics and leadership, and diversity.



David Yamada, Professor of Law, Suffolk University Law School

David Yamada is a Professor of Law and Director of the New Workplace Institute at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. He is an internationally recognized authority in the legal implications of workplace bullying, having authored leading law review articles on the topic. In addition, he is drafter of the Healthy Workplace Bill, model anti-bullying legislation being considered by state legislatures across the nation. His blog, Minding the Workplace (<http://newworkplace.wordpress.com>), is a popular source of commentary on work, workers, and workplaces. David received his J.D. from New York University and practiced as a public interest lawyer before entering academia.