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**March 24-25, 2021
Zoo Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia**

Early Bird: \$295
Regular: \$395

**Early Bird pricing available
through March 4, 2021.**



Conference Location:

**Carlos Ballroom, The Atlanta Zoo
800 Cherokee Ave SE
Atlanta, GA, 30315**

Hotel Information:

**Ellis Hotel - room rate/booking link to come
176 Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

Please note that the conference is not within walking distance from the hotel and you will need to Uber, Lyft, or taxi between the two locations. Everyone should be able to find parking in the Cherokee Ave lot; parking is free.

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Agenda

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Wednesday, March 24, 2021

5:30 - 6:30 p.m Early Arrival Reception - Ellis Hotel

7:00 p.m. - until Dine-Arounds

Thursday, March 25, 2021

7:30 - 8:15 AM	Registration Continental breakfast and visit exhibitors
8:15 AM	Welcome & Announcements
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Stand Tall Like a Giraffe: 10 Tips to Excel in Your Legal Career Gain invaluable insight and practical tips that will help you take control of your career to create a blueprint for your law practice success and professional transitions during your legal career. Marianne M. Trost, The Women Lawyers Coach
9:30 - 10:30 AM	It's a Jungle Out There: Finding Your Way to Partnership According to the 2019 annual list of "Best Law Firms for Women" of Working Women "Top law firms are slowly increasing the ranks of female equity partners, but they are far from reaching parity." What are law firms doing to attract, retain and promote women lawyers? This panel will discuss the pathway to equity partnership for mothers, and women in general, in firms that provide schedule flexibility, paid time off and parental leaves, and a commitment to the development and retention of women attorneys. Panelists: Sara W. Butler, Copeland Stair Kingman & Lovell; Stacy Estes Yates, Pennington P.A.; Catherine C. Dugan, Peterson White LLP; Taylor S. Poncz, Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP Moderator: Karen Karabinos, Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Networking Break

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Thursday, March 25, 2021

10:45 - 11:45 AM	Lions, Tigers and Bears: Issues Facing Female Managing Partner The managing partner provides strategic leadership and oversees everything from operations, firm and practice area growth, identifying and managing talent, client development, and succession planning. Hear from an elite group of women managing partners who are successfully implementing strategies and operations for firm success. Panelists: Juliana Theall Earp, Fox Rothschild; Tracy O'Connell, Ellis Painter Ratterree & Adams LLP; Deborah Alley Smith, Christian & Small, LLP Moderator: Trula R. Mitchell, McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC
11:45 - Noon	Networking Break
Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch Keynote: Making it Rain in Your Jungle 1st Lady of Sales, Dr. Cindy McGovern, and the author of "Every Job is a Sales Job" will help you tap into your inner sales skills to advance your business and client development skills to attain the practice success you desire and deserve.
1:00 - 1:15 PM	Networking Break
1:15 - 2:15 PM	Proud as a Peacock: Owning Your Differences Women of color, and black women specifically, continue to be significantly underrepresented in law firms despite many firms' commitment to diversity. Hear from this panel of their strategies for building successful practices, networks, and personal and professional clout as women of color. Panelists: DeRetta Cole Rhodes, Atlanta Braves; Natasha Wilson, Greenberg Traurig; Kasey Chow, Southern Linc; Lara Ortega Clark, Drew, Eckl & Farnham Moderator: Dawn N. Pettigrew, Hudson Parrott Walker, LLC
2:15 - 3:15 PM	Safari Guide for Panel Counsel Learn from this panel of inhouse counsel in what the key metrics are when they consider selecting outside counsel for their company's legal needs. Panelists: Meka B. Ward, Home Depot; Kate Scarbrough, Senior Vice President, Employment and Litigation, Curo Health Services, Inc.; Nicola Grida, International Paper Moderator: Carol Rooney, Butler Pappas
3:15 - 3:30 PM	Networking Break
3:30 - 4:30 PM	Lions who Support Their Prides Having a mentor and sponsor is an important professional development resource for young lawyers. Having a successful male attorney mentor and sponsor is equally important for women attorneys as a part of their success circle in a profession that is predominately male. Hear from three male lawyers who champion women attorneys who not only offer a seat at the table but include them in the conversation. Panelists: Douglas K. Burrell, Drew Eckl & Farnham LLP; John Parker Sweeney, Bradley; Frank Ramos, Jr., Clarke Silvergate, PA Moderator: Sharon D. Stuart, Christian & Small LLP
4:30 p.m.	Adjournment and Cocktail Reception