

Jasmine Parson Williams
CLI Legal Inclusiveness & Diversity Summit 2017
Session Title: **Better Together**

Speaker Bio

Jasmine Parson Williams, founded The Commoveo Institute in 2015 after serving the Indiana Supreme Court as Staff Attorney to the Commission on Race & Gender Fairness and Director of the Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity. She has dedicated her career to understanding the complex social issues that impact the pipeline of diverse talent to the legal profession. As Staff Attorney, she developed the FLOW Indiana diversity pipeline strategic framework and lead the development of the first Curriculum and Minimum Standards for the ICLEO Fellowship. She was the first student recipient of the Indiana Lawyer's Diversity in Practice Award.

Session Short Description

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There are often complex social issues that put extreme pressure on the acquisition of talent in the diversity pipeline well before law school or legal employment. This session will explore some of these issues and their relevance to diversity in the legal profession, provide ideas and actionable strategies, and encourage engagement in the educational pipeline through disciplined coordination and collaboration. We will explore the benefits and drawbacks of Collective Impact as a strategy, review case studies of Collective Impact initiatives in other disciplines, and discuss how adapting the strategy can provide transformational change to the way we approach the pipeline to the profession. This session will be helpful to those who are open to learning why the legal profession must engage in the educational pipeline, are willing to go beyond the numbers, and are committed to the exchange of information and ideas that can transform our approach to ensuring a consistent flow of talent throughout the legal education/employment spectrum.

Session Full Description

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There are often complex social issues that put extreme pressure on the acquisition of talent in the diversity pipeline well before law school or legal employment. Understanding how achievement gaps, the school-to-prison pipeline, and education reform put extreme pressure on the pipeline to the profession and create leaks in the talent pool well before a student ever considers law school as an option.

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