

ALLISON SUMMERS

With a career spanning more than thirty years, Allison has traversed the ranks in the corporate and non-profit space, having made her way to the top in a variety of C-suite and senior level leadership roles. She has managed international operations, budgets of over \$270 million, and served as a partner and advisor to CEOs and company presidents who have resided on five continents. Today, she is considered a global leader and an influence and empowerment authority who knows firsthand the value of building and leveraging relationships for both personal and organizational success.

Those acquainted with Allison recognize her ease with multi-cultural environments and business situations as a result of her extensive travels and experiences. She has served clients in ninety countries, worked with 'heels on the ground' in over thirty countries, and provided keynote presentations and seminars to audiences in twenty countries (and counting).

Through her work with NGOs, Allison was invited to be a member of the Forbes Non-profit Council. In addition, she has served as a board member for nine non-profits and charities, including a turn as president of the American Marketing Association Chicago. She has earned her Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential from the American Society of Association Executives and her Certified Incentive Specialist (CIS) credential from the Society for Incentive Travel Excellence. In 2013, she began her service as the Executive Director and Chief Staff Executive for Zonta International, a role which furthered her expertise as a gender equality advocate and champion for women in business. In 2017, she was part of the UNA-USA delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Allison views her success as a reflection of the great professionals she has met along the way who have shared knowledge, extended new opportunities, and even carried her through tough times. In 2016, Allison founded Together at the Top to mentor others who are serious about business and help them attain influence and empowerment. Her book, *Connect to Influence*, represents just one aspect of personal development that will enable individuals to remain relevant and achieve influence, which, in turn, will help facilitate economic opportunities (a.k.a. keep the money flowing) throughout their professional journeys.

Always happy to connect (and to share chocolate!), Ms. Summers can be reached on Twitter @allisonsummers, LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com/in/allisonsummerschicago), or on her webpage: AllisonKSummers.com.