

## **WOMEN IN BUSINESS EVENT AGENDA:**

8:00 – 9:00 AM Registration and Breakfast Networking

9:00 AM – 9:05 AM Conference Welcome

Rachel Winder, Executive Director, Ohio Women's Coalition

9:05 AM – 10:00 AM Women in Government Panel

MODERATOR: Juli LeClair, Head of U.S. Communications, Cenovus

Energy

Senator Susan Manchester Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson

Rep. Michelle Teska Rep. Desiree Tims

10:00 AM - 11:00: AM Sponsorship: The Best-Kept Career Secret to Shatter Glass Ceilings

Tonya Tiggett, Founder and Chief Career Strategist, Tiggett & Co.

11:00 AM-11:15 AM Break and move to Breakouts

11:15 AM - Noon Breakout Panel 1: DEI Efforts and What is Next?

MODERATOR: Anna Staver, Statehouse Reporter, Plain Dealer

Kristine Woliver, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs

Eric Kearney, Director of Corporate Responsibility and Opportunity, Ohio

**Chamber of Commerce** 

**Breakout Panel 2: Access to Capital** 

MODERATOR: Cheryl Burchard, Government Relations Assistant, Benesch Law

Monica Womack, **Ohio Department of Development**Jerome Jones , **Lender Relations Specialist, U.S. SBA**Michelle Haslinger, **Chief Lending Officer, Fortuna Bank** 

Breakout Panel 3: Retirement Strategies and Succession Planning

MODERATOR: Jenny Carlson, **State Director, AARP Ohio** Helen Colon, **Financial Advisor, Capstone Wealth Advisors** 

Merry Korn, CEO, MPK Enterprise

Shaniece M. Wise, Founder & CEO, Wise, Armstrong & Associates, LLC

Noon – 12:15 PM Move into Main Ballroom for Lunch



12:15 PM – 12:45 PM **Lunch & Keynote** 

Claire Coder, Founder & CEO, Aunt Flow

*No, The Start of a Movement:* 

How many times have you been told no? No may have been the first word you ever learned. But NO shouldn't always be the end... It may be just the beginning. Claire will share her story of overcoming 86 no's to build her 8 figure business

and how you can turn no-butt into yes-and.

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM **2025 Women in Business Awards Presentations** 

**Community Builder Award:** 

Rita McNeil Danish, CEO, Signal Ohio

C Suite Executive of the Year:

Marty McDonald, President, Fahlgren Mortine

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM Break and move to Breakouts

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM Breakout Panel 1: How to use AI in your Business

MODERATOR: Steve Stivers, President & CEO, Ohio Chamber of Commerce

Julie Jacono, Chief Executive Officer, JumpStart

Jessica Trambley, Director of Social Media, WRL Advertising

Alice Li, Associate Professor of Marketing, The Ohio State University

**Breakout Presentation 2: Conflict Resolution**Catherine Strauss, **Managing Partner, Ice Miller** 

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Fireside Chat: Breaking the Glass Ceiling in Historically Male Dominated

**Professions** 

MODERATOR: Mary Taylor, SVP Operations & Finance, Northeast Ohio Medical

University

Bhakti Bania, CEO . Architect LEED AP, BBCO Design

Darlene Magold, CEO, Etch, LTD



Mary Shepro, **Assistant Counsel, Columbus Crew**Alison Marker, **President & CEO, Marker Construction**Nicole Minor, **Senior Manager, Operations, Cenovus Energy**