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*Attorney | Entrepreneur | Speaker*



Adeola Adejobi is the Founder and CEO of the Avant-Garde Network (AGN), her firm is a leading social impact company which creates social and economic impact through a collaborative ecosystem of industry professionals, business leaders and entrepreneurs. Adeola is a nationally recognized speaker and leader in advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in business, entrepreneurship and real estate.



Through AGN she created, the Women of Color and Capital Conference, the only conference of its kind where diverse women entrepreneurs & professionals come together to learn about money, finance, capital and investing from a 360 degree lens and the Diversity in Commercial Real Estate Conference, the largest conference in the nation that specifically focuses on diversity in the commercial real estate industry.



Since 2011, Adeola's work has created a long standing impact over several industries by empowering diverse entrepreneurs and professionals across multiple sectors. Over the course of twelve years, Adeola organically grew the company to engage thousands of professionals hosting events, conferences and forums in the U.S. and internationally, including New York City, Washington D.C., Atlanta, Georgia, Austin Texas, Lagos, Nigeria, Johannesburg, South Africa and more.



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AGN also advocates for professionals of color and diversity and inclusion through business education, recruiting, career development, consulting thought leadership and partnerships.

Adeola was a co-host of Raising the Bar with the MBBA a TV show where legal experts discuss issues such as criminal justice, immigration, and affordable housing and provide legal commentary, and offer solutions on issues affecting everyday citizens.

Adeola is the recipient of several awards, including the GlobeSt. Real Estate Forum - Women of Influence, Crain's New York Notable Black Leaders Award, the New York Women's Chamber of Commerce Women of Excellence Award, National Bar Association's 40 under 40 Nation's Best Advocates Award, TOP 35 Millennial Influencers Award, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke's Shining Star Award and the New York State Bar Association's Empire State Counsel Award.

She is a Council of Urban Professionals Fellow, a member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, Council of Urban Real Estate, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Adeola received her B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Comparative Women's Studies from Spelman College. She obtained her law degree from Cornell Law School with a specialization in International Legal Affairs.

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## Notable Speaking Engagements

Closing Keynote Address NYU Stern - The Stern in Africa Business Forum

Linked TransformHER Conference - Building Generational Wealth

James Beard Foundation's Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership Summit

Building a Relationship with Funders / Asking for Money

JBF WEL: Identifying Sources of Funding & Capital

Grow with Google - Business Growth for Entrepreneurs

Inbound: Building Impactful Communities

CALIBR Global Leadership Conference - Small Business Ownership and Investing

Access Labs: Unconscious Bias & Allyship Panel

Microsoft, Black Wealth Collective Conference Black: Business + Community

Columbia Law School, African Economic Forum Women in Business Panel

Closing Keynote Address Georgetown University - The Stern in Africa Business Forum

LinkedIn EmpowerHER Conference

Catalyst Network Foundation, CNF Fellowship Scholars Entrepreneurship & Technology Session

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Queens Alumnae Chapter Entrepreneurship Roundtable

Corporate Counsel Women of Color One Day Career Strategies Conference, Diverse Women Who Successfully Climbed the Leadership Ladder

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Columbia Law School, African Economic Forum, Women in Business Panel

Avant-Garde Network, Gentrification: How to Make Affordable Housing More Affordable

National Black Law Students Association Conference, Alternative Careers for Lawyers

Metropolitan Black Bar Association, Community Activism: What's being Done and How to Get Involved

Real Estate Associate Program

Cornell Law School, Annual Professional Development Boot Camp

Catalyst Network Foundation, CNF Fellowship Scholars Legal Career Session

Berkley College, Vote and Know Your Rights

Avant-Garde Network, Banking in Africa: Dynamics of Financial Services

Black Ivy League Alumni and Year Up, Trailblazers Panel Forum

Avant-Garde Network, Dealmakers Roundtable

Medgar Evers College, Pathways to Legal Careers

Berkley College, Young Women's Leadership Brunch

Avant-Garde Network, Leadership Opportunities in City Government

Avant-Garde Network, Opportunities for Leadership in Africa (South Africa)

Spelman College Alumnae Association, New York Chapter – College Prep Program

Harlem Children's Zone, Entrepreneurship and Legal Careers

Africa 2.0, Africa investment Summit, African Entrepreneurs in the Diaspora

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