Shannon Miller
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GOING FOR GOLD
STRENGTH, DETERMINATION AND A WINNING GAME PLAN

JUNE 21-23, 2018 • BELMOND CHARLESTON PLACE • CHARLESTON, SC
The beauty and charm of Charleston serves as a majestic backdrop to the 2018 USLAW NETWORK Women’s Connection – Going for Gold: Strength, Determination and a Winning Game Plan. Please join us June 21-23 at the Belmond Charleston Place in Charleston, South Carolina, for the perfect blend of industry-leading education, networking opportunities and special events. A genuine opportunity for professional development awaits you.

Succeeding in the legal profession, whether at a law firm or a company, requires great legal skills, close relationships and tremendous determination. The Women’s Connection strives to assist its attendees in all of these critical components. Going for Gold: Strength, Determination and a Winning Game Plan will address topics relevant to women lawyers and their clients in today’s quickly changing world, presenting topics such as new blockchain contracts, the potential success of the Mansfield Rule, lessons learned from a natural disaster, and the impact of the “#me too” movement on employers.

The keynote will be delivered by Shannon Miller, who remains the most decorated Olympic gymnast in American history. She is the only American to rank among the Top 10 All-Time gymnasts and is the only female athlete to be inducted into the US Olympic Hall of Fame – twice – Individual (2006) and Team (2008)!

Please join us this June in Charleston!

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# Daily Schedule of Events

## Thursday June 21
- **3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
  - Registration Open
  - For early arrivers

## Friday June 22
- **8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**
  - Registration Open

- **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**
  - First Time Attorney Attendee Only Breakfast

- **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
  - USLAW Member Attorney Business Meeting

- **12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**
  - Lunch for All Attendees

- **1:15 PM – 2:45 PM**
  - Keynote Speaker
  - Shannon Miller
  - Seven-Time Olympic Medalist, America’s Most Decorated Gymnast

- **3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**
  - Spa Welcome Reception

- **7:00 PM – 10:00 PM**
  - Twilight in the Garden of the Governor Thomas Bennett House

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  - Early Arriver Dinner at Palmetto Cafe

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Shannon has won an astounding 59 International and 49 National competition medals. Over half of these have been gold. She is the only U.S. gymnast to win two World All-Around titles, and she is the first American female to medal in the individual all-around of a non-boycotted Olympics. Her tally of five medals (two silver, three bronze) at the 1992 Olympics was the most medals won by a U.S. athlete in any sport. At the ’96 Games, she led the “Magnificent Seven” to the U.S. Women’s first ever team gold, and for the first time for any American gymnast, she captured gold on the balance beam. She is the first American gymnast to win an individual gold medal at a fully-attended Summer Games and cemented her place as the most accomplished gymnast, male or female, in U.S. Olympic history.

After retiring from Olympic competition, Miller received her undergraduate degrees in marketing and entrepreneurship from the University of Houston and her law degree from Boston College. She then moved from Olympic athlete to advocate for the health and wellness of women and children.

Miller launched her company Shannon Miller Lifestyle: Health and Fitness for Women, along with her series of fitness books, DVDs, and a content-based website in July 2010. With programs, partnerships, and articles, Shannon seeks to empower women to make their health a priority through education and awareness.

In January 2011, Shannon was diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer. She had the baseball size tumor removed successfully and followed up with an aggressive chemotherapy regimen. Shannon is now cancer-free and remains open and public about her diagnosis and treatment.

Staying busy keeps Shannon motivated. Currently, she continues to travel the country as a motivational speaker, and hosts three YouTube series dedicated to motivation, fitness and gymnastics. She has also partnered with several gymnastics-related companies and developed her own line of leotards with Alpha Factor, trophies and medals with A-1 Awards and specialized mats and gymnastics equipment with Mancino Mats.

Shannon is also a spokesperson and/or ambassador for a number of companies including Washington National, OVA1, Hershey’s, Juice Plus+, the Joan L. Kidd MD Fight for Life Continuum, and the Tom Bush Family of Dealerships.


Involvement with the sport of gymnastics and the Olympic movement remains important to Shannon. She stays on top of what is happening in the sport and participates in various projects, and has provided analysis and commentary for every Olympic Games since she last competed, in 1996! Shannon has worked as an expert commentator or analyst with Yahoo! Sports, MSNBC, NBC and Comcast. Shannon and her husband, John Falconetti, reside in Jacksonville, Florida with their two children, Rocco (born 2009), and Sterling (born 2013).
#ME TOO/TODAY’S SEXUAL HARASSMENT
With a symbol and two short words, women around the world are shining the light on sexual harassment and assault. As this roar reverberated around the Internet, is the campaign really a watershed moment? This presentation will address the recent tidal wave seen in the arena of sexual harassment, whether these monikers really denote a change, and how this “uprising” is impacting employers, lawsuits, causes of action, as well as the potential impact upon women specifically working in the legal community.

THE ALPHABET SOUP OF BLOCKCHAIN CONTRACTS
Cryptocurrencies, neo blockchain, litecoin, bitcoin – yes these are now words of today’s lexicon. Blockchain technology is being touted as an incorruptible digital ledger of economic transactions that can be programmed to record not just financial transactions, but virtually everything of value. In its simplest terms, a blockchain facilitates secure online transactions. So, what impact does this have upon the legal community? This session will focus upon a discussion as to what blockchain technology is as well as what it’s evolving into and the industries it’s impacting: corporations, the legal industry, financial institutions, stock exchanges, music, insurance, and even general accounting. How can we, as professionals in the claims and legal industry, prepare ourselves for this coming of age technology?

TAKING INITIATIVE: PAVING YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS
Women have made great advancements in career development to include shattering stereotypes in the boardroom and reshaping what the “traditional” role for women in the workforce is, but how can we continue to grow? This session will focus upon the strategies, experiences, and practices that help lead women to reach their goals. From in-house counsel to claims managers to the handling litigator – what techniques and strategies can you employ to enable you to continue to chip away at the glass ceiling? Come to the table ready to learn and share what techniques will serve as the next building block in your path to success. How do you play to win?

THE MANSFIELD RULE: IS IT REALLY A BREAKTHROUGH?
Over 150 years after Arabella Mansfield passed the Iowa Bar Exam in 1869 and challenged the state law excluding her from practice, her name is being used for a new rule seeking to close the gaps between women and minorities in firm leadership roles, but are we really seeing results? Nearly 30 “Big Law” firms have committed to following a version of the “Rooney Rule.” No, we’re not talking Mickey Rooney but instead a Rule named after the late owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers requiring teams to interview at least one minority candidate where there is a head coach or general manager vacancy. In application to the legal industry, the Mansfield Rule asks firms to consider two or more candidates who are women or attorneys of color when hiring for leadership and governance roles, promotions to equity partner, and hiring lateral attorneys. If firms demonstrate 30% of the pool for these positions are diverse, they’ll be “Mansfield Certified.” Can we reach the goal line or are we simply facing mounting yards of penalty flags?

LOSS, CRISIS & TIME MANAGEMENT: ARE YOU TRULY READY FOR WHAT’S AROUND THE CORNER?
2017 brought with it a number of crises: the Las Vegas shooting massacre, Tropical Storm Harvey, and Hurricane Irma just to name a few. Hear from those directly impacted for a frank discussion as to what preparedness truly means. This session will focus upon tackling the next crisis, tips for personal survival, and suggestions for loss prevention to include an analysis of the legal impact that such crises upon many facets of our industry from labor and employment to property claims and litigation.
BELMOND CHARLESTON PLACE

A perfect blend of 18th century style and 21st century comfort, Belmond Charleston Place is situated in the heart of Charleston, South Carolina, one of America’s oldest cities. The hotel is known for its traditional Southern hospitality and is located steps from the famous open-air market, notable restaurants and historic sites. Charleston has been voted the #1 Travel Destination in the US by Condé Nast Traveler for four years in a row, and Belmond Charleston Place has been consistently voted to Travel+Leisure’s “Top 500 Hotels” and “World’s Best Hotels” list.

CLE AND CE ACCREDITATION

USLAW NETWORK will be offering national CLE credit for attorneys and CE credit for TX and FL adjusters (reciprocal with other states). All states are currently pending. We have partnered with CEU Institute as our CE/CLE provider to manage all credits: www.ceuinstitute.net. Should you have questions, please contact accreditation@ceuinstitute.net.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

For further information or questions, please call USLAW NETWORK at (800) 231-9110.
Friday • June 22, 2018 • 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
The Spa at Belmond Charleston Place
SPA WELCOME RECEPTION

A Women's Connection tradition – the Welcome Reception and Spa Party from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at The Spa at Belmond Charleston Place. Named “A Top 10 Spa for North America” by Condé Nast Traveler, The Spa at Charleston Place exudes luxury. The full-service European spa, features an extensive selection of lavish services, including skin care, body treatments, massage therapy, hand and foot therapies. Every age is celebrated with a program of renewal to alleviate your body from outside interferences – stress, pollution, sun exposure, life’s little over indulgences – with forward thinking skincare, detoxifying treatments, and therapeutic massage.

We will indulge in traditional spa massages and other treatments, award-winning cuisine and cocktails, as well as the beautiful facilities, gift shop, hot tub and an infinity-edge, saltwater indoor/outdoor swimming pool with a retractable roof.

Saturday • June 23, 2018 • Depart at 12:30 PM
OPTION 1: LUNCH AND SAILING ON THE PALMETTO BREEZE

Be part of the crew in Charleston Harbor on the largest capacity sailing vessel north of Fort Lauderdale. This catamaran features an on-board bar, catering and music. A short 15-minute bus ride will take guests to the harbor for boarding Palmetto Breeze for a gourmet lunch and sightseeing tour around the historic Charleston Harbor. A Charleston Harbor tour by water gives you spectacular views of the city’s skyline, and the experienced tour guide will point out landmarks and regale the group with tales from the past. Imagine seeing the famed homes of Rainbow Row while you glide through the water of the history-filled harbor. While at sea you may participate in the sailing experience as much or as little as you'd like.

Capacity: Maximum 60
Length of Tour: 3 hours
Includes: lunch, open bar, transportation, tour guides, full crew

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OPTION 2: HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Depart the hotel for a short walk to a private lunch stop. Afterward explore the downtown area of Charleston with a licensed tour guide, including a private tour of a museum home. Lastly, follow in the steps of George Washington and go to a pub! Charleston is a port city, and with a port city comes a lot of tales, woes and fables of drinking history. Enjoy this true history tour while walking in the footsteps of pirates, presidents and statesman.

Capacity: Maximum 40
Length of Tour: 3 hours
Includes: Lunch and all drinks, tour guides.
EVENING EVENTS

Thursday • June 21, 2018 • Casual Attire
DINNER AND LATE-NIGHT RECEPTION AT PALMETTO CAFÉ

The glassed-in, tropical-feeling dining room of Palmetto Café combines with excellent service and delectable food to create the perfect place to indulge, and Thursday night it is all ours to enjoy! If you are arriving early please join us at 7:00 PM for an early-arriver dinner at this award-winning restaurant, located inside the Belmond Charleston Place Hotel. Afterward, linger a bit for our late-night reception starting at 9 p.m. If you are arriving later in the evening, stop by the Palmetto Café anytime from 9:00 PM to midnight to connect with your USLAW colleagues and friends.

Friday • June 22, 2018 • Casual Attire
TWILIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF THE GOVERNOR THOMAS BENNETT HOUSE

We travel less than two miles yet more than two centuries back in time as we dine in the gardens of the historic Governor Thomas Bennett House. Built in 1825, this magnificent home is located in the historic district of Charleston and is an outstanding example of Federal style architecture. The house features exceptional design and architectural details of the period, and it is significant for being the home of Thomas Bennett Jr. (1781-1865), governor of South Carolina from 1820 to 1822. Once at the Governor Thomas Bennett House, you will be immersed in all things Southern. All grace. All style. All timeless Southern charm rooted in family and real, authentic beauty.

Upon arrival we will enjoy a cocktail reception and tours of this stately home and grounds, guided by those well-versed in the family’s history and achievements. Afterward we dine under the stars in the grandiose gardens as we share in a more modern southern dining and entertainment experience.

Saturday • June 23, 2018
USLAW NIGHT OF THE BOHEMIAN

We celebrate the unconventional and whimsical side in all of us, Bohemian-Style. Come donning your favorite boho-chic style! Yoga pants and flowing tops, Tie-dye tees and maxi-dresses – sandals and Birkenstocks...if it says Bohemian, it says “wear it!”

Breeze across the street from the hotel to the famed Riviera Theater – transformed into an authentic Bohemian retreat where all five senses will be engaged and amazed! Food stations of fondues and other finger-food favorites, along with a lavish offering of all your favorite libations await you. And what better place than the beautiful and historic Riviera to make your stage singing debut with our very own DJ-led Karaoke! Do I hear “Sweet Caroline” – so good, so good.

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate all things Bohemian.
The USLAW NETWORK Women’s Connection provides a forum for women lawyers to collaborate, develop and advance the status of women involved in civil litigation through the strengthening of personal and professional relationships. This group serves USLAW member firms’ women clients who hail from a cross-section of industries and seek a networking environment that includes leading attorneys, businesswomen and leaders from around the country.

Since its inception in 2001, the cornerstones of USLAW have included relationship building and networking in order to create an environment of knowledge sharing and jurisdictional coverage to support members and their clients. This enables us to expand opportunities, serve as resources for each other and spark business growth for ourselves and our colleagues. This strength is carried through to the USLAW Women's Connection, which includes some of the top attorneys in the country. The USLAW Women’s Connection mentors and educates women leaders in member firms to not only increase the visibility of women in USLAW, but also to provide opportunities for women to facilitate and strengthen business development. This extends beyond the attorneys to their clients. The Women's Connection provides information, experiences and events for USLAW members’ clients that facilitate understanding and discussion on particular issues across a variety of practice areas. Members of the Women's Connection practice in dozens of practice areas, so if there is an issue, there is a member who can assist.
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

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PLEASE CHECK ALL ACTIVITIES YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

- Thursday Evening • June 21
  Dinner and Late Night Reception

- Friday Evening • June 22
  Dinner at Governor’s Mansion

- Saturday Evening • June 23
  Dinner: Bohemian Celebration

Saturday Afternoon • June 23 (choose one):

- Sailing & Lunch  OR
- Walking Tour & Lunch

TO REGISTER:

Email registration information to:
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

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