## Introduction for Speaker Bernadette Smith

**Bernadette Smith** is Founder and CEO of the Equality Institute and an award-winning author of four books, including her latest, the bestseller *Inclusive 360: Proven Solutions for an Equitable Organization*.

Bernadette's insight has been trusted by major brands, including Fortune 500 companies and global leadership teams.

Because of her impact as a change agent for inclusion, she has been featured in the New York Times, Forbes, CNN, and the Today Show.

Bernadette's also been named one of Chicago's Notable LGBTQ

Executives by Crain's Chicago Business. When she's not busy speaking, you're likely to find her on a local pickleball court!

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