

MONSURAT OTTUN

Strategic Advisor at the Intersection of Law, Technology, Operations and Community Development

Monsurat Ottun is a distinguished leader with expertise in law, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and community development. With over twenty years of experience strengthening organizations and empowering communities, she brings a unique blend of technical insight and strategic vision to her work.

Professional Journey & Expertise

Monsurat began her career in the nonprofit sector, where she spent more than seven years supporting mission-driven organizations with board development, operational sustainability, and strategic growth. That work led her to pursue a legal career focused on community and economic development—helping nonprofits and entrepreneurs navigate complex business and regulatory landscapes. Her work later expanded into cybersecurity and AI, driven by a commitment to help organizations, across sectors, navigate emerging risks and technologies. She brings experience across nonprofit, corporate, local, and federal government settings, with a multidisciplinary approach that blends legal, operational, and tech strategy.

As the founder of MOCCA, Monsurat leads initiatives that build long-term resilience, unlock strategic clarity, and support leadership grounded in equity, ethics, and impact. She holds a J.D., a Master of Science in Cybersecurity Governance and Policy, and a Security Management certification. She also earned Certificates in Entrepreneurship and Marketing (mainly focusing on social enterprises) as well as a Public Policy Certificate from Harvard Kennedy School, which includes certifications in *Leadership in Emerging Technology*, *Artificial Intelligence*, and *Cybersecurity*.

Expertise

- **Cybersecurity, AI & Responsible Tech Adoption:** Supporting organizations in understanding risk, building resilience, and adopting emerging technologies like AI with integrity and strategic foresight.
 - **Inclusive Community & Economic Development:** Driving people-centered growth through strategic partnerships, policy insight, and equitable development.
 - **Strategic Planning for Real-World Results:** Designing adaptive, action-ready strategies that align mission with execution across both corporate and nonprofit landscapes.
 - **Small Business Development & Inclusive Innovation:** Empowering entrepreneurs—particularly women and minority-owned businesses—with targeted legal, operational, and strategic support.
 - **Leadership, Culture & Equity in Practice:** Advancing inclusive leadership, organizational culture shifts, and equitable governance to ensure lasting impact and representation.
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Signature Topics

1. **Protect What Matters: Cybersecurity Without the Jargon**
 - Cybersecurity isn't just an IT issue; it's a leadership issue. Learn how to protect your mission, data, and team without getting lost in technical speak.
2. **Build Plans People Actually Use**
 - From protocols to playbooks, learn how to design systems that work under pressure, not just sit in a binder.
3. **AI Without the Hype: Safe, Strategic and People-Centered**
 - AI is here – your job is knowing what's useful and what's noise. Learn how to use AI responsibly, effectively, and with clarity.
4. **Resilient Leadership: Calm, Clear & Effective When it Really Counts**
 - When the stakes are high, your clarity sets the tone. Learn to lead with steadiness even through risk, conflict and change.
5. **Law, Ethics & Risk: Leading with Integrity in Complex Systems**

- Every decision has ripple effects. Learn how to spot blind spots, lead with accountability and stay ahead of the fallout.
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Notable Achievements

- **Founder, MOCCA:** Leading strategic initiatives that blend innovation and community resilience.
 - **Strategic Planner, Rhode Island Foundation's Equity Leadership Initiative (ELI) Alumni Program:** Developed and launched a plan to unite alumni and strengthen equity leadership.
 - **Volunteer Advisor, Social Enterprise Greenhouse (SEG):** Offering strategic, legal and operational guidance to emerging small businesses for over five years.
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Awards

- **PBN's 40 Under Forty, 2023** – One of PBN's most sought-after awards, recognizing forty individuals under the age of 40 who excel in their careers and are actively involved in their communities.
 - **GSNE's Leading Women of Distinction, 2023** – Honored as a local outstanding woman of courage, confidence, and character, exemplifying leadership and making a positive impact in the community.
 - **Next Tech Generation, 2022** – Honored as a future leader in the tech industry.
 - **Oasis Young Professionals, 2021** – Awarded for “changing the course of collective community through inclusion and equity with emphasis on youth leadership development”.
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Testimonials

“Monsurat took the time to get to know me and my business on a deep level and that helped her craft a detailed and well thought out business plan. She was able to hear my thoughts and dreams and actualize them in a full actionable plan to grow. My MOCCA experience was above and beyond my expectations. Is received personalized attention and Monsurat is gifted at asking the questions that got to the heart of my business project. The end product was a thorough and detailed living and breathing business plan that I use to guide my business development. I highly recommend MOCCA for your next project!”

– Carlene Fonseca, CEO, Greatest You Consulting

“Monsurat is passionate about what she does and it clearly shows. It is not usual where trainers keep you engrossed for the whole 4 hours but Monsurat kept the group captivated. She was invested in having people gain something out of the session and was successful in doing so. She was well prepared and highly knowledgeable. She will not be afraid to ask challenging questions that will help you think about yourself and your purpose/goals but will do so in a kind/compassionate way.”

– Sarnya Kunchithapathan, Project Director, Family Service of RI

Booking Information

Monsurat is a regular keynote and panel speaker. To review some of her speaking and workshop collaborations, visit the MOCCA website listed below. For speaking engagements, trainings, workshops, or consultations, contact:

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