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ABOUT OVELL

OVELL R. BARBEE, JR. is an award-winning HR leader and DEI advocate with executive roles at Fortune 500 companies, including Motorola and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Recognized as a “Top 100 Chief Diversity Officer,” he is a nationally regarded voice for challenging the status quo and advancing equity in the workplace across diverse industries.

AT A GLANCE

- CEO, Ovell Rome and Associates
- HR & Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Expert
- Advocate for Minority Employees
- National Bestselling Author
- Certified, NACD Directorship Certification®
- Named “Top 100 Chief Diversity Officer”

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- What is the greatest challenge you faced as a C-Suite leader?
- What is the most significant leadership lesson you learned?
- What is the desired outcome you seek as a result of your work?
- The title of your book is “*The Big House*”. What’s the story behind this title?
- What is “code-switching” and what are its implications for Black professionals navigating corporate environments?
- Why is important to you write your story?
- Explain the analogy of the “fork” used in Chapter 7. How does this relate to the need for systemic change in supporting DEI initiatives?

SPEAKING TOPICS

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP

POSITIVE WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT

COMPANY CULTURE

AUDIENCE



AGES 35+

