

John Mitchell

“The Purple Coach” and Owner, KM Advisors, LLC



John Mitchell is a lawyer and a leader. He is committed to helping lawyers discover their leadership potential so that they continuously develop themselves and their organizations in pursuit of changing the world. Mitchell specializes in working with lawyers in formal roles like general counsel, managing partner, practice group leaders and committee chairs, and those in informal leadership roles. He also supports in-house lawyers transitioning to business roles, junior associates, new partners, major rainmakers, and senior lawyers considering their “second season” in life.

Helping leaders transition to new leadership positions is one area of Mitchell’s expertise. He has extensive experience assisting women and attorneys of color in successfully applying their talents in new roles and new environments. Mitchell’s unique background brings personal experience to these types of transitions and his educational experiences ground those firsthand experiences with sound theory and applied research.

Mitchell’s 20-plus years of business experience ranges from working as a professional in a social service agency, to practicing law in a large international law firm, to leading a large urban affiliate of an internationally known not-for-profit housing development organization, to starting a successful company that helps leaders develop and hone their own unique leadership style.

When he is not working with clients, Mitchell can often be found running or cycling along Chicago’s beautiful lakefront. He and his wife can be found at one of the city’s many restaurants, cultural institutions, or music festivals. An annual pilgrimage to the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, visits with friends around the country, and bicycle trips anywhere the terrain is more varied than Chicago’s keep Mitchell on the move. So, if you get his voicemail leave a message. More likely than not he is out someplace having fun. But do not worry—he will return your call!



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