

## **Sonya Smith-Valentine**

### **Event Introduction**

As a former debt-strapped college student and victim of identity theft, Sonya Smith-Valentine became motivated to help others with identity theft and credit problems. Sonya spent years digging herself out of debt and correcting numerous errors on her credit reports to become credit worthy. In addition, she forfeited countless hours recovering from identity theft. These issues temporarily derailed Sonya's career and one of her three businesses.

As an attorney, Sonya decided to change the focus of her law practice after falling victim to an identity thief. She shifted her practice towards assisting identity theft victims and others caught up in the impossible maze of the credit reporting system. Using federal consumer protection laws, she has had a successful legal career helping identity theft victims recover from the fraud thrust upon their lives and showing others how to successfully navigate the credit reporting system.

Now, using her personal experiences and the extensive knowledge she obtained about the inner workings of credit card companies, banks and credit bureaus, Sonya speaks professionally across the country motivating business-minded women about how to keep identity theft and credit report problems from having a devastating effect on their careers and businesses.

Sonya is known for her high energy performance as a speaker, author and coach. She has motivated thousands to take a proactive approach to protecting their identities and their credit worthiness. Sonya has appeared as a credit report and identity theft expert on the alphabet of networks – ABC, NBC and CBS and in numerous national magazines and newspapers including the Washington Post, Black Enterprise, USA Today and the Baltimore Sun.

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