

My Life/Business Partner

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“I shared with him the nineteen points of interest that I look for in a companion and business confidant, already knowing that he had successfully matched sixteen of them...”

This is a special blog and the final one in this series. As a woman in leadership, I have a proud reminder of the fact that *I am a WOMAN FIRST.*

When the titles are retired for the day and the suits hung back in the closet, it is really nice to debrief as Oliver’s wife in the kitchen as I cook him his favorite comfort food. He is my husband, my protector, my business partner and advisor. But most important, he is my Best Friend. Now ladies, that is completely different from my Besties and Sista Gurlz.

As a woman in leadership it is not always so easy to find that life partner who is not intimidated by your “status” as people perceive it to be. It has been Oliver who has helped me find a louder voice and the courage to continue growing to new heights where others wanted me to stay beneath them to accommodate their own egos. I thank them for preparing me again for Oliver. We push each other to achieve excellence but also share that love for 18 holes on a sunny day.

Healthy relationships give us that balance. The race we run is only as successful as the balance we allow in the equation of the personal and business sides of the relationship. He reminds me on a daily basis that I do not have to be strong all the time and that I can turn strong over to him when it gets to be too much and we can build together.... Side by Side. Just something for you to think about. I did say that I learned to cook his comfort foods in case you missed that one.

It is wonderful to have all of the trappings of success, but it means so much more when you have a “Ride or Die” Partner by your side, however you define the job description.

“...The status of the remaining three items??? Well, we are a beautiful, yet quiet work in process.”