

The following speech introduced Madleine Albright and Colin Powell, keynote speakers at the company's annual conference (August 2020).

Peggy intro

No matter where you sit on the political spectrum, it's never been more important to have a voice at the proverbial legislative table. Peggy Ho, executive vice president of government relations and chief of staff to LPL chief legal officer, is here to tell you about LPL's bipartisan efforts at elevating the issues that matter most to our industry. And making sure that, no matter which party is in power, our voices are being heard.

Keynote intro

We're immensely honored by the presence of our next two speakers.

When she was sworn in as the 64th U.S. secretary of State in 1997, **Madeleine Albright** was the highest ranking woman ever to serve in the U.S. government.

While a lifelong Democrat, she approached U.S. foreign policy from a bipartisan perspective, advocating for strong U.S. leadership and engagement in the world, which led to ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention and democratic progress in Central and Eastern Europe.

She later founded a global strategy firm, authored several books, and became a faculty member at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Colin Powell has dedicated his career to public service. He served 35 years in the U.S. military, achieving the rank of four-star general.

He served in the cabinets of three presidents, becoming national security adviser in 1987 and was the youngest person and first African-American to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, when he oversaw operations for Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 2001, he became our nation's 65th secretary of state, the first African-American to hold that honor.

He has earned the highest military, civilian and government awards, including: a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, and two Presidential Medals of Freedom.

Distinguished guests, I'm honored to present Secretary Madeleine Albright and Secretary Colin Powell, who will provide insights about the upcoming election and its broader implications for our industry.