*Cylia E. Lowe-Smith, Esq.*, is a native New Yorker who graduated with a degree in Government & Politics from the University of Maryland at College Park. In 2003 she graduated with a Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law with a concentration in Family Studies. She later completed her Masters degree at the University of Baltimore in Negotiations & Conflict Management. Cylia is a practicing attorney for the Federal Government specializing in the area of federal employment law. Prior to her current position, Cylia was a Prosecutor for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's office.

During her tenure as an Assistant States' Attorney she prosecuted a variety of criminal cases including drug cases, prostitution, criminal traffic matters, theft, and domestic violence cases. As a member of the Domestic Violence Vertical Prosecution team she handled domestic violence cases at both the district and the circuit court levels.

She has been an active member of the Junior League of Baltimore since 2008 and has served in several capacities including as a mentor for the Wise Penny Women's Internship program, as well as serving as the Chairman of that community service program twice. Cylia has also served on the JLB's Board as Secretary, Membership Vice President and President Elect. Cylia is the 2015-2016 President and is the first African American woman to hold that position in the Junior League of Baltimore's 103 year history!

In 2012 Cylia started her own business From Theory to Practice Consulting, LLC that provides groups and individuals with goal setting techniques which include life coaching and vision board workshops. Additionally she provides conflict resolution training to children and adults. As part of her commitment to giving back to the community she has volunteered her services free of charge to local schools and organizations like the Boys & Girls Club, the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women, and most recently the young men of Hand in Hand Baltimore a nonprofit organization in Baltimore that works with juvenile offenders who have been charged as adults.

In 2013, Cylia was honored by the Daily Record as a Leading Women award winner; this award identifies women age 40 or younger for the tremendous accomplishments they have made so far in their careers, community involvement and a commitment to inspiring change. In 2014 she was honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women; an award that recognizes outstanding women leaders throughout the state of Maryland who are not only leading the way professionally but are dedicating their time and energy to community work as well as mentoring. Later that year Cylia was named one of the "50 Women to Watch" by The Baltimore Sun.

In 2016 the Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. honored her as the chapter's 2016 Dr. Flossie M. Dedmond Spirit Award; named in honor of the former Epsilon Omega President, Golden Soror and only Soror to have a US Post Office named after her in recognition of her many contributions to society. She was one of the incorporators of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Cleveland Job Corps Center and she was also the National Public Relations Director for Alpha Kappa Alpha and was the author of the Guide to Public Relations. She served on several boards and was the Dean of Arts & Sciences at Coppin State University and she was named one of the Outstanding Educators in America and was inducted into the Baltimore Women's Hall of Fame.

Cylia currently serves on the Board of Directors of Moveable Feast, Women's Law Center of Maryland and the Pro Bono Counseling Project. She is an active member of the Patapsco River (MD) chapter of The Links, Incorporated and the Epsilon Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. as well as the Monumental City Bar Association.

Cylia lives by the quote "Service is the rent we pay for living here on earth" so in her spare time Cylia also enjoys being a volunteer mediator and mentoring Jessica; a teenager at the Baltimore Women's Leadership Academy. She loves to travel both domestically and internationally and has visited 41 out of 50 states and over 20 countries, and her ultimate goal is to keep living her best life ever! And on July 4th of this year she married her best friend and biggest supporter, Marcus Smith on the beach in beautiful Montego Bay, Jamaica.