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RASHMI AIRAN

Attorney, Wall Street investment banker, serial entrepreneur, college professor, and a globally recognized transformation expert

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- A captivating and motivational speaker, and catalyst for transformation with a mission to foster organizational cultures centered around authenticity
- Her powerful story transcends the pitfalls of making a life-altering decision; it's a tale of leadership, core values, and decision-making
- Her expertise is bolstered by years of research in behavioral psychology and collaborations with renowned global brands like Coca-Cola, Cardinal Health, Merck, Comcast, Sotheby's, and Hershey's

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Rashmi Airanchallenges leaders to face the invisible prisons that shape their choices and limit their growth. A keynote speaker, consultant, and unapologetic truth-teller, she brings her raw story of success, collapse, and reinvention to audiences worldwide.

As a first-generation Indian American, Rashmi was raised to chase excellence. She graduated with honors from Columbia Law School, thrived in corporate America, and built her own law practice. But success came with hidden cages: cultural pressures, inherited orthodoxies, and blind ambition. One small compromise, fueled by fear and the pressure to provide, led to a federal prison sentence. Prison shattered everything she thought she knew about herself, but it also exposed the deeper truth: she had been imprisoned long before by ego, judgment, and unspoken rules. Six months behind bars stripped away those layers and forced her to rebuild on a foundation of courage, self-awareness, and integrity.

Now known as a "recovering government, corporate, and real estate lawyer," Rashmi is a globally recognized speaker who explores the ways people and organizations confine themselves to patterns, assumptions, and norms that quietly dictate outcomes. With over 30 years in business, law, and finance, she has seen how good people make bad choices when these hidden pressures go unexamined. Her RISE THROUGH IT™ FRAMEWORK is a guide to breaking free, reframing adversity, and leading with clarity. Her insights are grounded in research on resilience, growth, and leadership, and she has worked with leaders at Coca-Cola, Merck, Cardinal Health, Comcast, Sotheby's, and Hershey's. Deloitte has recognized her transformational impact, and her story has been featured on ABC, PBS, The Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal.

Rashmi sparks conversations that matter. She pushes executives, entrepreneurs, and teams to confront blind spots, dismantle self-imposed prisons, and rise through struggle with integrity and courage. Beyond the stage, she is a proud mother of two, a board member for the Overtown Youth Center/Alonzo Mourning Foundation, and an Ambassador for The Key Clubhouse. She is also an avid hiker and traveler who believes the real adventure begins when we free ourselves from the prisons of thought and expectation. Her message is urgent: the most confining prisons are not physical. They live in the mind. Freedom begins when we rise through them.

TEMAS

Rashmi tailors each presentation to the needs of his audience and is not limited to the topics listed below. Please ask us about any subject that interests you:

- Resilience
- Growth
- Transformation
- Leadership
- Ethics & Integrity
- Decision-Making
- Risk Management
- Authenticity
- Mental Health
- Empathy

PROGRAMAS

Rise to Clarity: How Good Leaders Drift, and the 30 Seconds to Avoid It

A bad decision rarely arrives announced. It shows up inside a good one: the deal that has to close by Friday, the call made in a hallway between meetings, the strategy debate where the fastest voice wins because slowing down feels like weakness. Leaders don't wake up compromised. They drift there, one reasonable choice at a time, until the pattern becomes the culture. The leaders already ahead of this are not the ones with the cleanest track record. They are the ones who built guardrails for their thinking before the pressure arrived.

Rashmi Airan has delivered more than 450 events for Deloitte, Coca-Cola, Merck, Comcast, GE Healthcare, and Caesars Entertainment, earning a 95%+ audience rating for impact and coverage from ABC, CBS, FOX, PBS, The Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal. But the accolades are the result, not the reason.

For over a decade, Rashmi has studied human behavior under pressure, and her research maps exactly how good judgment erodes: rationalization, normalization, silence that reads as professionalism until it becomes erosion. She built that research on the case study she

knows best. Rashmi was a Wall Street investment banker and Columbia Law School attorney before a federal prison sentence forced her to confront how those same patterns had shaped her own choices.

Rise to Clarity hands every leader in the room the tool Rashmi built from that research. The Clarity Loop, four questions that take less than sixty seconds and cut through the noise of a high-stakes moment: What am I feeling right now? What story am I telling myself? What matters most here? What choice can I own later? This is not a talk about better decisions. It is a working system for making them, one audiences start using before they leave the room. The leaders who book this talk are not the ones already managing a crisis. They are the ones making sure they never have to be.

Rashmi did not stop at a keynote. Working with a cognitive neuroscientist, she built a resilience assessment that measures the specific factors that determine how a person actually responds under pressure, not how they hope they would. She administers it directly with the clients and audiences who bring her in, turning a single stage moment into a baseline every leader can act on long after the applause ends.

Audiences leave this stage ready to:

- Recognize decision drift before rationalization and urgency turn it into a pattern.
- Run the Clarity Loop in the sixty seconds before every high-stakes call.
- Name the blind spots, incentives, and assumptions distorting judgment before they become costly.
- Build guardrails for thinking, not just guardrails for process, technology, and compliance.
- Lead from principle under pressure, and make that the new definition of good judgment.

Integrity rarely collapses. It drifts.

- Ideal for: corporate leadership summits, compliance and risk trainings, legal and professional services firms, healthcare and financial services audiences navigating regulatory or market pressure, associations facing industry disruption.
- Format: 45 to 60 minute keynote, extendable to a half or full day workshop built on the Clarity Loop.
- Also available: a resilience assessment developed with a cognitive neuroscientist, administered by Rashmi for clients and audiences before or after the keynote.

Rise Through It®: Leading Resilient Cultures Through Uncertainty

Uncertainty does not announce itself. It shows up as one more restructuring memo, one more town hall about staying agile, one more leader telling a room to be resilient while their own hands are shaking under the table. Teams do not break in a single moment. They drift. A missed check-in here. A swallowed concern there. A culture that once felt like a team starts to feel like a group of people quietly managing their own survival. The organizations already ahead of this are not the ones with the biggest budget. They are the ones who caught the drift before it became a headline.

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For over a decade, Rashmi has studied human behavior under pressure, and her research has uncovered the patterns almost every leader falls into: the rationalizing, the normalizing, the silence that feels like professionalism until it is erosion. She built that research on the case study she knows best. Rashmi was a Wall Street investment banker and Columbia Law School attorney before a federal prison sentence forced her to confront exactly how those patterns had shaped her own choices.

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clients and audiences who bring her in, turning a single stage moment into a baseline every leader and team can act on long after the applause ends.

Audiences leave this stage ready to:

- Reframe uncertainty as information instead of threat, before it shapes every decision underneath it.
- Catch cultural drift while it is still a whisper, long before it becomes a headline.
- Run the Clarity Loop in the sixty seconds before every high-stakes call.
- Build psychological safety by naming pressure out loud instead of managing it in silence.
- Lead change from evolved judgment instead of adrenaline, and make that the new definition of strength.

A resilient culture is not the one that never cracks. It is the one that knows exactly where the cracks are, and rises through them, together.

- Ideal for: corporate leadership summits, all-hands and culture events, all industries including legal, real estate, healthcare and financial services audiences navigating regulatory or market pressure, associations facing industry disruption.
- Format: 45 to 60 minute keynote, extendable to a half day workshop built on the Clarity Loop.
- Also available: a resilience assessment developed with a cognitive neuroscientist, administered by Rashmi for clients and audiences before or after the keynote.

Rise Together: Build Your Tribe of 200

Most professionals are surrounded and still alone. Hundreds of connections. Thousands of followers. A calendar full of people, and almost none of them know what is happening underneath the performance. Struggle gets edited out before it ever reaches another person. Everyone is rising, apparently, and no one is admitting they are barely standing. The organizations losing their best people are not losing them to competitors. They are losing them to isolation nobody named out loud.

Rashmi Airan has carried this message to stages for Deloitte, Coca-Cola, Comcast, Merck, and GE Healthcare, delivering more than 450 events with a 95%+ audience rating for impact and coverage from ABC, CBS, FOX, PBS, The Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal. But the accolades are the result, not the reason.

For over a decade, Rashmi has studied human behavior under pressure, and her research has uncovered a pattern almost no one names out loud: the more successful people become, the more isolated they get, because the performance of having it together makes it harder to admit that they do not.

Before her own sentencing, Rashmi called the people who mattered most. They wrote letters of support to the judge. They stood by her unconditionally, loving her even though she was likely going to prison. That is where the tribe of 200 comes from. Not a follower count. Not a contact list. The number of people who showed up when showing up cost them nothing. At the end of the day, it’s not the number in your tribe that matters, but it’s about knowing that you need to build your tribe with intention.

Rise Together is built on that count. You do not need ten thousand followers or even 200 connections. You need people who would make that same call for you. Rashmi walks audiences through how to find them, built not on who is impressed by your success, but on who stays for your struggle.

Vulnerability is not the risk in this talk. It is the entry fee. Authenticity is not the reward for arriving. It is the way in. The teams and communities that book this talk do not leave with a networking tip. They leave knowing exactly who is in their circle, and who still needs to be.

Audiences leave this stage ready to:

- Identify the gap between your network and your tribe, and stop mistaking one for the other.
- Share the struggle before the success, and find out who stays in the room.
  Build belonging through vulnerability instead of performance, starting with one honest conversation.
- Find your two hundred by being findable, which means letting yourself be seen before you are polished.
- Create teams and communities where people rise together, instead of cultures where everyone rises alone.

Nobody rises alone. You just have to find your tribe.

- Ideal for: corporate teams, association conferences, women's leadership events, sales and community-facing teams, university and alumni audiences, any room built to feel less alone together.

- Format: 45 to 60 minute keynote, extendable to an interactive workshop building each attendee's own tribe map.

RISE FOR GROWTH: TRANSFORM OUR PRISONS OF UNCERTAINTY TO BUILD AUTHENTIC TRUST

Growth rarely fails because of lack of talent or resources. More often, it fails because of the prisons we refuse to acknowledge: limiting beliefs, self-doubt, assumptions, and cultural norms that keep individuals stuck. Organizations add to this by enforcing outdated systems, bureaucracy, and resistance to change. Rashmi shines a light on these prisons and reveals how to dismantle them.

This keynote moves beyond generic growth strategies to lived truth. Drawing from her personal journey, Rashmi shows how confronting assumptions and cultural norms clears the path to innovation. Her message is not about abstract motivation. It is about the radical transformation that happens when individuals and organizations strip away resistance and fear, and choose clarity, creativity, and possibility instead. She inspires growth while delivering tactical practices teams can begin using immediately.

AUDIENCES LEAVE WITH PRACTICAL TOOLS TO DISMANTLE PERFECTIONISM, BUILD SELF-COMPASSION, AND ANCHOR GROWTH IN AUTHENTICITY. THEY LEARN TO STOP PERFORMING FOR OTHERS AND START EVOLVING INTO LEADERS WHO THRIVE ON THEIR OWN TERMS.

RISE Applied:

REFRAME: Transform growth from being resource-driven to mindset-driven by seeing struggle as the foundation of innovation.

IDENTIFY: Acknowledge limiting beliefs, assumptions, and resistance to change that restrict creativity and scalability.

SURRENDER: Let go of bureaucracy, outdated systems, and the cultural norms that hold organizations back.

EVOLVE: Embrace intentional strategies that fuel clarity, creativity, and innovation for

sustainable growth.

RISE IN SALES: TRANSFORM OUR PRISONS OF UNCERTAINTY TO BUILD AUTHENTIC TRUST

The future of sales belongs to those who can build authentic trust in uncertain markets. Yet many professionals are trapped in hidden prisons of fear of rejection, self-doubt, limiting beliefs, and cultural assumptions that undermine confidence. Organizations add pressure through transactional cultures, rigid scripts, and relentless quotas that strip away humanity and authenticity. Rashmi exposes how these prisons keep sales professionals small and disconnected.

This keynote moves beyond outdated sales tactics to lived experience. Rashmi reveals how breaking free from the prisons of fear of rejection, rigid scripts, and limiting beliefs opens the door to authentic trust. Her message is not about quick wins or short-term quotas. It is about the radical transformation that happens when sales professionals strip away pressure and self-doubt and choose clarity, empathy, and humanity instead. She motivates sales professionals to rise through fear and equips them with actionable approaches to build lasting, trust-filled relationships that fuel meaningful results.

AUDIENCES WALK AWAY WITH STRATEGIES TO SHIFT FROM TRANSACTIONAL TACTICS TO RELATIONSHIP-DRIVEN TRUST. THEY LEARN HOW TO EMBRACE REJECTION AS REDIRECTION, BUILD RESILIENCE UNDER PRESSURE, AND ALIGN VALUES WITH PERFORMANCE FOR LASTING RESULTS.

RISE Applied:

REFRAME: See sales not as transactional but as an act of service and trust-building in uncertain markets.

IDENTIFY: Unlock the prisons of fear of rejection, self-doubt, rigid scripts, and cultural assumptions that weaken connection.

SURRENDER: Release transactional habits, relentless quotas, and the belief that pressure creates results.

EVOLVE: Build authentic, human-centered relationships that drive trust, clarity, and long-term results.

RISE LEADERSHIP: UNLOCK PRISONS OF UNCERTAINTY TO REBUILD CULTURE FROM THE INSIDE OUT

The future of work demands leaders who can navigate uncertainty with courage and conviction. Yet leaders often remain stuck in prisons of ego, perfectionism, cultural conditioning, and fear of being wrong. Organizations amplify these barriers with silos, toxic cultures, and rigid hierarchies that suffocate creativity and belonging. Rashmi challenges leaders to dismantle these prisons and rise into authentic, clarity-driven leadership.

This keynote moves beyond models of leadership to lived practice. Rashmi invites leaders to confront their hidden barriers while dismantling organizational cultures built on fear and control. Her message is not about leadership theory. It is about the radical transformation that occurs when leaders strip away old paradigms and choose clarity, trust, and courage that empower others to thrive in uncertainty. She inspires leaders with her vulnerability and provides practical strategies they can apply the very next day.

AUDIENCES LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY UNWRITTEN RULES THAT HARM CULTURE, REPLACE CONTROL WITH TRUST, AND BUILD ENVIRONMENTS WHERE PEOPLE ARE FREE TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR BEST. RASHMI EQUIPS LEADERS TO CREATE ORGANIZATIONS WHERE AUTHENTICITY THRIVES, SILOS COLLAPSE, AND PEOPLE RISE TOGETHER.

RISE Applied:

REFRAME: Redefine leadership as an act of courage, vulnerability, and service rather than control or perfection.

IDENTIFY: See the prisons of ego, fear of mistakes, cultural conditioning, and organizational silos that restrict authentic leadership.

SURRENDER: Release old paradigms of hierarchy, rigid authority, and the need to have all the answers.

EVOLVE: Lead with clarity, trust, and conviction that empower teams to innovate and thrive in uncertainty.

RISE THROUGH IT: TRANSFORMING OUR HIDDEN PRISONS OF UNCERTAINTY INTO GROWTH, CLARITY, AND LIMITLESS RESULTS

Uncertainty is one of the greatest hidden prisons. Individually, we carry fear of judgment, perfectionism, assumptions, cultural norms, and limiting beliefs. Corporations reinforce these prisons with rigid hierarchies, outdated ideologies, and unspoken rules that stifle innovation. Rashmi's story of falling, serving time in federal prison, and rising again exposes how these prisons confine us and what it truly takes to dismantle them.

This keynote moves beyond theory to lived truth. Rashmi draws from her own raw experiences to challenge audiences to confront their hidden prisons and face uncertainty with courage. Her message is not about abstract resilience. It is about the radical transformation that happens when you strip away ego, silence, and fear, and choose clarity, growth, and possibility instead.

Through her Rise Through It™ framework, Rashmi helps audiences confront both external struggle and the mental prisons that amplify it.

PARTICIPANTS WALK AWAY WITH PRACTICAL TOOLS TO REFRAME ADVERSITY, IDENTIFY BLIND SPOTS, SURRENDER THE ILLUSION OF CONTROL, AND EVOLVE WITH CLARITY. THEY LEARN HOW TO TRANSFORM UNCERTAINTY INTO A CATALYST FOR GROWTH AND DISCOVER GROWTH ON THE OTHER SIDE OF STRUGGLE.

RISE Applied:

REFRAME: Shift the perception of uncertainty from a source of fear into a catalyst for clarity and growth.

IDENTIFY: Recognize the hidden prisons of shame, silence, assumptions, and limiting beliefs that confine both individuals and organizations.

SURRENDER: Let go of perfectionism, ego, and outdated rules that prevent progress.

EVOLVE: Choose possibility by building new patterns of courage, clarity, and resilience that unlock limitless results.

RISE TOGETHER: DISMANTLE PRISONS OF UNCERTAINTY TO CREATE COLLABORATIVE CULTURES

The future of work will rise or fall on our ability to collaborate. Yet uncertainty often drives people into isolation, perfectionism, fear of judgment, silence, assumptions, and limiting beliefs. Corporations create further prisons through silos, exclusion, and cultures where belonging is absent. These prisons fracture trust and block innovation. Rashmi demonstrates how dismantling these barriers allows individuals and organizations to rise together with clarity and purpose.

This keynote moves beyond surface-level teamwork to lived truth. Rashmi shows how dismantling the hidden prisons of silence, isolation, and fear of judgment creates space for authentic collaboration. Her message is not about forced cooperation. It is about the radical transformation that happens when organizations strip away silos and exclusion, and choose clarity, belonging, and shared purpose instead. She inspires with her story of community and leaves teams with concrete steps to strengthen collaboration right away.

PARTICIPANTS LEARN HOW TO DISMANTLE THE BARRIERS OF SILENCE, BUILD TRUST-BASED RELATIONSHIPS, AND FOSTER PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY. RASHMI EQUIPS ORGANIZATIONS TO REPLACE ISOLATION WITH AUTHENTIC BONDS AND TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES INTO SPACES WHERE PEOPLE RISE TOGETHER.

RISE Applied:

REFRAME: View collaboration not as forced cooperation but as the foundation of belonging and shared purpose.

IDENTIFY: Recognize the prisons of isolation, silence, exclusion, and fear of judgment that fracture teams.

SURRENDER: Let go of silos, toxic norms, and exclusionary practices that block collaboration.

EVOLVE: Foster cultures of clarity, inclusion, and shared purpose where teams rise together into limitless possibility.

CONDICIONES

- **Travels from:** Miami, USA
- **Fee Range:** Please Inquire