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Shontell Smith is an attorney at the NYS Senate who has worked in public service for over a decade. She is currently the Chief of Staff and Majority Counsel to the Senate Democratic Majority Conference. She is responsible for managing the legal, finance, press and public policy departments for the conference. Previously, she was the Director of

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Smith is a first generation American born and raised in Albany, New York. Her mother was born in Guyana, South America and her father was born in Jamaica, West Indie.