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HIGHLIGHTS NYC MAYOR’S CHIEF OF STAFF CAMILLE JOSEPH VARLACK**

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March 31, 2023 — As Women’s History Month comes to a close, it is important to continue to recognize achievements women have made over the course of American history and celebrate their contributions. According to the [National Women’s History Alliance](#) this year’s theme is “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.” It encourages recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all traditional and non-traditional fields and careers, by sharing their stories in all forms of media and storytelling. Sharing these stories will inspire the next generation to create change and resist inequality. Women’s stories, and the larger human story, expand our understanding and strengthen our connections with one another.

On this episode of “Prep Talk” Camille Joseph Varlack, chief of staff to New York City Mayor Eric Adams, shares her story about what inspired her to pursue a career in law, challenges women still face in the workplace, and what she hopes to accomplish in her current role. Varlack also discusses what led her to a career in public service and why she eventually started her own law practice. Throughout her career she has overseen the City and State’s response to various emergencies and talks about which disaster was the most difficult to navigate, as well as the most rewarding thing about assisting New Yorkers during emergencies.

“I really believe in service, and I always wanted to be a prosecutor,” said **Camille Joseph Varlack, Chief of Staff to the Mayor of New York City**. “The notion that you try to bring some kind of modicum of justice to those that have been hurt or harmed in some way was something that was very compelling to me.”

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Profile

Camille Joseph Varlack is the chief of staff to the Mayor of New York City. She has expertise in managing operational risk in organizations and is known for her ability to successfully navigate



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large-scale crises, both in and out of government. She was a founding partner and chief operating officer for Bradford Edwards & Varlack LLP, where she was responsible for the day-to-day operational leadership. Varlack was formerly the deputy director of state operations, chief risk officer, and special counsel for New York State, where she was responsible for managing the operations of over 60 agencies and authorities. In that capacity, she was responsible for leading teams through statewide crises, including natural disasters, storm response, terrorist activities, and cyberattacks, as well as responding to a multitude of public health crises. She later served as a member of the New York State COVID-19 Task Force. Varlack started her career as an assistant district attorney in Kings County. She is also a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo and Brooklyn Law School.

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