



## **Colmon Elridge - Speaker**

### **Biography**

Colmon Elridge is currently the Global Vice President of Membership and Development for the International Coach Federation, the world's largest membership organization and credentialing agency for professionally trained Executive, Life, and Corporate coaches. Prior to his current role, Elridge served as the Director of the National Center for Interstate Compacts with the Council of State Governments.

He served nearly eight years as the Executive Assistant and Senior Advisor to Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear and helped transform Kentucky's education, health access, and business climate after the worst economic recession since the Great Depression. He is from Cynthiana Kentucky and is a graduate of Transylvania University (BA) and Sullivan University (MBA). He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Leadership from the University of the Cumberlands. Never forgetting his own life story of poverty and the transformative power of the intersection of education and opportunity, Elridge operates with a continued sense of gratitude which has not only led him to success in public service but to be an active member in his community. Deeply passionate about community responsibility, he serves on the boards of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, the Lexington Arts and Science Center, as well as his alma mater, Transylvania University and on the Vestry of his church, The Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington. In 2014, he was named as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, an award given to Presidents John F. Kennedy, Bill Clinton, and Gerald Ford, as well as Elvis Presley. In 2015 he was named as one of the Twenty Outstanding Young Persons of the World by Junior Chamber International (JCI). After two successful terms as Executive Vice President of the Young Democrats of America, Elridge was named one of four rising stars in politics by MSNBC.

**Speech: Welcome note and why ICF and Hogan are partnering (with Dustin Hunter)**