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As Founder & CEO of The Forbes Group and Board Chair of Supply Chain Canada West, her work centers on helping leaders understand how the movement of goods, capital, and accountability shapes not only business performance, but also economic prosperity and community well-being.

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She is a global supply chain strategist, keynote speaker, and author guided by one core belief: strong value chains build strong cultures.

Her mission is to elevate how leaders think about interconnected systems. In a world defined by tariffs, geopolitical disruption, inflation, and regulatory expansion, she emphasizes that success is no longer about efficiency alone, it is about resilience, governance, and intentional design.

hrough executive advisory, keynote speaking, and her upcoming book Global Wealth, Local Impact, she translates complex global systems into clear leadership frameworks. She helps organizations move from reactive decision-making to deliberate strategic architecture.

Her vision is straightforward: when leaders design value chains with discipline and accountability, outcomes improve — for companies, workers, communities, and nations alike.

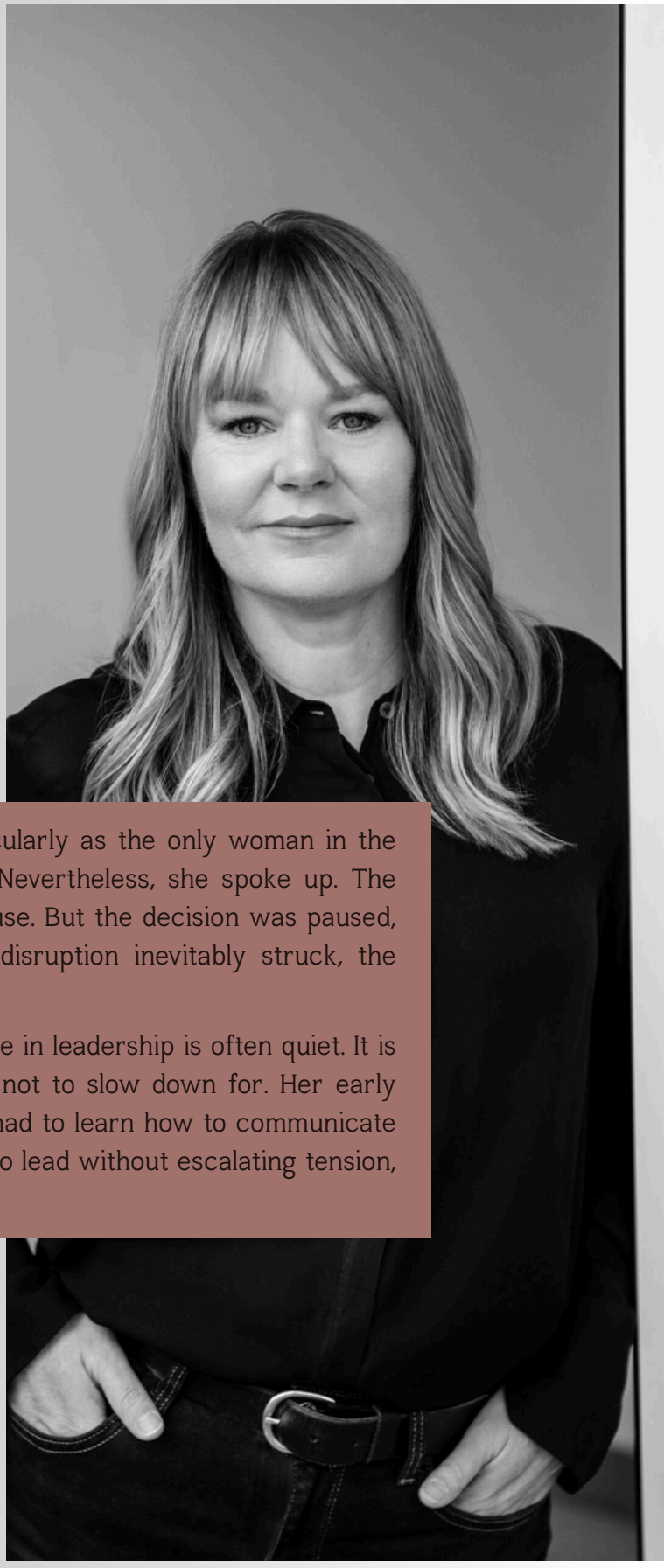
Her goal is to equip professionals, executives, and emerging leaders with the clarity and confidence to make decisions that stand the test of volatility.

Because durable wealth is not accidental. It is built.

Initial Struggles and Strategic Thinking

Her journey did not begin on a stage. It began in boardrooms, on major infrastructure projects, and inside manufacturing facilities where supply disruptions, cost overruns, and contract disputes were daily realities. Early in her career, she entered heavily technical, male-dominated environments where supply chain was often treated as administrative — something that supported the business rather than shaped it. She watched brilliant engineers and executives focus on product innovation while underestimating the architecture that made it possible.

One defining moment remains vivid. She was seated in a meeting where a multimillion-dollar decision was moving quickly toward approval. The room was confident and decisive. Yet she recognized a critical oversight: supplier exposure had not been properly assessed, and contractual protections were thin.



Interrupting momentum was uncomfortable, particularly as the only woman in the room and still early in her leadership trajectory. Nevertheless, she spoke up. The room fell quiet. There was no drama and no applause. But the decision was paused, reviewed, and restructured. Months later, when disruption inevitably struck, the organization and the project were protected.

That experience crystallized a lasting truth: courage in leadership is often quiet. It is found in asking the question others would prefer not to slow down for. Her early struggle was never capability — it was voice. She had to learn how to communicate structural risk without sounding oppositional, how to lead without escalating tension, and how to bring clarity instead of criticism.

The turning point came when she stopped reacting to problems and began studying patterns. Why do costs spike unexpectedly? Why do regulatory shifts create panic instead of preparation? Why do some organizations recover quickly from disruption while others fracture? The answer, she discovered, was rarely bad luck. It was design.

She began building governance frameworks, negotiation strategies, and supplier accountability systems that shifted conversations from blame to structure. Instead of firefighting, she focused on architecture. A further shift came when she began tying historical insight to modern economics. Roman trade routes, maritime empires, and industrial revolutions reinforced the same enduring principle: prosperity follows structured exchange.

The greatest lesson she learned was this: resilience is not a personality trait. It is a system outcome. By applying disciplined thinking, structured governance, and incentive-aligned negotiation, she moved from operational execution to enterprise influence. Over time, those frameworks became the foundation of her speaking platform and her book. Her journey demonstrates that leadership is not about controlling chaos. It is about designing systems that reduce it — and sometimes, it begins with one uncomfortable question in a quiet room.

Elevating Supply Chain as a Leadership Discipline

Through keynote platforms and advisory engagements, she has worked to reframe supply chain as a strategic lever rather than a back-office function. By advancing this perspective, she has helped organizations strengthen supplier standards, implement anti-forced labor compliance frameworks, enhance governance structures, and improve resilience planning.

> The impact of this work extends well beyond financial performance. It influences labor practices, environmental accountability, and national competitiveness. She emphasizes that when leaders understand value chain architecture, they make more ethical and durable decisions — creating ripple effects that positively impact communities, workers, and global partnerships.

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Strengthening the Profession Through Board Leadership



As Board Chair of Supply Chain Canada West, she works to elevate professional standards and strengthen the voice of the supply chain profession at a time when it is central to economic stability and competitiveness. She fosters cross-sector dialogue and strategic alignment, ensuring supply chain leadership is recognized not merely as an operational function, but as a critical driver of organizational and national performance.

Her leadership convenes stakeholders across government, academia, and industry to address complex and interrelated challenges, including trade policy shifts, workforce development, sustainability and ESG reporting requirements, digital transformation, and regulatory expansion. By aligning public policy objectives with real-world implementation realities, She helps organizations navigate uncertainty while advancing practical, forward-looking solutions that benefit multiple sectors.

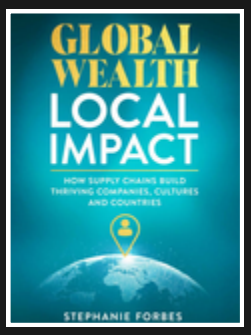


The impact of this work extends beyond individual career progression to the broader resilience and stability of national systems. She sees community impact not as something defined solely by visibility or recognition, but as something structural and enduring — reflected in the strength, transparency, and integrity of the systems that underpin economies and societies.

By thoughtfully bridging strategy with execution, she helps translate high-level vision into practical, measurable outcomes. Her efforts contribute to the development of supply chain networks that are not only efficient, but also adaptive, accountable, and robust in the face of disruption. In doing so, she supports the foundations of long-term economic prosperity and societal well-being, reinforcing the critical infrastructure that communities rely upon every day.

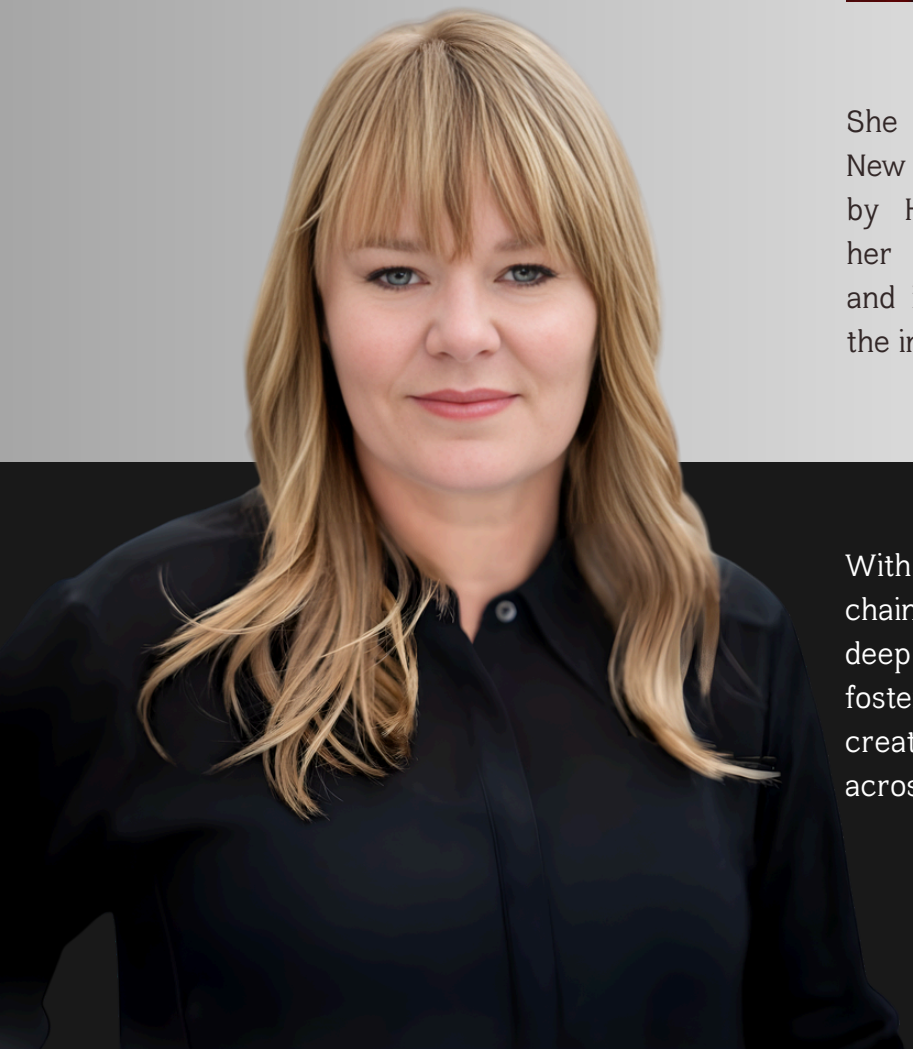
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Publications & Awards



She is the author of Global Wealth, Local Impact: How Value Chains Build Thriving Companies, Cultures, and Countries, published by Mission Driven Press and distributed by Simon & Schuster in 2026. Her work explores how value chains can be leveraged to strengthen businesses, empower communities, and drive national prosperity.





She was nominated for Best New Start-Up in North America by Hacker Noon, recognizing her entrepreneurial leadership and innovative contributions to the industry.



With 25 years of experience in global supply chain and value chain strategy, Stephanie brings deep expertise in building scalable systems, fostering cross-sector collaboration, and creating sustainable competitive advantage across international markets.



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As an international keynote speaker and consultant, she brings over 20 years of leadership experience in supply chain management, strategy, and risk. Her expertise spans transforming teams, driving complex projects, and delivering results across major initiatives in energy and other sectors. She excels in providing strategic guidance on governance, risk management, and regulatory compliance.

She is passionate about elevating the supply chain profession and creating meaningful value for organizations and communities. Through engaging presentations, workshops, and panel discussions, she shares actionable insights on industry trends, supply chain strategies, and best practices. Her speaking engagements empower both senior leaders and emerging professionals, equipping them to navigate today's challenges with confidence.

As a consultant, she leverages a deep industry network and extensive knowledge to deliver high-impact solutions across multiple sectors. Her work includes supplier governance, risk management, and the development and implementation of best practice programs. She continuously seeks new opportunities to drive strategic value and foster innovation within the supply chain field.