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**“Ladell and Gwen are friends and great leaders in their own right.” — John Maxwell**

Ladell rose to the top of Wall Street as a manager of a \$10.2 billion investment fund, the second largest in the country at the time. He moved to Houston and co-founded Smith, Graham & Company Investment Advisors, L.P., a premier fixed-income management company with over \$2.5 billion of assets. Ladell served as president and chief investment officer of the company. His clients included “Who’s Who” of the nation’s top corporations and municipalities. Ladell has been featured in numerous publications including The Wall Street Journal, Black Enterprise magazine, Pensions and Investments magazine and on NBC special, Succeeding Against the Odds. He has received numerous awards and honors including being listed in Who’s Who Worldwide.