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Industry News

Echo Global Logistics, Inc., a leading provider of technology-enabled transportation and supply chain management services, announced today the appointment of Cheryl Johnson to the post of Senior Vice President of Talent. Ms. Johnson holds more than 16 years of progressive HR industry experience, which includes several executive-level appointments.

Ms. Johnson previously led talent management for retail chain Ulta Cosmetics. Prior to her time with Ulta, Ms. Johnson served as Divisional Vice President of Strategic Talent Management for Sears Holding Company and also spent time as Vice President of Human Resources for Fossil Inc.

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[Do Manners Still Matter If You're the Leader?](#)

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Article by Dianna Booher, courtesy of Boohersearch.com

We are at our best with those random acts of kindness to strangers. Coworkers and family members don't fare so well. The reasons vary: We take them for granted and think they'll love us anyway. Or maybe familiarity breeds irritability.

Whatever the cause, rudeness has ruined family relationships. And otherwise competent business leaders are disliked and dissed by their staff and peers because they fail to understand that manners matter.

The revival of respect and kindness could revolutionize employee engagement.

Rude? Who Me?

Leaders communicate a lack of respect and discourtesy by:

- arriving late to meetings and wasting others' time by keeping them waiting
- fidgeting with electronic gadgets while others are trying to carry on a conversation with them
- texting and emailing during a meeting
- paying no attention during phone conferences so that things have to be repeated
- not offering to lower the volume if a loud noise is disturbing others
- not speaking to others when entering a room
- failing to return a greeting when someone speaks to them

- borrowing others' things without asking
- returning borrowed items in an altered condition after using them (dirty, broken, empty)
- sulking and withdrawing when in a bad mood
- speaking in a harsh tone when upset
- slamming a door in someone's face—whether intentional or in haste
- using sarcasm or put-down humor meant to embarrass others on sensitive issues
- “dressing someone down” in front of others so as to embarrass and humiliate that person
- speaking to some people but not others in a group
- excluding others from a group during breaks or lunch simply because of the feeling that they are socially or intellectually inferior
- not writing down messages—and then forgetting to pass the information on
- dressing inappropriately when others have VIP customers in the office for a visit
- leaving food and beverages sitting around in common areas
- not offering to help others carry a heavy load
- failing to say please and thank you or express appreciation for work done
- failing to exchange pleasantries such as asking how others are feeling when they've been out sick

Great Communicators Master Manners

The opposite of these actions, of course, are the small kindnesses that communicate respect for others, engage their hearts, and ultimately increase your influence when you have an important belief or value to share. Manners matter a great deal to leaders who last.

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