



Topeka K. Sam

Topeka K. Sam is the CEO of The LOHM and founder and President of EPIC Financial, TKS Ventures LLC, and Faces & Voices Inc. She serves on the board of directors for Coalition for Public Safety, The Marshall Project, Operation Restoration, and United Justice Coalition.

Since her release from federal prison on May 5, 2015, Topeka has served as a **2015 Beyond the Bars Fellow** and a **2016 Justice-In-Education Scholar** both from Columbia University, **2017 Soros Justice Advocacy Fellow**, **2018 Unlocked Futures Inaugural Cohort Member**, **2018 Opportunity Agenda Communications Institute Fellow**, Director of **#Dignity Campaign for #cut50** where she led the bi-partisan national effort to pass 20 pieces of legislation restoring the **Dignity for Incarcerated Women**, **Senior Advisor of New Yorkers United for Justice**. In **2020**, the **United Nations** appointed Topeka as the **Goodwill Ambassador for Social Justice (Incarceration Reform)** of the **Global Festival of Creative Economy**. In **December 2020**, Topeka received a full presidential pardon for her dedication to helping women turn from a path of despair towards a path of redemption. She is the host of **"The Topeka K. Sam Show"** on **SiriusXM UrbanView Channel 126 Sundays 9 am EDT**, and is now developing scripted and unscripted series as an **Executive Producer for TV & Film**, inspired by her fight to change the many problems that plague female incarceration with **44 Blue Productions**.

Topeka has been featured in **Vogue**, **Essence**, **SalonTV**, **Vice**, **New York Times**, **TheCut**, **Rolling Stone** and **Variety Magazine**. She has shared her expertise on **The Tamron Hall Show**, **CNN**, **MSNBC** and **The Today Show**. Additionally, has been featured in **Glamour Magazine** and **Black Enterprise** for being **"The Black Woman behind the video that led to the Trump Clemency of Alice Johnson."** She has spoken at the **2018 United States of the Woman Conference**, **2018 Women in the World Conference**, **2018 White House Prison Reform Summit**, is a **TedxMidAtlantic Superheros Presenter** and has received many awards for her contributions transforming the lives of women and girls impacted by the criminal legal system.

She has worked and continues to work selflessly and relentlessly in her fight for the dignity, decriminalization, and decarceration of women and girls. **All Social Media Handles: @TopekaKSam**



"I don't look at myself as a voice for the voiceless, I create these platforms so all women can use their voice. When you give a woman a voice, and when you give a woman a chance, you're changing the world."

- Topeka K. Sam