

Easing the Behavioral Health Stigma

An informative virtual discussion with Zak Williams and Journalist Jack Ford

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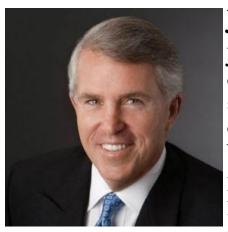
Zak Williams

Zak Williams is a passionate global mental health advocate who focuses his time and effort on sharing his personal story to support initiatives and campaigns seeking to remove the stigma and address the challenges associated with mental health topics. Zak is CEO and founder of anxiety relief company PYM and is an investor in technology and consumer packaged goods companies. Formerly, Zak was COO of the recommendation platform Crossing Minds, the Director of Business Development for media company Condé Nast, and the marketing lead for gaming and media platform N3TWORK.



Zak is a US trustee of United for Global Mental Health and board member of mental health awareness non-profit Bring Change 2 Mind and the Yerba Buena Center of the Arts where he focuses on guiding the organizations' strategy and business development initiatives. He received an MBA from Columbia Business School and a BA in Linguistics from New York University.





Jack Ford is a legal analyst for CBS News and a correspondent for 60 Minutes Sports. Previously, he held several roles at ABC News, including anchor and correspondent for Good Morning America, 20/20 and World News Tonight.

Raised by a single parent in New Jersey, Ford attended Point Pleasant Beach High School. He played football and graduated from Yale University. He also earned a law

degree from Fordham University School of Law. He subsequently spent three years as a prosecutor in New Jersey, before beginning his own private practice as a lawyer. He also served as an adjunct professor of law at Fordham Law School.

Earlier in his career, Ford worked at NBC News as chief legal correspondent, where he covered major legal stories for NBC Nightly News, The Today Show and Dateline. In addition, he was co-anchor of the Weekend Today Show and a substitute anchor for Nightly News and Meet the Press. Also a prominent sports journalist, Ford hosted ESPN's The Sports Reporters from 2002-03.



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