



## Tisha Tallman

President and CEO, Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

**Class of 2005**

**T**isha Tallman had significant community leadership experience before she ever heard of Leadership Atlanta. As an assistant attorney general in Minnesota, she worked on civil rights issues. As a public policy analyst, she served as a delegate to a United Nations conference on racism. In 2002, she moved to Atlanta and opened the Southeast regional office for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

While building that network, a colleague urged her to get involved with Leadership Atlanta. Pressed for time, she sent her application in just before the deadline, and she was accepted.

"It was an amazing experience for me," said Tallman. "The depth and breadth of the programming was very impressive."

The most valuable aspect, Tallman said, was the creation of long-lasting relationships. She can draw on the network of business, nonprofit and government leaders as she helps the Georgia Hispanic Chamber deepen its support of small and large Hispanic-owned businesses.

"There are so many ways we can all assist each other," said Tallman. "Whether it is nonprofit, sponsorships, partnerships or collaboration, there are intersects in the various disciplines."

Tallman continues to be involved with Leadership Atlanta through the L.E.A.D. program for young professionals.