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When Karen Worstell's computer science professor encrypted the final exam she became hooked on cyber. Her career highlights include the CEO of AtomicTangerine, a Silicon Valley startup, and tenure as Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at Microsoft Corporation, AT&T Wireless, and Russell Investments. Her focus on coaching and strategic intervention with individuals and organizations was born from her chaplaincy service as the Palliative Care Fellow for the VA and over 2000 hours of clinical supervised training and practice. Today, she is the CEO of W Risk Group and founder of MOJO Maker for Women in Tech whose mission is to reverse the trend of women leaving tech through coaching and community-building programs that address the personal and structural barriers to women's representation at senior levels in Tech organizations.

Her brand and message are: **Be An Ally**. Karen writes, "What I know for sure is this: when we reach out to create true inclusion, to be allies at home and at work, everyone benefits. Research shows that true inclusive and equitable culture positively impacts individuals, as well as companies' productivity and innovation." She hosts the MOJO Maker for Womxn in Tech podcast, Handle Adversity Like a BOSS webinars, the monthly Create Your Leading Edge 5-Day Challenge on Facebook, and the Womxn in Tech Mastermind to reach as many diverse women in Tech and their allies as possible.

Karen is the author of multiple publications including three books and chapters in reference journals for cybersecurity. Her book Your Itty Bitty Book for Personal Data Protection is an Amazon Best Seller. She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemistry and Molecular Biology, a Master of Science in Computer Science, and a Master's degree in Jewish studies.

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