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Kendra L. Gaither joined the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Americas Department in 2015, bringing a wealth of solutions-oriented global public policy expertise to this role. In addition to assisting members with economic policy issues across the Western Hemisphere, she serves as the Executive Director for the Chamber's bilateral business councils for Colombia and Cuba. Gaither also directs the Chamber's rule of law coalition, which publishes a Global Business Rule of Law Dashboard to bring more attention to the issue from the private sector perspective. She joined the Chamber from Carnegie Mellon University, where she was a global initiatives adviser in the College of Engineering and executive director of the Center for International Policy and Innovation.

An alumna of the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship, Gaither began her career in international affairs at the U.S. Department of State. There she spent more than 10 years as a career diplomat and civil servant specialized in international economic and trade issues in Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa. Her overseas Foreign Service assignments include postings at the U.S. embassies in Peru and Mexico. Domestically, she held numerous positions in the State Department's Legislative and African Affairs bureaus.

Gaither holds a B.S. in economics from North Carolina A&T State University, as well as an M.A. in international affairs and an M.B.A. in international business finance from The George Washington University. She is a member of the Association of Women in International Trade (WIIT) and a career mentor and volunteer with The Jackie Robinson Foundation.