

GEORGETOWN LAW

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Biographies of Speakers

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Mary W. Legg
President and General Counsel
Firm Advice, Inc.

Mary W. Legg is President and General Counsel, of Firm Advice Inc. A graduate of Emory Law School, Ms. Legg has a wide range of experience in the legal market. She practiced law for seven years at the international law firm Seyfarth Shaw, served one year as general counsel of a corporation, and was publisher and editor of a human resources journal for two years. Since 1995, Ms. Legg has worked in the attorney placement industry. She started Firm Advice, Inc., placing attorneys on a contract and direct hire basis in both law firms and corporations in the year 2000.

Ms. Legg has held numerous volunteer and elected positions, including Board Member and Chair of the Membership Committee of WMACCA; Chair of the Corporate Counsel Committee of the Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law Section of the DC Bar; and Board Member, Secretary and Chair of the Career Development Committee and Working Parents Forum of the DC Women's Bar Association. Ms. Legg has authored dozens of articles and book chapters and is a frequent speaker on career development and legal department management issues.

Martha Ann Sisson, Esq.
Principal
Garrison & Sisson

Martha Ann Sisson, Esq. is a principal in Garrison & Sisson ("G&S"), a nationally recognized and regionally dominate attorney search firm since 1986. G&S is devoted exclusively to permanent attorney search and recruitment of individuals and practice groups. It is comprised of six recruiters, five of whom are former practicing attorneys, and primarily focuses its efforts on the Washington, D.C. metropolitan legal community. Ms. Sisson regularly participates in bar association and related professional group programs and firm retreats. She currently serves as a dedicated resource to two AMLAW 50 firms in their efforts to strengthen relationships with alumni through providing access to information on career opportunities and alternatives. In addition, she has written numerous articles on strategic growth prioritization, marketing strategies (for both the employer entity and the individual attorney), attorney development and retention and best hiring practices. Ms. Sisson is a former corporate attorney with Mobil Oil and graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Trish Alatorre-Ridings
Managing Director
Kelly Law Registry

Trish Alatorre-Ridings is the Managing Director of the Washington DC office of Kelly Law Registry, a division of Kelly Services, Inc. Kelly Law Registry is a premier provider of legal staffing and solutions to clients all over the world.

While Trish joined Kelly in January 2005, she began her management career in legal staffing in 1996 in Cincinnati Ohio, relocating to Washington, DC in 2001. Prior to entering the legal staffing industry, Trish was a senior paralegal at a mid-size firm working closely with the trial attorney to manage all facets of litigation.

Trish holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in Forensic Studies and obtained her Paralegal Certificate from the College of Mount Saint Joseph. Trish is a member of the Women's Bar Association, National Capital Area Paralegal Association, National Federation Paralegal Association, and the Executive Women's Golf Association. Trish continues to be an active speaker and presenter for numerous legal associations, both nationally and locally.