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Sheryl Ash  
Vice President

Sheryl Ash joined Isaacson, Miller in 1996 and works across the firm’s education, philanthropy, arts and culture, and environmental practice areas. Having led numerous searches for presidents and deans of fine and performing arts colleges, she has built the arts education practice at the firm. In the foundation world, Sheryl has a particular depth of practice and interest in CEO-level searches for both family and community foundations. Her experience includes leadership searches for independent schools, museums, associations, and environmental organizations, as well as senior-level academic and administrative searches in many areas of the firm’s higher education practice. Sheryl has a background in education prior to search work. She taught at the high school level in both public and independent schools. She was an instructor for the North Carolina Outward Bound School and also developed programs in Connecticut public schools for gifted students in the arts. Sheryl graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Cornell College with a BA in music. She holds a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Wesleyan University and an MBA from the Yale School of Management.

Ericka Miller, Ph.D.  
Vice President

Ericka Miller was Vice President of Isaacson, Miller from 2005 to 2007 and is rejoining the firm as of this month. Most recently, she served as Chief of Membership, Governance, and Higher Education at the College Board. Before that, she was Senior Advisor to Secretary Arne Duncan at the U.S. Department of Education. Before her government service in the Obama Administration, Ericka was Vice President for Operations and Strategic Leadership at the Education Trust, a nationally recognized research and advocacy organization dedicated to promoting high academic achievement of all students, kindergarten through college.

Prior to joining Isaacson, Miller in 2005 she was President and Chief Operating Officer of the McKenzie Group (now part of American Institutes for Research), a comprehensive education consulting firm with a 20-year history of providing evaluation and technical assistance services to school districts, institutions of higher education, federal agencies, foundations, and other public and private organizations. Earlier in her career, Ericka was Assistant Professor of English Literature at Mills College, in Oakland, California. Prior to launching her career in education, she was an editor at the Washingtonian magazine.

Ericka holds a bachelor’s degree in English Literature from Georgetown University and a doctorate in English Literature from Stanford University.
Natalie Leonhard
Senior Associate

Natalie Leonhard joined Isaacson, Miller in 2007, transitioning to her current role in 2008. Natalie recruits for a variety of senior roles within both public and private higher education institutions as well as nonprofit and advocacy organizations. Prior to Isaacson, Miller, Natalie served as an Events and Facilities coordinator at Georgetown University. She holds a BA in psychology from the University of Michigan.