

ABOUT ISAACSON, MILLER

Isaacson, Miller is a national executive search firm devoted to recruiting exceptional leaders for mission-driven organizations. Our founders created the firm in 1982, a time when civic institutions rarely used executive search firms.

The firm has grown steadily, and today, Isaacson, Miller stands alone as a large, national, retained search firm dedicated to the full range of public and civic missions. We have active practices in higher education, science and social science research, human services, conservation and environmental defense, human and civil rights advocacy, K-12 education, academic and community healthcare, philanthropy, arts and culture, and community-based economic development, with sub-specialties in almost every functional area.

Many of our clients and past candidates become part of an extended network that shares our goal of strengthening the civic infrastructure. They see their own missions reflected in the work of the firm and choose to assist us, generously, in our quest for the finest talent in their fields.

The country's civic community has come to recognize our persistent commitment to recruiting diverse talent. On average, in searches completed with us over the last decade, 40% of our clients have hired women and 25% people of color.

Isaacson, Miller is a mission-driven business committed to the recruitment of powerful civic leaders who raise our own and our clients' competitive aspirations. We believe that civic organizations are essential to a strong civil society, a vigorous democracy, and to a free market economy. Civic institutions educate us all. They encourage the marketplace of ideas through research, teaching, and advocacy. They inspire innovation, and, through foundations and philanthropy, they arouse the charitable endeavors of private citizens. The civic sector serves as the guardian of our economic and societal strength. We have made its success our business.

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SHERYL ASH
PARTNER

Since joining the firm in 1996, Sheryl has built our arts in higher education practice and is one of the leaders of our firm's K-12 practice. In addition to her work across the areas of education, philanthropy, and arts and culture, she has a particular depth of practice in board-led CEO-level searches. She also serves as a member of Isaacson, Miller's Executive Committee.

Sheryl's clients appreciate the deftness, sound judgment, and deep experience she brings to her leadership searches, as well as her unyielding commitment to client satisfaction.

Early in her career, Sheryl was an instructor for the North Carolina Outward Bound School and also developed programs in Connecticut public schools for gifted students in the arts. In addition, she was a teacher in both public and independent schools. These foundational experiences contribute to her

passion for successfully placing leaders who can make a significant impact on their organizations—and the lives of others.



BEN TOBIN
PARTNER

Since joining Isaacson, Miller in 2011, Ben has worked on searches across multiple sectors, including higher education institutions, foundations, and cultural organizations. Additionally, he has helped drive our firm’s practice in recruiting for schools of art, architecture, and design—placing presidents, provosts, deans, and other academic and administrative leaders to institutions around the country.

Ben previously served as vice president and lead consultant at Brill Neumann, an executive search consulting firm focused on recruiting leaders in higher education, academic medical centers, and research institutes. His more than 10 years in recruitment, paired with his four years as an advisor and administrator for Boston College’s study abroad programs, give him additional insight into academic and administrative searches in higher education.

Clients appreciate Ben’s sense of humor and his commitment to learning their organization, creating an authentic partnership.



RYAN LEICHENAUER
SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Ryan Leichenauer joined Isaacson, Miller as a senior associate in 2019. Prior to joining the firm Ryan worked with Fontenelle Forest, a nature center in Nebraska, as director of development and marketing. Prior roles include executive director of the Elkhorn Valley Museum, a regional history museum, and membership manager at the Association of Children's Museums.