



**Esther R. (Essie) Escobedo**  
Chief Executive Angel

When Essie Escobedo majored in physics, she had no idea that she would apply her knowledge about how the universe works to the world of business.

Essie launched Office Angels in 2000 after a 25-year career as a successful small business owner. During that time, she honed her gifts of exceptional interpersonal skills and a sharp intellect, while gaining hands-on knowledge about successful business management.

After observing a large and growing number of credentialed, seasoned individuals with outstanding skills and proven track records who had left corporate America, Essie saw a stellar opportunity. These professionals may have left the full-time workforce, but they wanted to continue working—on their schedules. Essie realized these professionals could bring expertise and a level of professionalism to a job that most small businesses could not otherwise afford.

Compelled by her strong entrepreneurial character and drive to help people succeed, she developed a unique business model that addresses two needs: Office Angels helps small business owners focus on business priorities, while Angels perform a range of essential but often-neglected “back office” operations in areas such as administrative support, bookkeeping, and marketing. At the same time, Office Angels provides meaningful work to highly experienced and trained business professionals who wish to work on a flexible, part-time, freelance, or project basis.

A supreme networker, Essie currently serves on the board of the Professional Women’s Information Network (ProWIN). She is an active member of the Alpharetta Chamber of Commerce; Red Cross Business Council; Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy; International Coach Federation; National Association of Professional Organizers—Georgia Chapter; National Speakers Association—Georgia Chapter; and Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs/WISE Initiative.

Essie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from The American University and served as Adjunct Professor of Business at Lanier Technical College. She also holds a black belt in Shotokan Karate and is a dedicated yoga practitioner.

In addition to her business acumen, Essie has been a beloved mentor, coach, and trainer to her Angels, clients, and friends. Her calm, proactive, practical, and gracious style brings out the best in people and creates winning outcomes.

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