

**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.

Twenty years ago, Essie presciently observed that a large and growing number of credentialed, seasoned individuals with outstanding skills and proven track records had left corporate America and 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 assist small businesses at rates they 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 is a well-known and highly respected member of the greater Atlanta business community. She has served on the Boards of the Atlanta Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), the Atlanta Women's Network (AWN), and the Professional Women's Information Network (ProWIN). She currently serves on the Advisory Boards for ProWIN and Access for Capital Entrepreneurs (ACE), is an active member of the Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy, and mentors on starting and running a successful business with The Edge Connection.

The North Fulton Chamber of Commerce named Essie as a Business Person of Excellence for 2018. She was a finalist for the Chamber's 2018 Small Business Person of the Year award, was honored by ProWIN with a Business Builder Award, and was nominated for a Turknett Leadership Character Award.

Essie has been featured in various business media, including the Atlanta Business Chronical, VoyageATL, Atlanta Business Radio, Business Radio X, and Newstalk 1160.

Essie holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from The American University and served as Adjunct Professor of Business at Lanier Technical College. 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.