

# What is an Office Angel?

## AS TOLD BY REAL OFFICE ANGELS

I became an Office Angel in 2013 after retiring from a career as an accountant for various healthcare companies, including 10 years as a chief financial officer. I function as full charge bookkeeper and general accountant on a virtual or on-site basis. Office Angels has allowed me to get closer to my dream of working for myself, on my terms. I truly enjoy continuing to use my MBA and broad experience to help my clients with their diverse business needs. As an Office Angel I also benefit from my association with a company that has an excellent reputation. Our clients expect great service and I like contributing towards further strengthening our reputation. I have found that being an Office Angel is much better than striking it out on my own. ~Marilyn Olejnik

I have been an Office Angel since 2008. I truly enjoy using my marketing, bookkeeping, translation, and administrative skills and experience. I had been a stay-at-home mom but when I became a single mom I needed a flexible work schedule. I have been averaging about 15-20 hours a week and have developed several long-term client relationships. Being able to use my diverse business skills and knowing that I am making a difference makes me feel so good about myself. Most importantly, I love having the flexibility to be home for my son when school gets out and being able to take him to baseball, karate and his extracurricular activities. Office Angels has truly been a blessing in my life. ~Julie Fabregas

I had ten years' experience in public relations and marketing before leaving the full-time workforce to start a family. Then we moved overseas for two years. Upon our return I picked up freelance jobs here and there, but felt that, although I hadn't lost my skills, I had lost my confidence, and I was looking for work that meshed with motherhood.

Upon joining Office Angels I quickly was matched with client with whom I had a highly productive and positive working relationship. I was able to strengthen my skills and reestablish my connection with the business world without the billing hassles of freelancing. After my children went off to college I was ready for a full-time job again and I knew I could do it, thanks to the bridge provided by my years as an Office Angel. ~Betsy Lewis

I became an Office Angel after retiring from 40 years as a communications professional working a variety of fields, including grant writing, advertising, and environmental protection. I wanted to keep my skills honed and earn a bit extra to augment my retirement savings. Office Angels has provided me with consistently challenging and interesting project work. I have always enjoyed learning and the variety of clients and assignments ensures that I'm never bored. I also love the flexibility of working remotely and the ability to structure my workload to fit my schedule. ~Judy Usherson

I specialize in creative document design and layout. I came to Office Angels after my previous company changed management. I knew I would be unhappy in a much larger organization so I left to strike out on my own. Essie helped me establish myself as a freelancer and started funneling clients my way. I enjoy working with the diverse and interesting clients I have met through Office Angels, and the fact that I can work on my own terms. Since I work remotely, I can work from anywhere, so I have the freedom to travel and visit my four daughters and still make a living. I also very much appreciate the fact that Office Angels takes some of the marketing burden off my shoulders and also handles client billing. Working as an Office Angel has greatly enhanced my success as a freelancer. I've been able to expand my business opportunities with the support and coordination that Essie provides. I'm very glad to be an Office Angel! ~Debbie Kerr

I joined Office Angels after having left the corporate workplace to start a family. When my children started school I was ready to come back on a part-time basis but I wanted a flexible schedule and the ability to work at home.

Office Angels was the perfect fit. I started slowly, working for one client about 5 hours a week, and gradually increased my hours up to 20-25 hours a week, working with several clients. I love how much I've learned working for small businesses. It has been so gratifying to see the value of my contributions. The work continues to be meaningful, challenging, and interesting, and I don't think I would have had this opportunity without the Office Angels model. I have enhanced my marketing skills thanks to my broad range of experience with a diverse client base, and I've developed a fabulous network of contacts. Working for Office Angels has been a blessing to me and to my family. ~Kathleen Kraynick

I started as an Office Angel during the summer of 2004. I had worked in the accounting field for over ten years before taking a break to become a stay-at-home mom. Although I loved working, I could not bear to be away from my children all day long. I had begun looking for part-time work but internet and newspaper searches came up empty. I had all but given up when I learned about Office Angels. Right after meeting Essie, I knew that Office Angels was the place for me. Essie makes that perfect match between the client in need and the Angel willing and able to meet that need on a mutually agreeable basis. It's now been ten years that I've worked as an Office Angel and I could not be happier. I've had opportunities to exercise my skills and still be the kind of mother that I want to be. ~Susan Warren



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