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Kathleen “Kathy” Graham is a Principal with HQ Search, Inc., a retained executive search firm specializing solely in financial services positions globally that she co-founded in 1997. HQ Search, Inc.’s clients are: asset/money management companies; domestic money center, international, and suburban banks; investment/merchant banks; consulting firms; corporations; credit rating services; pension funds; real estate developers; trading institutions/hedge funds; and private equity/venture capital firms.

In addition to a track record of always being a star recruiter, Graham obtained her MBA in Finance, Analytic Finance, and Econometrics & Statistics from the University of Chicago and a BA in Business Administration and Marketing from North Central College, where she also taught classes in Corporate Finance.

For the last 7 years Graham has issued an annual financial services job forecast, which to date has been completely accurate in forecasting the prevailing trends and hot jobs/dud jobs for each finance sector. She also started 3 new companies in 2006: HQ Seminars, Inc. (custom designed financial niche and in-house seminars); HQ Scripts, Inc. (editing and creation of financial articles, books and newsletters); and HQ Services (financial services compensation studies, brainstorming/focus groups).

Her other activities include: recognized by the University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business (GSB) with their “CEO” award (1998), a prize that’s one of only five honors granted annually to the entire MBA student population; four years (2001 - 2005) as a member of the University of Chicago’s GSB alumni Career Advisory Committee and Global Chair of their alumni 130 - 400 senior finance professionals in attendance at their monthly and special event meetings); frequently requested as a speaker for numerous local and national finance-related groups that include the Managed Funds Association, Financial Research Associates, and the CFA Society of Chicago; and actively participates as a member of the 100 Women in Hedge Funds, CFA Society nationally and locally, Financial Women’s Association, Hedge Fund Cares, Illinois CPA Society, QWAFAFEW (a quantitative research alliance), GARP and PRMIA (risk management associations). Most recently Graham was the CFA Society of Chicago’s Career Management Advisory Group Chair and was also the CFA Institute’s Professional Development committee member for the Midwest US region.

Graham is a frequently requested speaker and writer on topics regarding human capital development in the financial services field. She has written articles for *Financial Engineering News* (which includes contributing a feature article on alternative investments that details the risk/reward/characteristics of each type (CDOs, hedge funds, real estate, and private equity) and a summary table) and for *Financial History*; the author of a book currently in publication process on applying asset valuation techniques to determine and optimize a career’s net present value; plus the writer of a chapter on hedge fund careers and special issues that women face in that sector for the book, ***Hedge Fund and Investment Management*** by Izzy Nelken, PhD, published by Elsevier Limited (owns the U.S. publisher Harcourt) in December 2005. Her first children’s book, ***The Land of Lemons and Nuts***, teaches economics to children ages 4 - 9.