Colette Murray

Colette Murray, J.D., CFRE, is CEO Emeritus of Paschal Murray, an executive search firm with associates in four states and two countries.

Ms. Murray has a professional record of over thirty-five years in senior-level advancement at major education and health institutions throughout America. Colette began her professional career as a criminal defense attorney. She was recruited to serve as the first legal counsel for the UC Berkeley campus.

She initiated her advancement career as Executive Director of the Cal Alumni Association. She has served as the senior advancement executive at UC Santa Cruz, University of Louisville, Texas Tech University, Henry Ford Health System, and Sharp Health Care. Administrative responsibilities for these organizations have primarily included Fundraising and Alumni Affairs.

Colette has a long history in leadership positions with professional philanthropic organizations. She is the only professional in history to serve as board chair of both the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), an international organization with 30,000 members and Council for the Advancement & Support of Education (CASE). She received the nationally acclaimed Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for her leadership as a CASE Trustee.

Colette was a member of the board of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) Foundation. She is past president of the Health Systems Development Network of AHP whose members include all of the top senior philanthropy executives managing health systems nationally and she is a past member of the AHP Board of Directors. She has had a long and active role as member and chair of the AFP Ethics Committee and has led numerous workshops on ethical issues and case studies on ethics in philanthropy.

Ms. Murray has been on the faculty for dozens of CASE, AFP and AHP conferences and has also taught fundraising management at Texas Tech University, Wayne State University and UC San Diego. Ms. Murray is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and has a law degree from the University of San Francisco. Ms. Murray has been, a certified fundraising executive (CFRE) for the past twenty years. Ms. Murray is an alumnus of Leadership America, Leadership Texas, Leadership California, and LEAD San Diego.

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