

Mary Phillips specializes in designing and implementing government and public relations strategies, corporate communications, and media relations. Working closely with CEOs and government officials, Phillips has successfully secured government contract extensions and negotiated innovative settlements. Phillips also trains corporate executives in media response techniques, develops crisis communication strategies and crafts corporate messages for highly regulated and consumer-sensitive industries.

From 1997-2000 Phillips was the executive director of a large healthcare agency delivering services to more than 1000 clients in 16 Missouri counties. Phillips successfully advanced the interests and assets of a multi-million dollar agency, directed the operations of eight satellite offices and the activities of two hundred employees.

Prior to 1997, Mary Phillips was president of Phillips Consulting, an administrative and organizational consulting firm. Clients of Phillips Consulting included the Missouri Department of Health, the Missouri Department of Social Services and large non-governmental organizations. Phillips also served as Springfield, Missouri's cultural ambassador to its sister city of Isesaki, Japan. In Japan, Phillips was a commissioned city official responsible for official appearances and protocols, educational presentations and promotion of international relations.

In 1993, Phillips received her Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She graduated with honors with an emphasis in the management of state government and non-governmental organizations. Her undergraduate career includes graduating with honors with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations: economics, political science and foreign languages. The granddaughter of an original cast member of the popular *Our Gang* comedies, Phillips received multiple academic scholarships including the Screen Actors Guild (SAG).

Mary Phillips has served on the Boards of Directors of several not-for-profit organizations including: Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Mid-Missouri Board of Governors, RiverCity Habitat for Humanity, Missouri Council for In-Home Services, Missouri Symphony Society, University of Missouri Chancellor's Residence Preservation Society, and the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation. Phillips has also served as an officer of the Missouri Parks Association, the Jefferson City Community Concert Association, and the United Way of Mid-Missouri Agency Leadership Council.

Phillips has also served on for-profit Boards of Directors including a significant Workers' Compensation Trust and was a founding Director of a large Workers' Compensation Risk Management Association.

In 2000 Phillips, recognized as a community leader, was asked to serve on the select Jefferson City/Cole County 20 Year Strategic Planning Task Force. She has also served on the executive committee for several statewide and local campaigns for public office and ballot initiatives.