



## **Navigating the Currents of an IR Career**

1:30 – 2:45 p.m.



**Stephanie L. Buckles**  
**Senior Client Partner**  
**Korn Ferry**

Chicago-based Stephanie Buckles oversees candidate recruitment and sourcing strategy for Fortune 500, private equity and family-owned clients in Korn Ferry's financial officers, industrial, consumer and private equity practices. She has more than 15 years of executive recruiting experience. Before joining Korn Ferry, Buckles was with another leading global executive search firm and led the executive search practice for a regional boutique. Buckles began her executive search and HR consulting career at Blackman Kallick & Bartelstein, the 10th largest public accounting and consulting firm in Chicago. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is an associate board member for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Illinois.



**Ann Kelly Jones**  
**Partner**  
**Heidrick & Struggles**

Minneapolis-based Ann Kelly Jones specializes in senior and executive-level finance assignments for a variety of companies in the consumer, industrial and financial services industries. Before joining Heidrick and Struggles, Jones was associate vice president of new business and firm operations in the individual life division of Hartford Life, Inc. and spent 15 years at American Express Financial Advisors (now Ameriprise). She holds an MBA from the Carlson School of Management and a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College.



**Ashish Kohli, CFA**  
**Vice President, Investor Relations**  
**Walgreens Boots Alliance**

Ashish Kohli joined Walgreens (NASDAQ: WBA) as an investor relations director in 2012 and was promoted to vice president in 2015. In this role, he manages a strategic IR program that communicates business developments (such as the 2014 merger between Walgreens and Boots Alliance) and the company's value proposition to its constituencies, including analysts, shareholders, employees and customers.

Earlier in his career, Kohli was vice president of corporate strategy for Vermillion, Inc., a buy-side analyst for Columbia Wanger Asset Management, a sell-side analyst for William Blair, and an emerging markets debt analyst for Brinson Partners. He has an MBA from Texas Tech University and bachelor's degrees in computer engineering and biochemistry from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.



**Ruth E. Venning**  
**Executive Director, Investor Relations**  
**Horizon Pharma**

Ruth Venning joined Horizon Pharma (NASDAQ: HZNP) in 2017 as its executive director of investor relations. Previously, she was director of investor relations for Hospira, Inc. and director of corporate relations for Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., where she managed both corporate communications and investor relations. Earlier in her career, she held financial communications, investor relations or corporate communications roles with United Airlines and Calamos Asset Management. Venning began her career in international public relations, working primarily for the Japanese government in Japan. She holds an MBA in finance from Lake Forest Graduate School of Management, a master's degree in corporate communications from Northwestern University, and a bachelor's degree in Japanese studies from Earlham College.



**Wendy Wilson**  
**NIRI Senior Roundtable, Former NIRI National Board Member**

Wendy Wilson has been a NIRI member since 1979. She is a former NIRI national board member and past president of the NIRI-Chicago chapter. She was on the committee that created the first NIRI IRC exam and she remains on the IRC Committee overseeing its administration. As a corporate investor relations officer and consultant, Wilson has created and led investor relations programs for global corporations in a variety of industries, including airlines, printing and publishing, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals and medical devices. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.