

Women Leaders Association Names Kimberly Prentiss as First San Diego Coaching Partner

New Coaching Partners program connects the association's San Diego members with rigorously vetted, proven executive coaches

SAN DIEGO, CA, UNITED STATES, August 25, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Women Leaders Association, the largest publisher and events organization for women professionals with 43,000 members and more than 130 regional chapters, today announced Kimberly Prentiss as the first official Coaching Partner of its San Diego chapter, SanDiegoWomenLeaders.org. The appointment launches the association's new Coaching Partners program in the San Diego metro area, giving members direct access to executive coaches who have been carefully screened for credentials, track record, and client results.

The Coaching Partners program was created to solve a problem the association's members raise constantly: executive coaching is one of the highest-impact investments a professional woman can make in her career — and one of the hardest to shop for. Coaching titles are unregulated, quality varies enormously, and a leader evaluating coaches on her own has little way to verify who is genuinely proven. Under the new program, the Women Leaders Association does much of that screening on the member's behalf. Every Coaching Partner is vetted for recognized certifications, verifiable experience, and excellent client reviews before being presented to members, so each chapter's professionals can book a consultation with confidence, have a great experience, and keep rising in their careers.



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Kimberly Prentiss

Prentiss, Founder and Principal Coach of San Diego-based Ignite Change Global, joins the Women Leaders Association as its first San Diego Coaching Partner, giving chapter members direct access to executive coaching designed around the real pressures of leading. She built her own career through progressive leadership roles across higher education, IT, financial services, government contracting, and a fintech startup she helped lead through to a successful exit, giving her firsthand experience with the exact pressures and transitions today's women leaders face: building credibility in new environments, leading through growth, and managing high-stakes change. An ICF Certified Coach and Master Certified Intelligent Leadership Executive Coach, she is based locally in San Diego and offers members the option of in-person coaching alongside virtual sessions, with structured assessments, 360-degree feedback options, and a customized development plan. She also offers group and cohort leadership development for organizations and facilitated leadership offsites. Her coaching combines honest feedback, proven assessment tools, and a clear development plan to help leaders act with more clarity and confidence.

"I've led through real change, real growth, and real pressure, and that experience shapes how I coach," said Prentiss. "The clarity and answers a leader needs are already inside her. My role is to ask the right questions, use real feedback and data to hold up a clear mirror, and help her turn insight into an actionable plan that ignites her success. I'm honored to partner with the Women Leaders Association and to help San Diego's women professionals keep rising." San Diego-area members can now view Prentiss' full profile, schedule a complimentary consultation directly through her booking calendar, or send her a private note through the site, at <https://SanDiegoWomenLeaders.org/coaching.html?coach=KimberlyPrentiss>

"Coaching Partners exists because our members should never have to gamble on coaching quality," said Lydia Price, 2026 Volunteer Chair of the Women Leaders Association. "We vet every coach for credentials, experience, and reviews before they appear on a chapter site, so a member can walk into a free consultation knowing she is meeting a proven professional. Kimberly's operator background — helping lead a hometown fintech startup through to a successful exit while building an award-winning culture — is exactly the caliber this program was built to deliver."

The San Diego launch is part of a national rollout, with the association planning to extend the Coaching Partners program across its network of more than 130 chapters, pairing each city's members with coaches selected for that market.

The Coaching Partners program extends the association's broader mission of giving professional women both the structural transparency and the individual support they need to advance. Research from Pew and others estimates that women still earn roughly 15 percent less than men on average, and most women have little visibility into which employers actually advance women fairly. The Women Leaders Association has invested heavily in closing that information gap: its Glass Ceiling Score project, uses big data to score most major U.S. employers on how fairly they promote women into management and executive roles, and its chapters publish Best Women

Employers rankings, compensation studies, and annual Top 50 Women Leaders awards.

About Kimberly Prentiss

Kimberly Prentiss is the Founder and Principal Coach of Ignite Change Global LLC (ignitechangeglobal.com). She is an ICF Associate Certified Coach (ACC) with ICF Level 2 certification spanning executive, leadership, NLP, organizational development, transformational, and communications coaching; a Master Certified Intelligent Leadership Executive Coach through John Mattone Global; a PROSCI Certified Change Practitioner; a Certified DiSC Facilitator; and holds an advanced conflict management certification. She previously served as Vice President of Communications and Culture at a fast-growing San Diego SaaS company and is a program leader for executive education courses through the Kellogg School of Management and the Wharton School. She holds a master's degree in communications management from the S.I. Newhouse School at Syracuse University and a B.A. from UC Santa Barbara. San Diego members can schedule a free consultation through her profile at <https://SanDiegoWomenLeaders.org/coaching.html?coach=KimberlyPrentiss>

About the Women Leaders Association

The Women Leaders Association is a non-profit committed to the development and advancement of women in the corporate arena. With 43,000 members and more than 130 chapters in major cities, it is the largest publisher and events organization serving women professionals, producing conferences, leadership programs, original research, and daily publications for its members. We also celebrate the top 50 business women in each city, publish a Glass Ceiling Score ranking how well most employers advance women, and then recognize the best women's employers in each city from these rankings.

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