

Biography – Sherry Smiley

Sherry has 20+ years of executive level human resources and paralegal experience and currently serves as the Chief Talent Officer for the Assemi Group, Inc. in Fresno, CA. The Assemi Group is a family wealth management firm providing management services to a variety of family owned businesses such as Real Estate Acquisition and Land Development, Residential/Multi-family/Commercial building, Property Management, Chartered Aviation and Custom Farming through the Central Valley and internationally. Prior engagements include the role as HR Director for TriStaff (50+ year old family owned Staffing Agency with focus on Media, Banking and Technology industries), SGN Nutrition (Nutritional Supplement Mfg. and Sales nationwide), and Comfort Keepers (San Diego's largest home health care agency) with a previous career as a Litigation Paralegal with Dowling & Aaron, law firm of Fresno, CA. Her experiences include project management, operational compliance, employment best practices, research, investigation, conflict resolution, business and labor cost controls, recruiting, marketing, development of operational processes to enhance employee engagement, wellness, and retention.

Sherry graduated with a B.A. in Organizational Behavior from Fresno Pacific University, receiving the MHR distinguished achievement award as well as achieving a Paralegal Degree from Fresno City College. She has served as an Advisory Board Member for health-related vocational colleges. She has been a SHRM member since 1994; served as Committee Chair for the San Joaquin SHRA as the community liaison and the college student educational liaison. In 2005 she joined San Diego SHRM; served as Chair for the 2010 SHRM National Conference – Special Projects Group; and served a two-year term as VP Treasurer for SDSHRM.

Sherry's interests are yoga, cycling, horses, dogs, cats, chickens and networking with colleagues.