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Women Leaders Association Adds Wendy McWherter as Columbus Coaching Partner, Bringing a Trusted Thinking Partner to Central Ohio's Women Leaders

The association's Columbus Coaching Partners roster grows to two, adding an ICF-certified executive and leadership coach whose future-focused approach turns insight into purposeful action

Wendy McWherter
Coaching Partner,
Columbus Chapter

COLUMBUS, August 25, 2026 - **COLUMBUS, August 25, 2026** - 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 Wendy McWherter as the newest Coaching Partner of its Columbus chapter, ColumbusWomenLeaders.org. The appointment gives the chapter's members a choice of two rigorously vetted coaches with complementary strengths.

Coaching is one of the highest-impact investments a professional woman can make in her career, and one of the hardest to shop for. Titles are unregulated and quality varies enormously. Under Coaching Partners, the association does the screening on the member's behalf, vetting every coach for recognized certifications, verifiable experience, and excellent client reviews, so members can book a consultation with confidence.

The higher leaders rise, the fewer places they have to think out loud. McWherter believes every leader deserves a trusted thinking partner, someone who asks the questions others don't, challenges assumptions, creates space for fresh perspective, and helps transform vision into purposeful action. An Executive Coach, trainer, and founder of McWherter Coaching Group, she partners with executives, business owners, and emerging leaders who want to lead with greater clarity, confidence, and intention. She wrote her welcome directly to the chapter's members: you're capable, you're accomplished, what's next?

McWherter is an Associate Certified Coach (ACC) through the International Coaching Federation, and she separately holds the Executive and Professional Coach Certification from The University of Texas at Dallas. Her coaching is future-focused and action-oriented. Rather than dwelling on yesterday's challenges or providing quick answers, she helps clients clarify what success looks like, uncover obstacles, explore new possibilities, and create practical strategies that lead to measurable progress. Clients reflect, plan, and do. Drawing on more than two decades of leadership experience across business, higher education, nonprofit organizations, and entrepreneurship, she understands the complexity of leading people, managing change, and balancing competing priorities. Clients describe her as insightful, thoughtful, and deeply invested in their

success, and they leave coaching conversations with greater clarity, renewed confidence, and a practical path forward.

Members can view Wendy's profile and schedule a complimentary conversation at https://ColumbusWomenLeaders.org/coaching.html?coach=WendyMcWherter

"The higher you rise, the fewer places you have for honest, confidential conversations," said McWherter. "Every leader deserves a trusted thinking partner, someone who listens without an agenda, asks the questions others don't, and helps you turn insight into purposeful action. In our work together, you set the agenda. I provide the questions, challenge, encouragement, perspective, and accountability. The goal isn't simply insight. It's meaningful progress. I'm honored to bring that partnership to the Women Leaders Association's Columbus members."

"Wendy names the problem our most senior members know best. The higher you lead, the fewer places you have to think out loud," said Lydia Price, 2026 Volunteer Chair of the Women Leaders Association. "Her coaching is built for exactly the member our Columbus chapter serves: capable, accomplished, and ready for what's next. With two vetted coaches now in Columbus, our members can find the right partner for the challenge in front of them."

The Columbus expansion is part of a national rollout extending Coaching Partners across the association's network of more than 130 chapters, pairing each city's members with coaches selected for that market.

Coaching Partners extends the association's mission of giving professional women both structural transparency and individual support. Research from Pew and others estimates that women still earn roughly 15 percent less than men on average, and most have little visibility into which employers advance women fairly. The association's Glass Ceiling Score project scores most major U.S. employers on how fairly they promote women. Coaching Partners adds the personal dimension: once a member sees the landscape clearly, a proven coach helps her move through it.

About Wendy McWherter

Wendy McWherter, ACC, is an Executive and Leadership Coach, trainer, and founder of McWherter Coaching Group (mcwhertercoaching.com) in Columbus, Ohio. Her tagline: "Lead well. Enjoy your work." She is an Associate Certified Coach through the International Coaching Federation and holds the Executive and Professional Coach Certification from The University of Texas at Dallas. She works with executives, business owners, and emerging leaders through one-on-one coaching, team coaching, training, and speaking, and serves as a Catalyst with Flourish Communities. She holds an M.A. in Adult Education and Training and a B.A. in Organizational Communication.

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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