EMILY BARROSE is founder and CEO of Bold Story Press, a publishing house for women authors who want to share their stories with the world.

Emily spent the first 32 years of her career in the publishing industry, where as Vice President and Editor in Chief at McGraw-Hill, she transformed the sluggish culture into a competitive, growth-driven business within her $500 million dollar division.

Emily’s passion is giving women the leg-up they need to be successful. She believes that women are uniquely qualified to empower each other through sharing the stories of their experience.

She knows the world will be a better place when we achieve better balance in our culture by increasing the numbers of women’s voices.

Driven by a firm belief that every professional is capable of career satisfaction, MICHELLE CARROLL founded Carroll Career Consultants LLC that offers full-service career management solutions to individuals, government, corporate, and academic clients. As the firm’s CEO and Senior Career Coach, she has worked hands-on with 1000’s of satisfied clients, providing career transition coaching, career and professional development training, facilitation and academic instruction.

With a master’s degree in career development from John F. Kennedy University and six careers industry certifications, Michelle brings a solid foundation of first-rate professional training. Moreover, the value she offers extends beyond her 20 years of industry experience with one of the hallmarks of her success in the exceptional ability to galvanize insight, inspiration, and empowerment in clients facing career crossroads.

By helping her clients reignite and re-connect to their true passions — identifying what is most important and strategizing a plan to achieve it — Michelle empowers them to turn their dreams into reality. “I help them believe in themselves again...see how their gifts and talents can be used to sustain them financially in a career decision...and reset their compass toward success.”

Michelle has worked successfully with a wide variety of professionals, from entry-level to seasoned executives, and has worked with several top corporate, government, and academic institutions, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, FDIC, Loyola University, Washington Adventist University and South Florida State College, University of Texas, McCombs and Randstad RiseSmart and NASA, where she was recognized by NASA’s Office of Human Capital with the Interdependence Award for outstanding contributions, facilitating successful career transitions for employees.

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As a certified coach, Susan has worked with leaders at all levels to help them uncover their own wisdom to find the answers they need. As a mediator certified by the Supreme Court of Virginia, she facilitates dialogue between people in conflict so that they can find new ways to resolve their mutual problems. She delivered training for students and faculty to facilitate dialogue groups on race, age, culture, gender and violence at the University of Virginia, among other clients. In addition to receiving a Faculty Excellence Award from the Graduate School, she is a contributing writer to the book, The Insider’s Guide to Supervising Government Employees. She has a master’s degree in International Affairs from the George Washington University.

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With corporate clients, Julie helps enable effective collaboration. She has helped align key customer account strategies; enabled internal functions to implement strategic and structural change; prepared teams for high-stakes negotiations; designed and delivered programs for new leaders; and developed high-performing talent. With non-profit organizations, Julie works with clients to develop business plans, define target markets and services, and adapt their organizations and leadership to fulfill their missions.

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