



# Profile

## Kris Lafferty

Program Facilitator

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### Professional Experience

Kris joined Walt Disney World Co. in 1996 as an attractions and merchandise hostess in The American Adventure at Epcot and soon became a seasonal instructor for Disney Institute Youth Programs.

In 1997, she was selected from over 300 candidates to instruct *Disney Traditions*, the company-wide orientation program. As part of this team, she shared Disney "magic" with over 2,000 new Cast Members, including the first cast of Cirque du Soleil to perform at the Walt Disney World Resort.

Kris joined Disney Cruise Line's leadership and development team in 1998. Her role included facilitating a multi-day orientation and safety program for crew members recruited from over 70 countries, establishing onboard learning centers, conducting shipboard safety audits, and developing the self-directed component of an advanced leadership training program.

Prior to joining Disney, Kris "saw the world" as a JAG officer in the U.S. Navy. In this position she completed a wide array of assignments that included providing general legal counsel for flag officers, felony litigation, and investigation reviews.

### Education

Kris earned a MA degree in psychology and a JD in law from the University of South Carolina. She received her BA degree with honors in psychology and education from Judson College in Marion, Alabama. She also holds a certificate in executive management from the University of Maryland, a certificate in total quality management from the College of Engineering at George Washington University, and a Bahamian Maritime Authority credential to instruct International Maritime Organization STCW safety programs.

### Professional Affiliations

World Association for Hospitality and Tourism Training  
Florida Academy of Professional Mediators  
National Association of Female Executives  
South Carolina Bar Association