



Executive Coach

Blaze Konkol

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Blaze has over 20 years' experience coaching leaders from Director to the C-Suite to become more effective and move critical conversations forward through coaching, training facilitation, and consulting. He combines his experience in management and psychology to help leaders clarify their intentions, develop insight, adjust their approaches, and productively hold challenging and constructive conversations.

As an experienced leader who has worked with executives across a variety of industries from professional services, higher education, manufacturing, to health care, Blaze understands the challenges that leaders face when driving change and performance. Blaze invests in understanding how his clients' personalities and backgrounds influence their thought process and uses those insights to help them change their perspectives and approach.

As Senior Manager at Deloitte, Blaze worked in a variety of training facilitation, coaching, and talent development roles in the U.S. and Australia.

As Senior Director of Career Management at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Blaze created a global coaching team responsible for the development, design, and implementation of leadership and career development workshops and coaching for students and alumni in Chicago, London, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

Education & Certifications

- BA, English and History, University of Wisconsin Madison
- Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, Northwestern University
- Provisionally certified Crucial Conversations trainer
- Certified in formal assessment tools including the Hogan Leadership Assessment, Korn Ferry Leadership Architect, Korn Ferry 360, Leadership Versatility Index and Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

What clients say about Blaze

"Blaze blends business needs and bigger picture goals with each individual's capabilities, personal styles and motivations. Whilst his experience provides plenty of best practice methodologies, he adapts approaches to best fit the situation and the individuals involved, empathetically and with respect."

Highlights

Experienced leader with global teams, understands the challenges leaders face when driving change and performance at pace

Member of the Hogan Assessments Coaching Network, Adjunct Faculty University of Loyola Chicago

Created Deloitte's first internal leadership coaching team

President, Lake Bluff Youth Baseball Association (established 1955)

Member of 1995 NCAA Division 1 Men's Soccer Championship Team
