



Jessica Sarra

Jessica Sarra is a seasoned nonprofit executive and licensed attorney with more than 20 years of experience advising mission-driven organizations on legal affairs, operations, and risk management. She is passionate about supporting youth and families, and believes deeply in the power of mentorship, creativity, and hands-on learning to change lives.

Jessica currently serves as Senior Director of Operations at the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP), where she leads internal strategy across finance, compliance, HR, IT, and governance. Her work focuses on building strong systems that align with organizational values while safeguarding against risk.

Jessica's career has spanned national and international nonprofits, with a focus on child protection, education equity, and economic development. She previously served as Chief Operating Officer of the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children and Vice President of Administration at Make-A-Wish® Mid-Atlantic. In each role, she has been a trusted advisor to boards and leadership teams, known for translating complex legal and operational challenges into practical, mission-aligned solutions.

A proud graduate of American University, Jessica holds both a J.D. from the Washington College of Law and a B.A. in International Relations and French. She brings particular expertise in nonprofit law, governance, and strategic operations and leadership. Her background also includes advising philanthropic foundations on trust-based giving and grantee stewardship, with a focus on long-term impact.

Jessica lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and their five rescue dogs. Outside of work, she enjoys hitting the road for spontaneous getaways, exploring new places, and hunting down the best local coffee shops along the way.