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As a practicing attorney, Meryl specialized in representing parents of children with disabilities and it was this work (tailoring estate plans to meet the specialized needs of her clients) that sparked her interest in pursuing a career in Gift Planning.

Meryl is currently serving a three-year term on the Board of the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners (NACGP) and is Conference Chair Elect for the 2020 CGP National Conference in Chicago. Meryl is also President Emeritus for the Philanthropic Planning Group of Greater New York.

A frequent lecturer both at the national and local level, Meryl enjoys sharing her gift planning experience, and also provides services as a Training Consultant for charities looking to build and strengthen their Gift Planning programs.

Meryl received her B.A. from Indiana University, and her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, where she was an editor of the Brooklyn Law Review. In her free time Meryl enjoys quilting, baking and is an avid sports fan.