

Lauren Childers

Lauren currently serves as Managing Director & Chief Financial Officer of North Highland, a global consulting company based in Atlanta with over 3,000 professionals in 70 locations. In her role, Lauren oversees the financial management of the company to include accounting, financial reporting, financial planning & analysis, tax, legal, risk management, and strategic planning.

Lauren previously served as Chief Financial Officer of BeavEx, the nation's largest final mile transportation solution. BeavEx operates a network of 82 locations across the country, and has 500 employees and 3,000 contractors. During her time at Beavex, one of her most significant achievements was creating a financial analytics tool to measure the success of the business by customer, industry vertical, and service type. This led to the develop of the Company's first ever strategic plan, which, in turn, led to cost saving and revenue generating activities that have improved company financial performance by \$8M.

Prior to joining Beavex, Lauren held positions with Crawford & Company, the world's largest independent provider of claims management solutions, a public company with an expansive global network serving clients in more than 700 locations in 70 countries. In her role as Senior Vice President of Global Strategy and Business Performance, she primarily focused on corporate strategy and execution, enterprise risk management, financial planning & analysis, and corporate development. Additionally, Lauren served as Senior Vice President Strategy and Performance Development for Broadspire, a business unit of Crawford & Company. In that role, Lauren was responsible for developing short term and long range financial planning, as well as providing strategic, analytical and project support for key business initiatives and mergers & acquisitions. During her tenure, Broadspire saw a \$20M increase in operating earnings over 2 years, a pivotal moment in turning years of losses into profitable growth.

Prior to joining Crawford, Lauren has served in a number of roles with AirServ Corporation (now a division of ABM, a \$4.5B business services firm), the Carlyle Group, and PricewaterhouseCoopers with experience ranging from public accounting, mergers & acquisitions, controllership and financial & operational planning. Most recently, she led the financial planning process for AirServ Corporation, which was recognized as a top 25 fastest growing company by Atlanta Business Chronicle, with compound annual revenue and earnings growth both exceeding 20% during her tenure.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in both Mathematics and Psychology from Vanderbilt University, graduating with honors, and a Master's Degree in Accounting from the University of Southern California, also with honors. She is a Certified Public Accountant.

In her spare time, Lauren enjoys traveling, and has visited over 30 countries; rehabbing homes and interior design; and searching for the next new foodie paradise on Buford Highway! Recently, Lauren has been active with the Atlanta Women's Foundation as a supporter and guest speaker, and is a Girl Scout Troop Leader in Brookhaven.

