



Steph Wagner

Co-Founder & Managing Director, *Sendero Women & Wealth*

As a young woman, Steph had a thriving career in corporate finance. But once she gave birth to her second child, she opted out. She put her career on hold and left the household's money matters to her husband, becoming a passive observer in her own financial life and future.

After her 18-year marriage ended in a painful divorce, Steph had an urgent need to reenter the workforce, as well as an acute awareness of the profound risk she put herself in all those years ago. Regaining her financial independence was

one of the hardest things she has ever done.

Steph took what she learned during that challenging time and combined her financial background with a newfound passion for educating and empowering women, which led her to build a national consulting practice as a financial strategist for women in transition. She consequently created WomenWealthyWise. In late 2017, she co-founded Sendero Women & Wealth, in order to offer a broader spectrum of financial resources to women.

Steph's personal story is one of reinvention: from stay-at-home mom, to single mother fearful about her financial security, to highly successful businesswomen. This journey inspired her to devote her career to helping women become better stewards of their lives, financially and emotionally.

She strongly believes that all women need financial education and independence to truly be there for themselves and their families. Regardless of marital status, age, or career path, each one of us will face transitions—expected and unexpected—ranging from divorce or widowhood, to retirement, job change, or emptynesterhood.

Steph's passion is to inspire women to become financially independent and emotionally empowered, as their newfound confidence and skills invariably carry over to bring positive changes to many aspects of their lives.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

As a former investment banker and private equity vice president, Steph has over a decade of experience shaping financial strategies and mentoring individuals and business owners to achieve their goals. Over the past six years, she built a national consulting practice as a financial strategist for women in transition, created an educational platform, WomenWealthyWise. Most recently, she co-founded Sendero Women & Wealth where she brings national exposure and expertise, couple with a heartfelt personal journey and extensive professional experience as an advocate for women.

Steph's a sought-after thought leader on the intersection of gender and finance, as well as entrepreneurship. Her expertise has been featured in a monthly column in Entrepreneur Magazine, as well as 30+ articles on Fox News, Yahoo Finance, Business Insider, DailyWorth, and Huffington Post. Steph has contributed to best-selling books and podcasts, and is a frequent speaker at events nationwide.

Steph's a graduate of The University of Southern California Marshall School of Business; Board President for Center for Community Solutions, serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; and devoted mom to her three sons.