

Nomination for the Pat Schuler Kick Butt Award for 2022

I would like to nominate Gillian (Jill) Kelly, Director of Outplacement Australia and The Career Agency, keynote speaker, CDI volunteer (and so much more) for the Pat Schuler Kick Butt Award for 2022.

Nominated by Carolyn Whitfield.

I have described how Jill meets each of the 5 criteria below:

Criteria:

- **Fearless in creating and innovating within the industry and/or the individual business.** Jill is a fearless frontrunner in the career services industry. She is incredibly passionate about the industry, staying abreast of current and emerging trends, and the work she does for private and outplacement clients and jobhunters in general.

Jill actively and continuously informs people about current practices, the future of hiring, and ways to accelerate career advancement with tailored career documents, online reputation, networking, cold canvassing, relationship building, and more. She actively serves as a keynote speaker, podcaster, and expert guest to other professionals.

- **High integrity in communicating with others, customers, peers, colleagues, and on social media.** Jill is held in high regard by her peers in the career services sector all over the world and others who are lucky enough to have come by her online profile or in other ways. She has a very open, collaborative and friendly communication style and is always keen to hear and consider different perspectives on topics she is discussing. Jill's goal is always to help and inform others.

- **Life-long commitment to learning demonstrated through personal stretch to pursue additional training in new areas.** Jill has dedicated much of her adult life to the career services space, lifelong learning and personal skill building. Here's a quick snapshot of her accolades:

- LinkedIn Top Voice Careers & Job Search
- CDAA Excellence in Career Practice Winner
- Media Contributor to Forbes, QANTAS Magazine, LinkedIn News, Today Show, radio and newspapers.
- 7x winner - Toast of the Resume Industry Awards
- Founder Outplacement Aust. and The Career Agency
- Keynote Speaker Careers, Branding & Future of Work
- Past-Div. President & Fellow - Career Development Assoc. of Aust.
- 5x Invited TORI Resume Awards Judge
- 5x Certified Resume Writer
- CDI Resume Writer Certifying Panel
- 10+ years in outplacement and career transition, supporting workforces during complex transformation
- Mum, ocean-lover and owner of the world's craziest golden retriever. Kindness advocate.

- **Focus on giving back through industry contributions such as industry committee participation, mentorship, or article contribution.** Absolutely! Jill meets this in so many ways. She is a Media Contributor to Forbes, QANTAS Magazine, LinkedIn News, Today Show, radio and newspapers, Keynote Speaker Careers, Branding & Future of Work, CDI Resume Writer Certifying Panel, 5x Invited TORI Resume Awards Judge, and so much more.

Jill is also very helpful to her industry peers and freely shares her experience via mentorship, advice and unwavering support. Nothing is ever too much trouble, and with the little time she must have left over in her busy days, she ALWAYS finds/makes the time to help others.

- **Maintain active CDI membership.** Jill is an active member of CDI.