Member Spotlight

Hilary Morgan of Cotney Construction Law

Written by Bridget Jenkins Wilson of Cardinal Roofing

Hilary Morgan is a woman set apart in both construction and the legal field. She is currently a partner at Cotney Construction Law and has been a huge contributor to Women in Roofing. Hilary, originally from Stuart, Florida, grew up within the construction industry. She and her sister, who is a civil engineer, grew up in the small town where the economy was primarily development based, so many of their friends were in construction as well. She also grew up in a family based around construction. Her dad was a general contractor who then became, and is currently, a landscape architect. She chose to specialize in construction law because of the people. The industry always appealed to her because her favorite classes in law were property and contracts which are the building blocks of construction law. She states, “I feel very fortunate to be in construction law rather than any other specialty and don’t ever want to practice any other type of law”. Her calm demeanor doesn’t mask her incredible intelligence as she flawlessly discusses contract laws and can recall building codes without skipping a beat. It’s no surprise to learn she graduated Cum Laude from both Vanderbilt University and University of Florida Frederick G. Levin College of Law.

What do you love about being a woman in Roofing? “The women I’ve gotten to know in the roofing industry are my role models. They have taught me so much about being a businesswoman and the determination to conquer any challenge. And, they are fun! Working with people that are both inspiring and fun is such a blessing and I’ve met more in the roofing industry than anywhere else.”

Hilary Morgan is such an asset to Women in Roofing and a huge contributor to the Tampa Council. Thank you, Hilary, for sharing your time and talents with us as members.

Be Inspired

Do you know a cure for me?

Why, yes, he said, I know a cure for everything. Salt Water.

Salt water I asked him?

Yes, he said, in one form or another: sweat, tears or the sea

-Hilary’s favorite quote by Isak Dinesen

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Our Tampa Council is moving along and many of us have been members since its inception. Bridging the gap with information, here is a run through of what is happening. Our leadership is as follows:

**Chair:** Dawn Holsinger of Delta Rep Group

**Board Members:**
- Kim Sanford of Elite Roofing
- Camille Austin of Elite Roofing
- Kelli Anderson of Springer-Peterson Roofing
- Hilary Morgan of Cotney Construction Law
- Christina Smith of Suncoast Roofers Supply

These women have dedicated their time and energies on all of us as a way for Women in Roofing to be present within the Tampa area. They meet monthly, to go over any business that needs to be handled, to discuss and approve any upcoming events and to ensure we are visible within National Women in Roofing as a whole. Each of these women have vastly different job titles and experiences within the roofing industry and each one is a wealth of knowledge on how to help further your career or skill set within roofing. I will be highlighting each of these women so you can recognize them at events and find commonalities to be able to discuss with them on both professional and personal topics. We are all in this together and it’s such a blessing that these women have our backs!

Congratulations to member Jenna Foran Walker who has been promoted to Assistant Branch Manager of the Suncoast Roofers Supply Tampa Branch. NWIR Tampa Council is proud to support another woman being raised up to a higher position. Way to go Jenna!!!
Be sure to check out Roofer Days in DC this year! Karen Ruel and Bridget Jenkins Wilson of Cardinal Roofing attended last year’s event. “Seeing the process of it all and the amount of people from all over the country, coming together to make an impact, was very impressive. People from Hawaii even attended,” stated Karen. The turnout was more than the NRCA had hoped for. Florida was very well represented with roofers from the FRSA as well as a team of roofers and attorneys with Cotney Construction law. This year NWIR is having a luncheon NWIR Luncheon at Roofing Day on April 3rd at 11AM at Charlie Palmer Steak. If you cannot attend this year, plan on attending next year. “It’s a must for any professional person within the roofing industry. I have never been so proud to be a roofer as I was walking the halls of our government buildings that day”, stated Bridget Jenkins Wilson.

Register online for Roofing Day in D.C. 2019 April 3-4; the purpose of the event is to bring the roofing industry together to meet with members of Congress and their staffs and deliver the industry’s message with one voice.

Participants will be advocating in support of a robust buildings component for infrastructure legislation; immigration reform that meets the roofing industry’s workforce needs; and expanded workforce training incentives. It’s important for Congress to not only hear from company owners and managers on these issues but also from frontline workers.
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National Roofing Week 2019 will take place June 2-8 to raise awareness of the significance of roofs to every home and business.

Celebrated each year during the first full week of June, National Roofing Week serves as a reminder that the roof is one of the most important components of every structure. It is the first line of defense against natural elements, such as rain, snow or wind, yet it often is taken for granted until it falls into disrepair.

In celebration of National Roofing Week, NRCA will host the We are Family Raffle, sponsored by A.C.T. Metal Deck Supply. Open to all NRCA member companies, the raffle involves companies taking a group photo of all employees—their “roofing family”—and submitting it to NRCA for a chance to win a prize.

National Roofing Week also promotes the good deeds of the roofing industry and stresses the value of professional roofing contractors and the importance of making informed decisions about maintaining or replacing any roof system. During National Roofing Week, NRCA encourages its members to participate by engaging in their communities and informing the public about the essential role roofs and professional roofing contractors play in every community.

Additionally, in the spirit of the industry's generosity, the first NRCA Giving Day will be held June 7 to raise funds to benefit the Melvin Kruger Endowed Scholarship Program and help shape the future of the roofing industry. NRCA's goal is to raise $100,000 in gifts to provide additional scholarships to college and vocational-technical school students who plan to pursue careers in the roofing or building construction industries.

NRCA also will be sharing its members' stories through its various social media outlets and Professional Roofing magazine. Members throughout the U.S. are encouraged to share their stories of charitable giving, crew and staff appreciation, and signature roofing projects with NRCA.

National Roofing Week 2019 is sponsored by National Women in Roofing (title sponsor); ABC Supply Co. Inc.; A.C.T. Metal Deck Supply; Carlisle SynTec; FlashCo; GAF; Polyglass U.S.A., Inc.; and Sherwin-Williams.

For more information about National Roofing Week, visit [www.nrca.net/National-Roofing-Week](http://www.nrca.net/National-Roofing-Week).
NWIR has chosen 3 charities to support. You can learn more on the NWIR newsletter or through the website:

NWIR Tampa Council is a volunteer organization so a few of us decided to pitch in and help with the monthly newsletters. Bridget Jenkins Wilson and Karen Ruel of Cardinal Roofing along with Tara Cole of Quality Roofing are working together to ensure that all the events of our local council are covered and reported on. We are also spotlighting each of the amazing women who have worked so diligently to make our council a success. Each of us can learn and grow from each other’s experiences. We all have a unique story to share and I look forward to highlighting all of us in the future. The Spotlights are in no order. If you have any upcoming company events you would like to have put into the newsletter, or any NWIR pictures to add for upcoming months, please send them to bridget@cardinalroofingandsolar.com, Karen@cardinalroofingandsolar.com or Tara.col@qualityroofinginc.net be sure to include the names and company of each person in the picture. Thank you ladies and we look forward to serving you this year!