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BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Mary C. Kelly is one of the world's leading voices on leadership, economic strategy, and organizational growth. A Hall of Fame speaker, PhD economist, retired U.S. Navy Commander, and bestselling author of 22 leadership and business books, she helps leaders make better decisions, improve performance, and drive sustainable growth in an increasingly uncertain world.

Recognized as one of the world's top leadership economists, Mary is known for translating complex economic trends into practical leadership strategies that organizations can immediately apply. Her unique ability to connect economic realities with leadership execution has made her a trusted advisor to executives, business owners, government agencies, healthcare organizations, insurance organizations, the military, financial institutions, and associations worldwide.

During her 21-year military career, Mary led organizations ranging from small, specialized teams to large, complex operations responsible for millions of dollars in assets and thousands of personnel. She served as a military intelligence officer, logistics officer, chief of police, and human resources director, gaining firsthand experience leading through crisis, change, uncertainty, and rapid growth.

Today, as CEO of Productive Leaders, Mary works with organizations to improve productivity, profitability, communication, succession planning, and leadership effectiveness. Her clients include Fortune 500 companies, major healthcare systems, financial institutions, manufacturing organizations, government agencies, and hundreds of professional associations.

Mary's research and insights have been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Success Magazine*, *Money Magazine*, *Entrepreneur*, *Yahoo Finance*, and numerous other media outlets. She is the author of 22

books, including *Leadership is Tough: What Great Leaders Do Differently*, *Who Comes Next? Leadership Succession Planning Made Easy*, *You Next: A Step-by-Step Guide to Taking Charge of Your Career*, and *Stop Procrastinating Tomorrow*.

A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Mary holds master's degrees in history and economics and earned her PhD in economics. She is one of only 160 members in the prestigious Professional Speakers Hall of Fame and holds the Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) designation, earned by fewer than 15% of professional speakers worldwide.

Organizations hire Mary because she delivers far more than motivation. Audiences leave with actionable tools, practical strategies, economic insights, and leadership frameworks they can immediately implement to improve results. Her presentations consistently receive high ratings because they combine relevant economic intelligence, leadership expertise, humor, audience engagement, and real-world solutions.

Whether she is speaking to executives, entrepreneurs, healthcare leaders, government officials, financial professionals, or emerging leaders, Mary's message is clear: better leaders make better decisions, and better decisions create stronger organizations, stronger economies, and better results.

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