

# Barbara Gottesman

Program Leader



## Experience

Barbara was drawn to Decker's mission to transform its clients, impact the business world, and create lasting change far beyond the office walls. As a certified life, career and leadership coach, and a former attorney, she has always been intrigued by the role of effective communication in influencing outcomes.

Barbara has worked with many of Decker's top clients, including Accenture, Brocade, Clorox, Direct Energy, HGST, Hilton, MedeAnalytics, Riverbed, Stryker, The Nature Conservancy, Visa, VMware and the Wine Group,

In 2009, Barbara set sail with her husband and two children on a 46-foot catamaran called Whatcha Gonna Do, travelling through Mexico, the South Pacific and Australia. Her adventures are chronicled in her recent book, *How to Slay a Pirate: Lessons on Success from Sailing the Pacific*. They all survived and now hang out together on land in the San Francisco Bay area. When she's not with her family or coaching, she can be found volunteering in her community, hiking or cycling with friends, and fighting off sleep.

## Education

Barbara holds a BA in International Relations from University of Toronto, and a law degree from University of Ottawa.

## About Decker Communications, Inc.

Decker Communications consults and trains businesses in communications—both in what they say and how they say it. Decker programs are transformational, creating focus and confidence to help leaders close the deal, launch an initiative or motivate action. Since 1979, Decker has prepared individuals to create the most effective communications experience possible. For more information, visit <http://decker.com>.

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