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Ann Blinkhorn specializes in building leadership teams for businesses at the intersection of media and technology.

Blinkhorn founded Blinkhorn, LLC in 2009 following seven years as a leading executive recruiter at Spencer Stuart. She has reshaped senior leadership teams for established media companies transforming their businesses, and has also recruited talent to earlier stage digital companies working to rapidly grow their brands and franchises. Blinkhorn has led CEO and other senior-level engagements for a diverse range of clients including Comcast, Discovery Communications, Microsoft, Dow Jones, MTV Networks, PBS and Huffington Post, among others. She has also worked closely with financial sponsors including top private equity and venture capital firms to recruit talent to portfolio companies.

Blinkhorn's background includes over 20 years of traditional and digital media operating experience combined with executive search experience. She began her media career at The New York Times Company, where she served as publisher of the first foreign-language edition of The New York Times, a joint venture in Russia with The Moscow News. She also served as president of the North American division of the International Herald Tribune, a Times affiliate. Prior to transitioning to executive search in 2002, Blinkhorn was part of the founding management team of zUniversity.com, where she launched and ran an online recruitment business.

Beyond her business activities, Blinkhorn has a strong interest in politics and public policy. She recently served as a consultant to the White House Office of Presidential Personnel in assessing talent for the Obama-Biden administration.

Blinkhorn earned an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and an A.B. degree from Smith College. She serves on the advisory boards of WFUV Radio (NYC public radio affiliate) and ProPublica, and previously served on the board of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy at Harvard University.