

## **BIO**

### **SAMANTHA HALFEN, MS, PHR, SHRM-CP**

Samantha Halfen, M.S., PHR, SHRM CP has been working in the Human Resources field for over twelve years. She is currently the Director of Human Resources for Heatherwood Communities, a Real Estate Management Firm. Samantha is an accredited Human Resources Professional with expertise in human resources management as well as regulatory compliance and employment law.

As the Legislative Chair for SHRM-LI. Samantha is passionate in her advocacy efforts and having a voice! She has gone to DC and Albany to meet with members of congress and state legislators to discuss implications and consequences for businesses of current and proposed legislation.

Samantha holds a Master's of Science degree in Human Resources Management & Labor Relations from the New York Institute of Technology. As part of her education she wrote a thesis on Emotional Intelligence and the Outcomes for Organizations Today!

Samantha's volunteer leadership includes professional involvement in Society for Human Resource Management - Long Island Chapter (SHRM-LI) Legislative Chair from 2016 to present, Conference Committee from 2005 to the present. She has participated as a Co-Chair for the conference in 2008 and 2009. She was the Secretary for the student SHRM chapter at the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) in 2004 and 2005.