

# NC Managing Partners Summit

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Lisa M. Angel** is the President of the Rosen Law Firm, with several locations throughout the Triangle. Lisa is considered to be an expert on family law issues. She is part of Interact's Speakers' Bureau and has been a guest lecturer at Duke University School of Law and Campbell Law School. She's a member of the Wake County Volunteer Lawyers Program Advisory Board and Co-Chair and founding board member of Project Together, a Wake County Domestic violence pro bono project. Lisa made the Triangle Business Journal's "40 Under 40" list in 2002 and the Triangle's list of Top 25 Women in Business in the Triangle in 2004. Lisa graduated cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received her J.D. degree from Wake Forest University School of Law. Email: [langel@rosen.com](mailto:langel@rosen.com).

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