

Kate Ellis**General Manager, Hotel Indigo Old Town Alexandria**

Kate Ellis is a veteran professional in the hospitality industry, bringing more than 20 years of experience to Hotel Indigo Old Town Alexandria. Beginning her management career in the industry with Kimpton Hotels in the Washington, D.C. area, Ellis has held almost every position, starting as a front office manager, and working her way up the ranks to Operations Manager, allowing her to learn the ins and outs of all levels of the hotel staff, including opening and renovating hotels. After her stint in one of Kimpton's D.C. properties, Ellis spent time in some of the properties in Alexandria, Virginia, where she perfected her craft and became an expert on the city of Alexandria. Ellis was honored by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce as a "40 Under 40" leader in 2019. She is currently serving as Chairperson of the Board of Governors for Visit Alexandria and as Alexandria Hotel Association President.

While studying at Michigan State University, Ellis took an introductory class to business in the hospitality industry and knew in that moment she had found her calling. She has since traveled far and wide and stayed at many inspiring hotels – some of the most memorable include The Lookout Cave Underground Motel in Coober Pedy, Australia and the Mantaray Island Resort in Fiji. Ellis loves the industry's ability to create an extended family for her staff and hotel guests. It is important to Ellis that each person who enters the hotel feel as if they're being welcomed into their home away from home. Aside from this, her idea of a perfect hotel experience involves a big comfortable bed, a great restaurant for dinner and, of course, room service for breakfast.

Originally hailing from Michigan, Ellis has immersed herself in the Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia community, and spends her free time exploring the town and the surrounding area so that she can share insider secrets to family, friends and guests during their visits. Ellis currently resides in Alexandria with her husband and two children.