Jennifer Spatz

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Prior to founding GFT, Jennifer spent her career in international development, trade, and finance, travelling extensively for work in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Her career experience includes working as a Trade Economist for the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of USDA and an Export Credit Manager for Weyerhaeuser Company.

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Jennifer is an avid photographer and loves to travel, using the camera as a tool to foster cultural exchanges. She is the mother of two elementary-aged children and lives in Bellevue with her family.