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Sheila joined her family's security business – the Mainguard Group in 1997. Over the years, the company had diversified from security to risk management to corporate investigations. Having started from ground level, she learnt the trade in the investigations business through her work experience and professional training.

Under her father, Mr Kalastree's mentorship and vision and with her passion, Mainguard's risk management business expands to Executive Protection, Asset Tracing, Due Diligence, Fraud Investigations, Insurance Investigations, Intellectual Property Breach Investigations to Cyber Risk Management and Digital Investigations throughout the Asia Pacific countries.

Her notable achievement was being awarded the Investigator of the Year Award in 2010 at the CII Conference in Cardiff for her work in an international case across a few countries in locating a woman who had been missing for 10 years. The case led to her to being interviewed by PI Declassified, a US based Internet radio show on 6 January 2011 on the subject of Women Investigators Changing the Face of Asia

Sheila was later elected President of the Council of International Investigators in 2014- 2015 and also achieved the Meritorious Service award in 2014. In 30 October 2014, she was featured in Like Father Like Daughter in The New Paper and in December 2014, in the Life Section of the Straits Time on the article entitled Paid to be Nosy

Sheila had written articles on Ethical and Legal Considerations for Private Investigators in Today's Digital Age, published by Security Association Singapore, 2009 and Stepping Out Of The Man's Shadow – Emergence of Women Investigators, published in The International Councilor, May 2008.

In 2015, Sheila presented at the Australian Risk Management Institute annual conference on Issues in International Security – Security, Risk and CyberRisk. She was also a panel speaker on the subject of Women Investigators for a number of industry conferences in USA and Hong Kong.

Outside her professional life, Sheila has a private mission in rural Myanmar for disadvantaged children who are in orphanages due to poverty or loss of parents due to the civil war. Other than projects such as upgrading their living conditions and hosting annual Christmas parties, she runs workshops on topics such as Hygiene, Goal Setting and Learning to Say No to build confidence particularly for the young girls so that they do not fall victims to human trafficking.