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A native of Indianapolis, Thompson's roots and networks run deep in the city. Previously a Project Manager at Hathaway Strategies, Thompson offered extensive experience in event and logistics planning as well as public space management. Prior to joining Hathaway Strategies, Thompson served as the first-ever venue manager for Georgia Street, one of downtown Indianapolis' premier outdoor event spaces. She handled day-to-day operations and maintenance of the venue as well as event coordination and planning.

Before that, Thompson occupied various roles for the City of Indianapolis. Beginning in 1999, she served in the Marion County Auditor's Office and the Prosecutor's Office before becoming clerk of the City County Council from 2008-2011.

Thompson serves on the board of WISE Indy, Sports ETA, the Indy Public Safety Foundation and Playworks, Indiana.