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Susan Ellen Wolf is a senior fellow with The Conference Board Governance Center and the founder and CEO of Global Governance Consulting. She also serves as a board member of the Temple University School of Medicine.

Through Global Governance Consulting, Ms. Wolf provides independent advice concerning corporate governance and disclosure matters to corporate boards and management teams. Recent projects include:

- facilitating the annual board/committee performance self-assessment process at Bausch & Lomb, Tornier and several other companies;
- advising management and the board of Genzyme in a proxy contest with Carl Ichan;
- enhancing board processes for succession planning;
- assisting with board turnover and recruitment as a company rapidly evolved;
- working with audit committees to enhance processes for risk oversight;
- editing CD&As to help make clear information that is important to key investors and advisory firms;
- assisting companies learn the reasons behind shareholder votes; and
- assisting companies design shareholder engagement processes.

Over a 25+ year career as an in-house lawyer (with expertise in securities law, M&A and governance), Ms. Wolf's positions included Corporate Secretary, Chief Governance Officer and Associate General Counsel of Schering-Plough Corporation (now Merck), as well as securities law and governance positions with The Coca-Cola Company, Delta Air Lines, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (now Constellation Energy) and ConTel (now Verizon).

Ms. Wolf is the author of The Going-In House Handbook: A Concise Guide to Making Big Career Changes. Her past governance activities include:

- Chairman of the Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals and Chairman of the Society's Securities Law Committee
- Board of Directors of the Council of Institutional Investors
- Co-Chair of the Securities, Commodities & Exchanges Subcommittee of the American Bar Association
- International Corporate Governance Network
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Ms. Wolf earned a JD from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a BA with honors in sociology from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

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