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Cynthia L. Richson is an attorney and the President of Richson Consulting Group, an independent corporate governance education and advisory firm located in Madison, Wisconsin. She previously served as the head of corporate governance for two of the top ten U.S. public/state pension funds; the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and the State of Wisconsin Investment Board. In 2002, she created the Directors' Summit® for the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, a shareholder perspective corporate governance education program for corporate directors held at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Other affiliate sponsors of the Directors' Summit® included CalPERS, TIAA-CREF, Barclays Global Investors, the National Association of Corporate Directors, the New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq, and Pfizer.

In 2006, Ms. Richson co-founded the Directors Forum, a corporate governance education program, with the Corporate Directors Forum at the University of San Diego. She is a frequent speaker and participant in other corporate governance events, including the International Institutional Investor Forum, the International Corporate Governance Network, the Council of Institutional Investors, the Society of Corporate Secretaries & Governance Professionals, the University of Delaware Directors' College, and the 2007 Global Competitiveness and Taiwan's Financial Sector Reforms Conference in Taipei, Taiwan.

Ms. Richson was elected to the Council of Institutional Investors Board of Directors in 2005 and 2006. She was reappointed and is currently serving her second term as a member of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Standing Advisory Group. In 2007, she was invited to join the International Corporate Governance Network Accounting and Auditing Practices Committee. As an attorney in private practice and former corporate executive, she has advised clients across the U.S. In addition to being an attorney, she also earned an MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998.