

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CHAIRS

### Energy & Climate Leadership Council



**Vikki N. Spruill, President & CEO, New England Aquarium and Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium**

Vikki previously served as president and CEO of the Council on Foundations, the largest association of philanthropic grant-making organizations, and Ocean Conservancy, a science-based advocacy organization dedicated to the oceans. She founded the Trash Free Seas Alliance and helped found and currently serves on the board of COMPASS, which empowers scientists to better engage in public discourse on environmental issues. She was also the founding director of SeaWeb, a unique community foundation with a mission to support, strengthen, and promote those organizations dedicated to reversing the trend of destruction of ocean environments around the world.



**Brian Swett, Principal, Arup's Boston office**

Brian serves as Principal of Arup's Boston office and Director of Cities and Sustainable Real Estate. In this role, Brian leads the work of Arup in the Americas to integrate its advisory services with its key strengths in design, engineering and planning, delivered in the city context. He is a nationally recognized leader in resilience, climate change and sustainability strategy with over a decade of leadership experience in municipal government, real estate development, federal government, and non-profit sectors. Brian brings a breadth of experience on the government and private sides of sustainable urban development and management that allows him to deliver integrated and actionable strategies and solutions for major clients.

### Financial Services Leadership Council



**Tracy Flaherty, Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Natixis**

Tracy is responsible for tracking legislative and policy issues that affect Natixis Investment Managers' overall business as well as defining and coordinating corporate responses to new legislation. Tracy also served as Senior Vice President of Retirement Strategy, providing direction for the retirement business and marketing program development. Prior to joining Natixis, Tracy was a marketing executive for Bank of America and served 19 years at Fidelity in several senior roles. Tracy is a founder and co-chair of the Women's Executive Council at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institutes and serves on numerous boards.



**Thomas E. Samoluk, Vice President & Counsel, External Affairs & Investigative Services, John Hancock**

Thomas joined John Hancock in 1999 and was a Senior Counsel in the Office of Business Conduct until 2003, when he took over government relations and later additional responsibilities. He supervises John Hancock's federal and state government relations and is the primary liaison with Members of Congress and Congressional staff on federal legislation. Thomas is a former Massachusetts Assistant Attorney General and a former Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County. In the mid 1990's, he served as the Deputy Director of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency that was responsible for the review and public release of classified records on the assassination. Thomas serves on the Board of Directors of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and chairs the Development Committee.

## Health Care & Life Sciences Leadership Council



**Michael Caljouw, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts**

Michael leads BCBSMA's regulatory, policy and legislative agenda. He also leads the company's Contracts and Governmental Mandates divisions. Prior to his BCBSMA leadership, he held several high profile senior leadership roles including Senior Counsel to clients across the country and in Massachusetts at the national law firm, Holland and Knight; Deputy Director, General Counsel and Chief of Staff for the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation; General Counsel to the Massachusetts Division of Insurance where he led the implementation of new health care laws; and

Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel for the Office of the Senate Minority Leader.



**Kevin B. Churchwell, MD, Executive Vice President of Health Affairs and Chief Operating Officer, Boston Children's Hospital**

Dr. Churchwell provides leadership, direction, integration and oversight for the medical delivery system, while partnering with the CEO on a full range of research, clinical, academic, operational and strategic issues. Prior to joining Boston Children's, Dr. Churchwell was CEO for Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware, where he drove efforts to increase the quality and affordability of care for all children. Dr. Churchwell also served as the CEO and Executive Director for the Monroe

Carell Jr. Children's Hospital, part of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. He previously served in several other capacities, including Chief-of-Staff, Medical Director for the Children's Health and Injury Prevention Program, Medical Director for the Pediatric Critical Care Services, and Transport Director.

## Hospitality & Tourism Leadership Council



**Carrie Campbell, Senior Vice President, Fenway Events, Boston Red Sox**

Carrie oversees the year-round marketing, sales, and planning of private and public events at Fenway Park. With 25 years of sales, catering, and event management experience, Carrie has helped grow the business, making Fenway Park a first-class private event destination in New England and among major league parks.

Prior to joining the club, Campbell worked at the Boston Harbor Hotel for six years, holding the titles of Director of Catering and Director of Sales & Marketing. Earlier in her career, she served as the Director of Catering at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel for

seven years. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and for Skål Boston, a tourism and hospitality focused industry association.



**Robert J. DeSalvio, President, Encore Boston Harbor**

Bob joined Wynn Resorts Development in March 2014 to assist with the company's development activities. He oversees Wynn Resort's development project in Everett, Massachusetts, as President of Encore Boston Harbor. Prior to joining Wynn Resorts, DeSalvio served as President of Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. There, he led the development, construction, government relations and staffing of the resort prior to opening. During his time at Sands, DeSalvio guided the resort to significant revenue growth. In 1976, DeSalvio began his career in the hospitality industry after joining the Denver Hilton Hotel team in Denver, Colorado.

Gaining valuable knowledge and experience in Denver, DeSalvio took his skills to New York City and worked for Statler Hilton and Sheraton Hotels.

## Public Policy & Government Relations Leadership Council



### **Brian Dempsey, Founder & President, Dempsey, Lucey & Associates**

Brian has more than 27 years of experience in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he represented the City of Haverhill. Elected to his first term in the House in 1991, he served four terms as the House Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, where he authored seven House Budget proposals, and held a number of additional leadership positions, serving as House Chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Service; Chairman of the House Committee on Science and Technology; House Chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy; and House Chairman of the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.



### **Pamela Everhart, Senior Vice President, Regional Public Affairs & Community Relations, Fidelity Investments**

Pamela oversees the firm's state and local government relationships, public affairs and community relations activities at its Boston Headquarters and across Fidelity's regions in the U.S. Previously, Pamela led the firm's advocacy strategy and engagement with government officials in Washington, D.C. on federal regulatory policy matters. Pamela has also led Fidelity's Personal Investing and Workplace Solutions business units' external retirement and benefit policy development efforts. Prior to joining Fidelity, Pamela was an associate with the global law firm of Ropes & Gray LLP. She also practiced as a certified public accountant and senior tax manager with EY.

## Regional Real Estate Development Leadership Council



### **Kimberly Sherman Stamler, President, Related Beal**

Kimberly is responsible for the overall management of the firm, leading the company in its pursuit of new development and deal opportunities and in all financing activities across the Boston business units. Kimberly has worked on various transactions across asset classes including The Beverly, Boston's first 100 hundred percent affordable and workforce housing development in 25 years; development of The Quinn in the South End; and the execution and management of several Related Fund Management developments including The Whitney Hotel and Kenmore Square redevelopment. Other recent projects in Boston include Lovejoy Wharf, Congress Square, Innovation Square, and more. She joined Related Companies in 1999 and was previously responsible for overseeing certain developments and Related's residential operating portfolio as well as Related's expansion into Chicago.



### **Adam Weiner, Managing Partner, Weiner Ventures**

Adam leads, Weiner Ventures, a real estate investment and development firm focused primarily on large mixed-use projects throughout Boston. Combining expertise in investment management with a commitment to creating value, Weiner Ventures works with its investment partners and the community to create distinct urban environments. Adam has partnered on a wide variety of projects developed, owned, and managed by real estate development firms S.R. Weiner & Associates and WS Development, including Mandarin Oriental in Boston, The Street in Chestnut Hill, and Derby Street Shoppes in Hingham. Weiner Ventures' investment and development portfolio includes: the former Museum of Natural History in Back Bay, now the home of Restoration Hardware; mixed-use projects in the Fenway including The Verb Hotel and the Pierce Boston residential and retail tower at the gateway intersection of Boylston Street and Brookline Avenue; and mixed-use projects in Allston including the Continuum residential and retail development and the NEXUS life-sciences and biotech office and residential development.

## Talent Development & Retention Leadership Council



**Joanne Pokaski, Senior Director of Workforce Development and Community Relations, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center**

Under Joanne's leadership, BIDMC has launched programs that sponsor employees' training and promotion to 13 hard-to-fill occupations, including medical coders and central processing technicians. BIDMC also provides career and academic counseling and free on-site pre-college courses and college-level science courses for all employees. Prior to BIDMC, Joanne served as director of Boston Career Link, a one-stop career center. Before that, she worked at Goodwill Boston, the Clinton White House and as Special Assistant to the Administrator of the Medicare and Medicaid programs.



**Kerry Stakem, Northeast People Leader, PwC**

Kerry drives the people strategy to cultivate connectivity and development opportunities for professionals with a focus on diversity and inclusion. She has spent the past 23 years in various roles at PwC, most recently serving as the Northeast Talent Acquisition Leader. In this role, Kerry was responsible for the identification and hiring of all campus and experienced hires into the Northeast Market. Prior to this, she spent time in various Human Capital roles focusing on talent development, coaching, and deployment. In 2015, Kerry was selected to participate in Genesis Park - PwC's global leadership

development program focused on growing and transforming high potential, top performing talent into resilient, responsible, and authentic global leaders.

## Transportation & Infrastructure Leadership Council



**Katherine N. Lapp, Executive Vice President, Harvard University**

Katie is responsible for the financial, administrative, and operational aspects of the University and is a member of the President's senior management team. Prior to her appointment at Harvard in 2009, Ms. Lapp served as Executive Vice President for Business Operations for the University of California. She also served as executive director and CEO for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where she was responsible for the operations, finances and long-term business strategies of North America's largest regional transportation network. Prior to joining MTA, Ms. Lapp had a distinguished legal career, including serving as New York State Director of Criminal Justice and Commissioner of the Criminal Justice Services Department. Katie serves on the Boards of the Carnegie Institution for Science, edX, the Wyss Institute for Bio-Inspired Engineering, and the Cambridge Public Library Foundation.



**Michael E. Scott, Co-Managing Partner, Nutter**

Michael is a co-managing partner of Nutter and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. He is also the co-chair of the firm's Lateral Partner Hiring Committee, and a member of the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Michael is a member of Nutter's Real Estate Department and the Development, Land Use and Permitting practice group. He works out of the firm's Boston and Hyannis offices. Michael represents developers, corporate, institutional, and investment clients in all aspects of commercial development, acquisition, disposition, and repositioning of assets. He has significant experience in matters involving zoning and land use, regulatory permitting, real estate development, and environmental remediation and compliance. Michael has represented clients involved in mixed-use projects, transit-oriented development, retail, hotels, multifamily housing, hospitals, senior housing, and marinas. He has particular experience in economic development projects.