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Susan Peterson d'Aquino is President of Intercounsel ^{Ltd.}, a private company engaged in providing strategic solutions and in advancing change in both the private and public sectors through entrepreneurial partnerships.

From 1981 to 2009, Ms. Peterson d'Aquino served in the Public Service of Canada. This included four years in the Privy Council Office serving Prime Ministers Pierre Trudeau and Brian Mulroney; and sixteen years in the Department of Finance, where as Assistant Deputy Minister, she worked with five successive Ministers of Finance on the Government of Canada's annual budgets, and spearheaded reforms to stabilize Canada's public pension system. She then spent eight years with the Department of Canadian Heritage where the Prime Minister of Canada appointed her Associate Deputy Minister. During that time, she served on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Television Fund.

Following her departure from the Public Service, she served as a Senior Fellow of the Canada School of Public Service specializing in governance issues related to boards of directors of crown corporations and agencies. At the School, she also led seminars for senior government officials on the inner workings of the Government of Canada. From 2010 to 2015, she served on the Board of Governors of The Banff Centre, Canada's international leader in inspiring creativity in the arts and culture. Currently, Ms. Peterson d'Aquino serves on the Board of Directors of the National Arts Centre Foundation and the Glenn Gould Foundation. She also chairs the Friends of the Print Room at the National Gallery of Canada.

Before joining the public service, Ms. Peterson d'Aquino worked with the private sector through the Conference Board of Canada specializing in matters concerning corporate boards of directors and corporate public affairs. As well, she worked for the Parliamentary Centre for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, and taught philosophy at Carleton University.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of British Columbia, a Master of Arts from Carleton University, and did doctoral work at the University of London, England. She is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School, and the Directors Education Program at the Institute of Corporate Directors/Rotman School of Management of the University of Toronto.

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