



2007 DirectWomen Institute Class Member

Mary Ann Hynes

Mary Ann Hynes is a woman of firsts. She was the first ever general counsel of the nation's premier legal publisher; the first woman officer of Sundstrand Corporation; the first woman member of the North Shore General Counsel Association; and the first woman officer of the Chicago Crime Commission. She has led legal teams in a variety of global industries, ranging from publishing to aeronautics, manufacturing and ingredient development. During her 25-year career as a General Counsel, she has also devoted her time to causes as diverse as public safety, education, health care and environmental sustainability. An innovative, growth-driven top management executive and corporate attorney with diverse experience, Mary Ann possesses a proven ability to create and sustain competitive advantage, safeguard intellectual property, squelch competitive threats, synthesize novel dispute resolution strategies, mitigate risk, lower costs and support long-term profitability.

Born and raised in Chicago, Mary Ann Hynes graduated from Loyola University majoring in Political Science and Mathematics. She received her Juris Doctorate from John Marshall Law School in 1971 and her L.L.M. in Taxation from John Marshall in 1975. She later earned an Executive MBA from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Business in Chicago.

After earning her law degree, Mary Ann joined CCH Incorporated, one of the nation's largest and best-known legal publishers, headquartered in Riverwoods, Illinois. She steadily rose to become CCH's first General Counsel and youngest senior officer.

After CCH was acquired, Mary Ann became the chief legal officer and General Counsel for Wolters Kluwer U.S. Corporation, a global information and service company whose parent bought CCH. During her tenure there, Mary Ann rationalized the company's global corporate structure and provided leadership in a series of various acquisitions. She then

joined the aerospace company Sundstrand Corporation of Rockford, Illinois, as its Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary.

Mary Ann then became Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of IMC Global Inc., a multinational provider of crop nutrients and animal feed ingredients, headquartered in Lake Forest, Illinois. At IMC, Mary Ann created a complete legal department and worked closely with the Board of Directors on such issues as corporate governance, steering the company through compliance with the new and complex Sarbanes-Oxley requirements.

In 2006, Mary Ann joined Corn Products International, Inc., of Westchester, Illinois, one of the world's largest corn refining and ingredient companies, as its Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. At Corn Products, Mary Ann supervises the company's multinational legal activities and is also heavily involved in corporate compliance as the chief liaison with the Board of Directors.

Throughout her career, Mary Ann has devoted herself to professional and civic leadership. She has lectured at Northwestern University School of Law; sits on the Advisory Board of John Marshall Law School; and was a member of the Charter Editorial Board of the ABA Business Law Section. In addition to Council roles in the ABA, Mary Ann is a member of a number of professional associations.

Mary Ann is a member of the Board of Directors and chairs the Audit Committee of The Dr. Scholl Foundation. The 60-year-old foundation contributes millions of dollars annually to organizations devoted to access to higher education, programs for developmentally challenged adults, quality health care and environmental sustainability. She also sits on the Board of the Big Shoulders Fund.