

## **Ellen M. Costello**

Ellen Costello is a Corporate Director and former Senior Executive of BMO Financial Group, a Global Financial Institution that ranks 10<sup>th</sup> largest in assets in North America.

In her 30 years at BMO, Ms. Costello gained experience in personal and commercial banking, wealth management and capital markets businesses in Canada, Asia and the US. She has expertise in leading businesses, in developing and executing strategy and improving talent, customer experience, and performance. She also has led complex, high growth businesses, and has M&A, Integration, Governance, Risk Management, Regulatory, Investor Relations and Rating Agency experience.

From 2011 to 2013, she was Chief Executive Officer of BMO Financial Corp. and U.S. Country Head of BMO Financial Group, responsible for providing governance and regulatory oversight for BMO's U.S. businesses. She was Chief Executive Officer of BMO Harris Bank from 2006 to 2011, responsible for its personal and commercial businesses. In the above roles, she reported to BMO's CEO and was a member of BMO's Executive and Management committees. While in Global Treasury and Global Capital Markets, she gained experience in corporate, institutional and investment banking, securities, trading and asset management.

Ellen currently serves on the Board of Directors of Citigroup, Inc. and DH Corporation. At Citigroup, she is a member of the Audit Committee. At DH, she is a member of DH's Audit and Human Resources and Compensation Committees and chairs DH's US Board of Directors.

She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago since 2006, and it's Chair since 2011. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of The Chicago Council of Global Affairs since 2009 and a member of its Audit and Finance Committees. She is a past director of BMO Financial Corporation, BMO Harris Bank N.A. and BMO Funds Boards, Executives Club of Chicago and the Financial Services Roundtable.

She is a member of the Economics and Executives Clubs of Chicago, the Chicago Network, Women Corporate Directors and NACD.

She was recognized for five years by American Banker as one of the Most Powerful Women in Banking, ranking 3rd on 2011, is a recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Daniel H Burnham Award for Distinguished Leadership and the YWCA Award for Business leadership.

Ms Costello received her BBA from St Francis Xavier University and her MBA and Honorary Doctor of Laws from Dalhousie University, both in Canada.