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Gillenwater consults with boards on succession planning (for Boards and CEO's), executive search for CEO's, board development, and organization assessments in preparation for CEO succession. Prior to joining Elinvar in 1988, she attained her CPA with Deloitte where she provided assurance services to nonprofits, foundations, and privately held businesses.

Patti graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BS in Accounting and completed the Harvard Business School Executive Education program – Governing for Nonprofit Excellence in 2012. Gillenwater has also received numerous certifications in assessments related leadership and team performance.

In addition to serving on nonprofit boards for over 20 years, Gillenwater writes on leadership for The Philanthropy Journal and speaks to boards on succession planning for Leadership North Carolina and NACD.