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Becky Blalock is the Managing Partner at Advisory Capital; a strategic consulting firm providing expertise to companies involved in the energy and information technology industries. In this role she is a strategic advisor to Tech Mahindra, a global 200 IT sourcing company headquartered in New Delhi India. She is known as a thought leader in numerous industries and is author of the bestselling book titled *DARE, Straight Talk on Confidence, Courage, and Career for Women in Charge* published by Wiley, October 2013.



As former Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Southern Company, Blalock spent nearly a decade directing IT strategy and operations for the 3rd largest utility company in the world. Blalock has testified before the DOE and FCC on behalf of the utility industry regarding matters related to information technology, cyber security and telecommunications. Under her leadership, Southern Company was recognized as one of the 100 Most Innovative Companies by CIO magazine and one of the 100 Best Places to Work in IT by Computerworld magazine.

Blalock serves on the Board of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) where she is an executive director and a member of the audit committee. She is also on the board of Aspen Aerogels and Hannon Armstrong where she serves on the audit, compensation and risk committees. She was recently listed in Financial Times Agenda 50 as a Board Candidate with skills in new technologies.

She serves as a Trustee for the Woodruff Arts Foundation and on the board of Councilors for the Carter Center. She is on the board of the Harvard Business School Atlanta Alumni Association and on the board of visitors for Mercer University's business school. She serves on the advisory boards of SolAmerica and Gigabark.

She has received a host of distinctions; Computerworld magazine named her a Premier IT Leader and she was named CIO of the Year in the energy industry by Energy Biz magazine. She was given the Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award from Georgia CIO Leadership Association and the Legacy Award from Women in Technology. Inc. Magazine named her one of 17 inspirational women to watch for 2017.

Blalock successfully completed the Program for Management Development at Harvard University. She holds a master's degree with honors in finance from Mercer University and an undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of West Georgia. In 2017 she received her cyber security certification from Georgia Tech.