

Speaker's Biography: Christine Edwards

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Christine Edwards is a Principal with RBG Consulting, a woman owned consulting firm dedicated to helping organizations envision and enact Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives. Edwards is a nationally recognized authority on corporate governance, public company issues and financial services regulation.

Edwards proactively counsels clients on diversity, equity and inclusion matters, corporate governance issues, and public company board issues. Prior to joining RBG Consulting in March 2021, she was a law firm partner of Winston & Strawn, LLP, where she led the firm's bank regulatory practice. Prior to joining Winston & Strawn in 2003, Edwards served as executive vice president and chief legal officer at Bank One Corporation, a predecessor company to JPMorgan Chase, and at Morgan Stanley, where she spent over 25 years at that company and its predecessors. It was there that she achieved the distinction of becoming the first female General Counsel on Wall Street.

Since 2010, Edwards has served as an independent public company director of BMO Financial (TSX, NYSE "BMO") in Toronto, Chairs the Nominating and Governance Committee, and serves on the HR and Compensation Committee. She also serves on the company's US subsidiary board, BMO Harris Bank. For over 20 years, Edwards has served on the Board of Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, is its Vice Chairman, Chairs the Audit Committee and serves on the Executive, and Nominating and Governance Committees.

Finally, she serves on industry boards including the US Chamber's Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness in Washington DC, and Co-Chairs the Women Corporate Directors Chicago Chapter. Ms. Edwards is a frequent speaker and author on topics relating to public company boards, diversity/equity and inclusion, corporate governance and the financial services industry.

