

LISA EDWARDS BIO



Executive Chair of the Diligent Institute

Lisa Edwards is a seasoned finance and technology executive and operator with deep experience in scaling growth companies, go-to-market, cybersecurity and digital transformation.

She is currently Executive Chair of Diligent Institute, a leading think tank for governance issues. Prior to this role she served as President and COO of Diligent Corporation, the leader in modern governance providing SaaS solutions for more than 700,000 board members. Lisa joined Diligent in 2020 with responsibility for commercial growth and performance, including global sales, professional services, marketing, partnerships, customer success, and support.

Lisa joined Diligent from Salesforce where she was most recently EVP of Strategic Business Operations reporting to the co-CEO, managing global sales strategy, IT, the Office of Innovation, partnerships, ISVs, enablement and other functions. Prior to this she was a senior finance leader, running Global Corporate Services (GCS) and leading back office transformation. She came to Salesforce from Visa, Inc., where she led global strategic partnerships as SVP/Head of Global Strategic Alliances and Global IP Strategy, and earlier served in an operations role as Head of Global Corporate Services (finance operations).

Lisa started her career as a strategy consultant with Bain & Company. She moved on to become a repeat entrepreneur, serving as CEO of KnowledgeX, a database startup that she led in a sale to IBM. She then co-founded Valubond, a SaaS fixed income exchange and subscription service, serving as President, COO, and CEO of the ATS (Alternative Trading System) prior to the company's acquisition by Knight Capital.

Lisa received a bachelor's degree with distinction from Stanford University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. She is currently pursuing an MS in Cybersecurity from NYU. She serves on the Board of Director of Colgate-Palmolive Company (NYSE: CL), where she is a member of the audit and finance committees, the Boards of LogicMonitor, Qualtrics, and Zededa (private) and the advisory board at SmithPoint Capital. She is a member of The Council on Foreign Relations.