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Forward thinking governance perspective honed over 35 years from multiple corporate board roles, as well as a purpose-driven entrepreneurial mindset, make Deborah an exceptional trusted advisor, mentor and board member. Deborah's work ethic is fuelled by passion and over the years she has served each of the six public company boards and eight private company boards with courage, passion and professionalism. Deborah has also inspired, guided and advised multiple entrepreneurs and business leaders through challenge, opportunities and transformation.

Deborah currently serves as Lead Director and Chair of the Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee of TAAL Distributed Information Technologies (CSE: TAAL) (an enterprise blockchain transaction processor). She was formerly Lead Director and Chair of the Audit Committee of Khiron Life Sciences (TSXV:KHRN) (a global cannabis medicinal company).

## SELECTED QUOTES

**"Deborah's commitment to corporate governance and her business judgment are second to none."**

-Stu Miller, Corporate Director

**"Good governance and policy cannot stand in the way of creativity and entrepreneurship. Deborah not only finds the balance, she leads the way. She is always ready to lean in when real work needs to be done and all the time sharing her experience and judgment with management. She gets stuff done, while raising the level of professionalism every time she is in the room."**

-Chris Naprawa, Chair of Khiron Life Sciences and  
President of TAAL Distributed Information Technologies

## BOARD CANDIDATE HIGHLIGHTS

- A certified Corporate Director (ICD.D), global designated ESG Director (GCB.D), accomplished Entrepreneur and Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA)
- Over 35 years in high growth and transformational companies in the Technology, Consumer, Retail, Cannabis, Life Sciences, Private Equity and Venture Capital industry sectors
- Proven value and contributions to effective corporate governance, M&A and equity financing (private and public) transactions
- Creative and resourceful in business leadership, board interactions and collaboration in high-level transformative decision making
- Forward thinking in corporate governance and leadership roles from start-up to scale-up to public companies within emerging, established and regulated industry market environments
- A steadfast advocate of progressive corporate governance and board diversity
- Founder and CEO of member-based social purpose company Women Get On Board Inc.
- Deborah has earned numerous nominations and awards over the years. She was recently honoured as WXN Top 100 Canada's Most Powerful Women in the Entrepreneur award category in 2021. She has been recognized as a 2020 Director to Watch and a 2014 " Diversity 50" candidate. In 2012 Deborah was selected as one of WXN's Top 100 Canada's Most Powerful Women in the Corporate Director award category.

## STRENGTHS & EXPERTISE

- Board Leadership & Collaboration
- Financial Expertise
- Corporate Governance
- Financing (Equity & Debt/Private & Public)
- Transformation (M&A/Digital/Operations/Restructuring)
- Corporate Strategy
- CEO and Board Succession
- Entrepreneurship

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- Board Diversity and Inclusion
- How to Get Yourself On a Board
- Elevating Your Board Effectiveness
- Financial Intelligence in the Boardroom
- Ethical Intelligence in the Boardroom

## BOARD SERVICE - CURRENT

### **TAAL Distributed Information Technologies Inc. (CSE: TAAL)**

Lead Director and Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; Board member since December 2020

## BOARD SERVICE - PREVIOUS

**Khiron Life Sciences Corp. (TSXV:KHRN)** Lead Director and Chair of the Audit Committee; Board member (2019-2022)

### **Lift & Co. (TSX-V: LIFTV)**

Vice Chair and Chair of the Audit Committee; Board member (2018-2020) filed for voluntary bankruptcy 2020

**MedReleaf Corp. (TSX: LEAF) acquired by Aurora Cannabis (TSX: ACB)** Chair of the Audit Committee and member of Special Committee of the Board and Board member (2017-2018)

**NexJ Systems Inc. (TSX: NXJ)** Chair Audit Committee, Board member (2015-2018)

**Sears Canada Inc. (TSX: SCC)** Chair Nominating & Corporate Governance Committee, Chair Audit Committee and Board member (2007-2018)

**Brock University** Member Board of Trustees, Audit Committee and Strategic Planning Committee (2014 - 2015)

**Canada's National Ballet School** Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee and Board member (2011-2014)

**Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA)** Chair of the Board and the Executive Committee, Chair of the Audit Committee, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Member of the Nominating Committee (2011-2015)

**Karma Athletics Ltd.** Chair of the Board, Advisor (2011-2014)

**Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation** Member of the Audit & Risk Management Committee and the Human Resource & Compensation Committee and Board member (2007-2009)

**Women In the Lead** Board member (2007-2010)

**Axis Investment Fund acquired by Best Funds in 2006** Chair of the Audit Committee and Board member (2002 - 2007)

**CATA Alliance** Co-founder & Chair of CATA Women in Technology Forum and Board member (2004-2007)

**Junior Achievement of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa Chapter)** Chair of the Governance Committee and Board member (2002-2004)

### **Various Venture-Backed Early Stage Technology Companies**

OLAP@work, SigPro Wireless, Valaran, GotMarketing, Distil Interactive, NeuroLanguage. Board member(1999-2009)

## EDUCATION

- **Competent Boards (2022)**- ESG Designation Program-GCB.D
- **Institute of Corporate Directors (2008)** – ICD.D designation
- **Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (2009)** - Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA, FCA)
- **Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (1985)** - Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA)
- **Brock University (1984)** - Honors Bachelor of Business Administration

## SELECTED BOARD SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

- Served as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Audit Committee of **Lift & Co.** following its initial public offering and led the formation of a corporate governance framework as well as supporting exploration and consideration of various growth strategy alternatives to create value for the Company through to its voluntary bankruptcy in 2020
- Served on the Board and as Chair of the Audit Committee and as a member of the Special Committee (with a mandate to review strategic and financing alternatives) of **MedReleaf Corp.** providing strategic guidance and fiduciary oversight on the \$3.2B sale to Aurora Cannabis Inc. in 2018
- Served as Chair of the Audit Committee **NexJ Systems Inc.** providing oversight and insight into a successful strategic spinout of NexJ Health and CEO transition
- Served on the Board and as Chair of the Audit Committee and Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and as a member of the Special Committee (with a mandate to review strategic and financing alternatives) of **Sears Canada Inc.** providing oversight and insights through a series of complex restructuring transactions involving multiple stakeholders, creditor protection and contested proceedings leading up to the liquidation of assets and operations in Canada in 2018

## ADVISORY LEADERSHIP

- **CPA Canada** Member Audit Committee Conference Advisory Committee (2019-current) and Audit Committee Certification Program Task Force (2020-current); Member of the Risk Management and Governance Board (2009-2012)
- **Goodman School of Business, Brock University** Advisory Council Member (2014 - 2017)
- **Correctional Services Canada** Departmental Audit Committee (2015-2017)
- **Brock University** - Member of the President's National Advisory Council (2008-2013)
- **Institute of Corporate Directors- Ottawa Chapter** Co-Chair (2008-2011)
- **Brock University**, Member of the Business Faculty Advisory Council (2003-2010)
- **ENGAGE! Ottawa** Founder and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board (2005-2008)
- **OCRI** Member of the Entrepreneurship Centre Advisory Council (2004-2007)

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Founder and CEO** - Women Get On Board Inc. (2015)
- **Founder and CEO** - Deborah Rosati, Corporate Director (formerly Rosatinet, Inc.) (2002-current)
- **Partner** - Celtic House Venture Partners (2000-2002)
- **Chief Financial Officer** - TimeStep Corporation (Acquired by Newbridge Networks (NYSE: NN, TSE: NNC) (1994-1999)
- **Owner** - Deborah Rosati Consulting (1991-1994)
- **Divisional Controller** – Calmos Microsystems (A division of Newbridge Networks Corporation) (1988-1991)
- **Policy & Procedural Analyst** – Cognos Inc. (Acquired by IBM January 2008) (1987-1988)
- **Audit Manager** – BDO Dunwoody (co-op accounting student) 1982-1987)