

Speaker Profile



Deborah Barrett
Corporate Director

Ms. Barrett, a Corporate Director, was the Chief Financial Officer of The Woodbridge Company Limited, a private investment holding company, from 2011 until her retirement in 2017. Prior to joining Woodbridge in 2004, she held senior financial leadership positions in public and private companies. She has over 30 years of executive management experience in several industries, including private equity, real estate and business process outsourcing. Ms. Barrett serves as a board and investment committee member of Great-West Lifeco Inc. and Canada Life Assurance Company, a director of a private investment company, and an audit committee member of The Globe and Mail Inc. Her former corporate board experience includes Infrastructure Ontario and Canadian Real Estate Investment Trust. She also served as an advisor to the pension committee of The Globe and Mail. Ms. Barrett volunteered on the board of Soulpepper Theatre Company in various capacities including audit chair and board vice-chair during her 12-year tenure. She is also a past director of Youth Employment Services (YES). Ms. Barrett obtained her accounting designation in 1980 and became an FCPA, FCA in 2021. She also holds the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.