



Ellen Zimiles
Board Member

Ellen Zimiles brings more than 30 years of professional services and legal expertise, including numerous leadership and managerial roles. Her accomplishments have included founding a startup with private equity backing, which she successfully sold to a publicly traded company, and serving on the deal teams for several other transactions.

In her career, Ellen served as the Financial Services Segment Leader and led the Financial Crime, Fraud, and Investigative Services Practice at Guidehouse Consulting and its predecessor organizations, reporting directly to the CEO. She is a proven leader with extensive experience in regulated industries, domestically and internationally. She is an internationally recognized expert on risk and compliance. She has served as a monitor for the U.S. Department of Justice, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, New York State Department of Financial Services, U.S. Department of Transportation, and other agencies.

Ellen's deep experience and expertise also extend to governance, investigations, enterprise risk management, tech-enabled compliance, financial crime, and sanctions risk management. She advises frequently in the payments and digital assets businesses. In all these areas, Ellen has a strong track record in advising, supporting, and training boards, and she served on the board of her own private equity-backed firm. She has also served on the Board of Advisors for the Syracuse University College of Law.

Ellen began her career at a large New York law firm and then spent 10 years at the U. S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. She returned to the private sector and joined a Big Four accounting firm in its forensics practice, after which she founded and led her own private-equity backed consulting firm, with offices in New York, Washington DC, Miami, and London.

Ellen sold her firm to a publicly traded global consulting firm, where she led the financial services practice, frequently presented to the firm's board, and reported directly to the CEO. In turn, she was part of the deal team that led to the successful sale of the publicly traded firm to a private equity-owned firm, where she remained and headed the financial services practice. In this role, she led a team of over 1,600 people domestically and internationally to provide advisory and managed services to global commercial and government clients. In 2021, Ellen opened an operation in Lithuania that now has over 300 employees.

Ellen and her husband own [words], an independent bookstore in Maplewood, NJ, that has been recognized as one of the top five independent bookstores in the country. The store was founded with the dual missions of providing an intellectual hub for the community as well as vocational training to adults with autism. Over 100 adults on the autism spectrum have worked at [words]. The couple has also started a venture to train and credentialize the staff of homes that serve intellectually disabled adults.