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## **THE FORUM OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT AND 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***Debbie Epstein Henry Succeeds Lisa Detwiler, Who Presided Over Period of  
Unprecedented Organizational Growth***

**PHILADELPHIA** (June 15, 2021) -- The Forum of Executive Women today announced its 2021-2022 board members, including new Forum president, Debbie Epstein Henry, Founder, DEH Consulting, Speaking, Writing. Henry succeeds Lisa Detwiler, Managing Director at FS Investments, who drove Forum membership to record highs, attracting 191 new members during her two-year tenure as President. Detwiler capably led The Forum through the COVID-19 crisis, pivoting all organizational programming and ensuring that the organization consistently supported the needs of professional women who were adversely impacted by the pandemic.

"I am humbled to follow in Lisa's footsteps given the tremendous leadership she demonstrated in unprecedented times and the strong foundation she laid to position The Forum for continued success into the future," Henry remarked. "I hope to build on The Forum's heightened momentum and focus on three themes during my presidency: 1. creating a pipeline of rising stars; 2. growing an inclusive community; and 3. facilitating impact as an organization and as individual members of the Greater Philadelphia business community," Henry added.

Henry is an internationally renowned expert, best-selling author, speaker and podcast host with deep expertise on careers, workplace dynamics, women and law. She has consulted for myriad companies and non-profit organizations globally and has inspired thousands through her speaking engagements at private retreats, large-scale corporate events and industry conferences. News outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The National Law Journal*, National Public Radio and NBC Nightly News have sought her commentary and opinion for more than two decades. Henry hosts the Inspiration Loves Company podcast and the DEH Speaker Series, offering quarterly programming by webcast with *New York Times* best-selling authors, TED speakers, and thought leaders.

She developed the Best Law Firms for Women initiative, a national survey she executed alongside *Working Mother* to annually select the top 50 law firms for women and report on industry trends. She is the author of *LAW & REORDER*, a #1 best-selling ABA Flagship book, and co-author of *FINDING BLISS*, another ABA best-selling Flagship book. She also co-founded Bliss Lawyers, a company employing high caliber attorneys to work on temporary engagements for in-house legal department and law firm clients, and successfully sold the company to Axiom, the global leader in high-caliber, on-demand legal talent, in 2020.

In addition to Henry, the 2021-22 Board of Directors' Executive Committee includes Katherine Kelton, Vice President; Honorable Sheila Woods-Skipper, Secretary; Colleen Vallen, Treasurer;



Kathy Gaddes, Co-Parliamentarian and Kelley Hodge, Co-Parliamentarian. Committee Chairs are Kate Shields (Communications), Tracy Brala (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion), Kelly Conlan (Engagement), Tracey Jasey (Finance), Lorina Marshall-Blake (Forum Ally), Deanna Byrne (Forum Award), Doneene Damon (Leadership Breakfast), Karin Copeland (Leadership Symposium), Kathy Clupper (Membership), Maureen Ward (Mentoring), Tracey Pachman (Nominating/Governance), Joslyn Ewart (Pay Equity), Terry Loscalzo (Program), Lauren Cristella (Public Sector Leadership), Jennifer Snyder (Sponsorship), Ania Mikson (Strategic Partnership) and Melissa Ludwig (Women in Leadership). The Forum's six At-Large Directors are Yelena Barychev, Nancy O'Mara Ezold, Julie Fox, Delphine O'Rourke, Ali Perelman and Joanne Ryder. Lisa Detwiler serves as Immediate Past Chair.

### **About The Forum of Executive Women**

Founded in 1977, The Forum of Executive Women is the Greater Philadelphia region's premier women's organization, actively working to increase the number of women in leadership roles, expand their impact and influence, and position them to drive positive change in the Greater Philadelphia region. Forum membership has grown over four decades to comprise more than 500 of the most-senior leaders in corporations, not-for-profit organizations and the public sector throughout the Greater Philadelphia region. Visit [www.foew.com](http://www.foew.com) for more information.