

Stephanie G Braming, CFA, NACD.DC

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Board Candidate Profile

Dynamic and results-driven CEO, institutional investor and Fund Board Chair with over 30 years of global experience in asset management, investments, governance, and financial oversight. Currently serves as CEO and Global Head of a \$75B asset management firm, with responsibility for strategic direction, investment oversight, distribution, strategy, risk management, and enterprise leadership.

Brings strong investment acumen and demonstrated track record of results, honed through managing \$19B in non-US equity strategies, along with deep fiduciary governance expertise as Chair of multi-billion dollar Fund and SICAV complexes. Known for sound judgment, analytical rigor, and bringing a collaborative, values-based leadership style to leadership and board service. Recognized as an Audit Committee Financial Expert with proven expertise in risk oversight, financial analysis, regulatory compliance, and shareholder value creation. A respected voice in the industry, frequently featured as a speaker and contributor to leading investment forums and in publications.

Executive Experience

CEO and Global Head of William Blair Investment Management – Chicago, IL (2017-present: retiring 10/25)

- Leads \$75B global institutional asset management business; responsible for strategic growth across investment, distribution and infrastructure platforms.
- Maintains P&L responsibility for business; drives firmwide execution and risk oversight. Longstanding member of William Blair's governing Executive Committee, responsible for firm strategy and oversight.
- Spearheads M&A initiatives, including the acquisition of a value equity firm and lift-out of an emerging markets debt team.
- Reversed negative net flows to positive net flows through global distribution expansion, client engagement and investment results.
- Achieves strong investment results: 80% of strategies outperformed benchmarks since inception (as of year-end 2024).
- Champions a high-performance and inclusive culture, resulting in consistent industry recognition, including the "Best Place to Work in Money Management" by *Pensions & Investments* every year.
- Featured speaker and panelist for organizations such as *Financial Times*, *the Economist*, Mercer, AON Wealth Management, CFA Institute, and *Pensions & Investments*
- Treasurer of the William Blair Foundation, Executive Sponsor for the William Blair Women's Alliance.

Chair and President, William Blair Funds and SICAVs (2017-Present)

- Chairs multi-billion dollar mutual fund and SICAV boards, providing strategic oversight and leadership with a focus on enhancing shareholder value, fiduciary responsibility and effective risk management.
- Fosters alignment for board priorities, ensures rigorous fund governance and alignment of stakeholder interests.

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Institutional Portfolio Manager (2013-2017)

- Managed \$16B International Growth and \$3B International Small Cap strategies, with demonstrated track records of performance.
- Led portfolio investment decisions and determined investment priorities across market cycles by integrating fundamental and macroeconomic analysis with prudent risk management.

Other Experience

- Global Equity Strategist, William Blair Investment Management (2004-2013)
- Principal, Mercer Investment Consulting (1995-2004)
- Examiner, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (1992-1995)

Board Service

- Board of Governors, Investment Company Institute (2020-present); Member, Investment Committee
- Board of Directors, Griffin Museum of Science and Industry (2019-present); Vice Chair, Audit Committee; Member, Finance Committee. Previously Member of Nominating & Governance Committee (2021-2023)
- Board of Directors, Working in the Schools (2021-present); Member, Finance Committee
- Board of Directors, CFA Society Chicago (2007-2010)

Education, Credentials and Affiliations

- MBA, University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- BA, DePauw University
- CFA Charterholder
- NACD Directorship Certification
- FINRA Series 7 and 24 Licenses
- Member: CFA Institute, The Economic Club of Chicago, The Chicago Network, International Women's Forum

Recognition

- *Barron's* Most Influential Women in U.S. Finance
- *Forbes* 50 over 50
- *Pensions & Investments* Influential Women in Investing
- NASP Chicago Trailblazing Women Award
- *American Banker* Most Powerful Women in Finance
- *Crain's* Notable Women in Finance