

Prudential Financial promotes Susan Blount to executive vice president
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Prudential Financial, Inc. (NYSE:PRU) announced today that it has promoted Susan Blount to executive vice president. In this role, she will continue to oversee the company's Law, Compliance, Business Ethics and External Affairs departments. Blount has served as senior vice president and general counsel at Prudential since 2005. In 2012, she was appointed to the company's Office of the Chairman group.

"Prudential has benefited greatly over the years from Susan's insightful counsel," said Prudential Chairman and CEO John Strangfeld. "Her deep understanding of our businesses, markets and regulatory environment make her a uniquely qualified member of our senior management team."

Blount joined Prudential in 1985 as an attorney in the company's commercial real estate operations. Since then, she has held a variety of leadership positions, including vice president and secretary when the company demutualized in 2001 and chief counsel for the Investment Division.

Blount is active on issues related to higher education. She serves on the board of Montclair State University, and she previously served on the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education. She also serves on the board of trustees of NJ LEEP, a high school enrichment program in Newark, and is a founding board member of the Center for Women in Law at the University of Texas, which is devoted to improving the success of the entire spectrum of women in law. She is also a board member of the Pro Bono Partnership and the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD).

In 2011, Blount received the "Women of Power and Influence Award" from the New York City chapter of the National Organization for Women. In 2012, she was recognized as one of the "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" by *Women's eNews* for her pioneering work to increase diversity and inclusion in the law profession.

Under Blount's leadership, Prudential's Law Department has been recognized as an "Employer of Choice" by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association; a "Legal Department of the Year" by the *New Jersey Law Journal*; and the "Corporate Law Department of the Year" by the New Jersey Hispanic Bar Association.

Blount graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in history and a juris doctor with honors.

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