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Marsha E. Simms is a retired partner of the international law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where she practiced in the Corporate Department. Ms. Simms' principal practice areas were bank finance and corporate debt restructuring. She had over 30 years' experience negotiating financings and restructurings for corporations in the retail, home fashions, art, telecommunications and energy areas. Ms. Simms was recognized as a leading lawyer in the banking and finance field by Euromoney, Chambers Global and Chambers USA.

In May, 2011 Ms. Simms joined the Board of Directors of Sotheby's, one of the world's largest auctioneers of fine art, where she serves on the Audit Committee.

Ms. Simms is a trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, where she serves on the Audit Committee. In June, 2011, she will become the chair of the Audit Committee and join the Compensation Committee. Ms. Simms is also an active member of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, where she was a Co-Chair of the Board and chairs the Nominating Committee. She is a life trustee of WNET.ORG, New York's public television station, where she chaired the Audit Committee and is a member of the Audit, Finance and Education Committees.

Ms. Simms continues to be active in the legal community. She is the Content Officer for the Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, and was the recipient of the 2010 Jean Allard Glass Cutter Award, given by the Business Law Section to a woman who has cut through barriers to attain high accomplishments in business law. Ms. Simms is also a Commissioner of the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession. She is a member of the Council of the American Law Institute, where she chairs the Outreach Committee.

Ms. Simms is a graduate of Barnard College and Stanford Law School. She is a former trustee of the Stanford Alumni Association, a former member of the Stanford Law School Board of Visitors and was a member of the Stanford Law School Campaign Steering Committee.