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Stephen (Steve) R. Howe, Jr. is EY's U.S. Chairman and Americas Managing Partner. In the Americas, EY member firms operate in 30 countries. Steve leads the U.S. and Americas Executive Committees and represents EY in regulatory relationships. He also directly serves as Executive Sponsor for the Firm's focus on diversity and inclusiveness. He has been with EY for over 33 years.

Steve previously served as audit partner for various global financial institution clients and as senior advisory partner on many of EY's largest clients. Prior to his role as U.S. Chairman and Americas Managing Partner, Steve served as Managing Partner of the Financial Services Office.

Over the past several years, Steve has been honored by the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) as one of the most influential leaders in the boardroom and corporate governance community. *Accounting Today* named Steve to their "Top 100 Most Influential People" list of thought leaders and visionaries shaping the accounting profession. In addition, Steve was recognized as one of the top "100 CEO Leaders in STEM" by STEMconnector.

Steve graduated from Colgate University with a BA in Mathematical Economics and from the Stern School at New York University with an MBA in Accounting and Finance. Steve is a member of the Board of Governors of the Center for Audit Quality, the Board of Trustees of the Financial Accounting Foundation, the Board of Trustees of Colgate University, the Board of the Partnership for New York City and the Board of Trustees of Carnegie Hall. Steve also served as the Corporate Chairman for the Liberty Science Center Genius Gala. Steve and his wife Kate are active supporters of a number of charities and Steve is actively involved in the development and support of EY's Corporate Responsibility initiatives.

Steve and Kate have four children and reside in Pleasantville, NY.