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Michele J. Hooper is a co-founder and Managing Partner of The Directors' Council which specializes in corporate board of director recruitment focused primarily on diversity candidates and board advisory services.

Ms Hooper serves on the corporate boards of directors of PPG Industries, Inc., Warner Music Group, and AstraZeneca PLC as well as chairs the Audit Committee for PPG. Ms. Hooper recently retired as Chair of the Audit Committee and board member of Target Corporation, and previously was a board member of Seagram Company Ltd and DaVita Corporation.

Ms. Hooper is a board member, National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), and President, NACD Chicago Chapter. She is a commissioner on the 2004 and the 2005 NACD Blue Ribbon Commissions on governance. Ms Hooper is a member of the OECD Advisory Panel on Boardroom Practices. She is a member of the Advisory boards of American Telecare, L.E.K. Consulting and Equis Corporation. Ms Hooper is a frequent speaker on governance and audit committee issues.

Previously, Ms Hooper served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Voyager Expanded Learning and of Stadtlander Drug Company, Inc. Prior to joining Stadtlander, Ms. Hooper was appointed as Corporate Vice President, Caremark International Inc, a spinoff of Baxter International, and President of the International Business Group, responsible for the expansion of Caremark into Europe, Canada and Japan.

Ms. Hooper began her career at Baxter and held positions of increasing responsibility before her appointment as Vice President, Corporate Planning. From 1988 to 1992, as President of Baxter Canada, Ms. Hooper was responsible for Canada's largest health care and laboratory supplies company.

Ms. Hooper is a Board member of the Center for Disease Control Foundation, and Evanston Northwestern Healthcare. She is a member of The Economic Club of Chicago, the World President's Organization (WPO), Executive Leadership Council (ELC) and The Chicago Network.

Ms. Hooper earned an MBA at the University of Chicago, a BA in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania and a CPA (inactive).