

## Millstein Center at Columbia Law School Appoints Ellen Odoner, Retired Partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, as Advisory Board Member

New York, February 16, 2021 [The Ira M. Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership](#) at Columbia Law School announced the appointment of [Ellen Odoner](#) to its advisory board.

Ms. Odoner joins a group of distinguished board members with leading experience in global financial markets and corporate governance.

### Ellen Odoner



Ellen Odoner was the founder and co-head of the Public Company Advisory Group of Weil, Gotshal and Manges LLP. She retired from the firm at the end of 2020. Ms. Odoner represented public companies, boards of directors, audit committees and special committees of independent directors in complex governance, disclosure and compliance matters and domestic and cross-border merger and acquisition transactions. She also represented the governance bodies of significant not-for-profit institutions.

[Ira M. Millstein](#), founding chair of the Millstein Center and senior partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, said, “Ellen brings to the center a rare combination of legal expertise and hands-on governance experience. In heading Weil’s Public Company Advisory Group for many years, she not only led a team of practicing lawyers in day-to-day experiences with boards and executives, but also spearheaded efforts to help clients think ahead about the impact of governance developments.”

Ms. Odoner was included in the 2020, 2019 and 2018 NACD Directorship 100, a list of the 100 most influential people in the boardroom compiled by *NACD Directorship* magazine. She is an elected Fellow of the American College of Governance Counsel, and has been recognized in *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500 US*, *Best Lawyers in America* and various other publications. She was named “Best in Corporate Governance” at *Euromoney Legal Media Group*’s Americas Women in Business Law Awards in 2015.

Ms. Odoner served as chief of staff to the Hon. Harvey Goldschmid, co-chair of the Financial Crisis Advisory Group established to advise the Financial Accounting Standards Board and the International Accounting Standards Board on the standard-setting implications of the global financial crisis.

Ms. Odoner has written and lectured on legal developments affecting public companies and independent directors. She received the Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing in 2018 for co-authoring “Fiduciary Duties of Corporate Directors in Uncertain Times.”

Ms. Odoner was active in Weil’s diversity and pro bono initiatives. She was the founding chair of Women@Weil and led the firm’s participation in the New York City Bar’s African Visiting Lawyers Program. Millstein remarked that “she has counseled a number of philanthropic organizations as to their structures and performance, including the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 9/11 Memorial & Museum, the New York City Ballet and the School of American Ballet. I have no doubt that she will contribute mightily to our work by adding her sound, practical, legal and life experiences.” Ms. Odoner presently serves on the board of directors and audit committee of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

“We are thrilled that Ellen is joining our advisory board,” said [Erica Mitnick Klein](#), the center’s executive director. “Her experience and deep knowledge about best practices in corporate governance will be invaluable assets in helping us to carry out our mission and remain on the cutting edge of the most important issues facing boards and companies today.”

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### **About the Millstein Center**

Building on Columbia Law School’s longstanding strength in corporate and securities law, the Millstein Center operates at the forefront of new thinking about how corporations are governed. The center engages with business leaders and board directors to create meaningful dialogue about the challenges companies face, and serves as a focal point for the most innovative research into the policy solutions required to tackle those challenges.