

Eileen C. McDonnell

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Eileen C. McDonnell is the chairman and chief executive officer of The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. She joined Penn Mutual in 2008 as its chief marketing officer. Formerly, she was the president of New England Financial, a subsidiary of MetLife, and senior vice president of the Guardian Life Insurance Company. Eileen currently serves on the boards of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC and Universal Health Services, Inc., where she serves as chair of the Audit Committee. Eileen is a former member of the Master of Science in Management faculty at The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa., where she held the newly endowed chair for Women and Financial Services and was author of “Marketing Financial Services to Women.”

A graduate of Molloy College, Rockville Centre, New York, Eileen majored in mathematics and computer science, and received an honorary doctor of laws degree in 2011. She earned her MBA in finance and investments from Adelphi

University, Garden City, New York, and was recognized in 2013 for “outstanding service” to the university.

Eileen has been honored with the 2016 “Business Leader of the Year Award” from Drexel University LeBow College of Business, and the United Way “Women’s Leadership Initiative Award” in 2017. Also, in 2017, she was the recipient of the Ernst and Young “Entrepreneur of the Year, Greater Philadelphia” award in the area of transformation.

Throughout her career, Eileen McDonnell has demonstrated a strong commitment to creating a diverse, inclusive work environment and culture in which leadership is shared among women and men.