

## CISO EXECUTIVE NETWORK ADVISORY COUNCIL

### **NAME**

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### **POSITION AND COMPANY**

SVP, CISO, Radian Group

### **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Bachelor of Science from State University of New York at Brockport in Economics / Business Administration with marketing specialty. Certifications include as C|CISO, CRISC, CGEIT, CISM, GSEC, FLMI, ACS, and CTM.

### **EXPERIENCE IN INFORMATION SECURITY**

Donna is a senior security and compliance executive with over 20 years of diverse risk, compliance, cyber security, technology, and operations experience within the manufacturing, insurance, banking, financial services, health care and retail sectors. Before joining Radian, Donna had senior level roles in security and compliance and Accolade, Corning, GMAC, and Prudential. She is a member of several advisory boards on information security and privacy including InfraGard, SecureWorld, Philly CISO Governing Body.

### **INFORMATION SECURITY GOVERNING PHILOSOPHY**

There is no such thing as perfect security -- we manage risk. Information Security must enable business success. Our role is to support business strategy and vision...securely.

### **MOST IMPORTANT PROJECT OR PROGRAM**

The creation of standard end-to-end security services that include people, process and technology. Example security services would include Managed Threat Detection and Response and Vulnerability Management.

### **WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO INFORMATION SECURITY?**

As a lifelong learner and volunteer, I was drawn to the mission as well as the pace of change. This includes the threat landscape and tools and the techniques to respond. Plus, as a continuous learner, I enjoy the constant need to learn and to grow.

### **BEST ADVICE YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND WHO PROVIDED IT**

The best advice received from a manager who said "to make yourself replaceable, adding that knowledge is power only when you give it away." As a result, I was able to coach and mentor high performing individuals and teams. It also played into my own career growth as I continued to expand my knowledge and be offered new challenges and opportunities.

### **WHY DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE CISO EXECUTIVE NETWORK?**

Networking is an important part of a CISO's success. It is especially helpful when it is peer to peer and you can ask the difficult questions and share best practices and lessons learned. I have built a network of peers with whom I regularly collaborate. I learn something new each and every time I attend an event.