

Elaine Leavenworth

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Graduated from Duke University where she received her B.A., magna cum laude, in public policy studies, concentrating on health policy and religion. She was a Phi Beta Kappa, a graduate with distinction and a dean's list student. She completed her M.B.A. at Northwestern University. She was Beta Gamma Sigma, a graduate with distinction and a dean's list student.

While working towards her M.B.A., Elaine was employed at American Hospital Supply Corporation, where she was the communication specialist. Her next position was at G.D. Searle & Company, a \$1 billion international manufacturer of pharmaceuticals and consumer products. After three years, she became the product manager. During the next five years she was employed by Loudon & Company, a nationally recognized consulting firm focused on health care marketing and strategy. She was a consultant, a senior consultant and a principal. Her responsibilities included selling, directing and conducting consulting engagements for over 50 clients, including Fortune 500 and international companies.

Currently, Elaine is the corporate vice president of government affairs for Abbott Laboratories. She is responsible for international, federal and state government affairs for the \$16 billion broad-based health care company. Throughout her career she has been a speaker at dozens of national and international seminars and workshops, has been a consultant for more than 100 companies in the country and has had dozens of articles and books published.