

Fran Keeth

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After over 37 years of distinguished service, Fran Keeth retired from Royal Dutch Shell, plc, where she led Shell's global chemical business. Ms. Keeth stays active in business affairs through her membership on the Boards of Directors of Verizon Communications, Inc. and Arrow Electronics, Inc. She services on the Audit Committees and the Governance Committees of both of these boards. She also spends time giving back to the community through her work with Child Advocates, Inc. and through her participation in the ARP Taxaide Program, both in Houston. Ms. Keeth is also active in her church facilitating a Monday morning ladies bible study. Ms. Keeth joined Shell Oil Company in 1970, where she held positions of increasing responsibility in the Head Office Finance and Tax departments, including General Counsel, Litigation and Research; General Manager, Auditing; and General Manager, Products Finance. In 1992, she moved to London to handle a series of assignments in Shell International Petroleum Company as Deputy Group Controller, Area Coordinator for the Far East covering China, South Korea, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, and Finance Director, Oil Products.

In 1996, she left Shell to join Mobil Corporation as Controller and Principal Accounting Officer, and returned to Shell in 1997, assuming the position of Executive Vice President, Finance and Business Systems, for Shell Chemicals LP. She was appointed to the positions of Executive Vice President, Customer Fulfillment and Product Business Units in 2001, as well as President and CEO of Shell Chemicals, LP, a U.S. operating company. In January 2005, Ms. Keeth was appointed Executive Vice President of Royal Dutch Shell with global accountability for Shell's Chemical Businesses. She retained her regional position as President Shell Chemical, LP as well. Ms. Keeth holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and an MS in Accountancy from the C. T. Bauer College of Business and J.D. degrees, all from the University of Houston. From 2001 through 2006 Ms. Keeth sat on the Board of American Chemistry Council and chaired the Board Committee on Responsible Care as well as being a member of the Executive Committee and Long Range Research Committee. Ms. Keeth also served on the board of the International Council of Chemical Associations.