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With more than two decades of leadership in government, industry, academia, and international organizations, Elaine is a globally recognized expert and thought leader on geopolitical risk, economic statecraft, supply chain resilience, illicit finance, anti-corruption, and national security.

Within the public sector, Elaine has held both political and career positions at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, including deputy and acting assistant secretary for policy and director of cargo and trade policy. She served on the Transportation Security Administration's Aviation Security Advisory Committee and chaired its Air Cargo Security Subcommittee. She also served on the Chairman's Council on China Competition at the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

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