Elise J. Bean

From 1985 to 2014, Elise Bean worked for U.S. Senator Carl Levin (D-Mich.), including 15 years at the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI). Appointed his PSI staff director and chief counsel in 2003, Ms. Bean handled investigations, hearings, and legislation on such matters as money laundering, corporate misconduct, corruption, and tax abuse. In 2014, after Senator Levin retired and the Levin Center at Wayne Law was established in his honor, Ms. Bean joined the Center to work on strengthening legislative capabilities at the federal, state, local, and international levels to conduct investigations and oversight.

In 2016 and 2015, Ms. Bean was included in the Global Tax 50, a list compiled by the International Tax Review of the year's top 50 individuals and organizations influencing tax policy and practice. In 2013 and 2011, the Washingtonian magazine named her one of Washington's 100 most powerful women. In 2010, the National Law Journal selected her as one of Washington's most influential women lawyers.

Ms. Bean graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wesleyan University and received a law degree from the University of Michigan. She clerked for the Chief Judge of the U.S. Claims Court, and worked for two years at the U.S. Department of Justice before working for Congress.