

Biography of Debra T. Ballen
Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS)

Debra Ballen joined IBHS in 2008 as the general counsel and senior vice president of public policy. In this capacity, she is responsible for managing all of the organization's legal matters and overseeing IBHS' public policy efforts and commercial mitigation strategies. In addition, she also serves as the organization's corporate secretary.

Prior to her work with IBHS, Ms. Ballen was the executive vice president of public policy management for the American Insurance Association (AIA) in Washington, D.C. She developed and implemented policy for AIA's priority federal and state public policy issues. She also has served on the Advisory Committee for the Hazards Center at the University of Colorado, and on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) High Level Advisory Board on Financial Management of Large Scale Catastrophes, which includes a heavy emphasis on mitigation measures.

Ms. Ballen graduated with a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School and an A.B. degree from Princeton University. She also has received the CPCU designation.