

Karen Elliot House Biography

Karen Elliott House, 68, retired in March 2006 as publisher of The Wall Street Journal, Senior Vice President of Dow Jones & Company, and a member of the company's executive committee. She is a broadly experienced business executive with particular expertise and experience in international affairs stemming from a distinguished career as a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter and editor.

She is currently a Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She is the author of a book, "On Saudi Arabia, Its People, Past, Religion, Fault Lines—and Future" published in 2012 by Knopf. The book was nominated as one of the five best current affairs books of 2012 by the Los Angeles Times.

Ms. House served as publisher of The Wall Street Journal from 2002 until her retirement and in that role was responsible for all news, editorial, sales and other business functions of The Wall Street Journal and its editions around the world.

During a 32-year career with Dow Jones and The Wall Street Journal, Ms. House also served as foreign editor, diplomatic correspondent, and energy correspondent based in Washington D.C. Her journalism awards include a Pulitzer Prize for international reporting for coverage of the Middle East (1984), two Overseas Press Club awards for coverage of the Middle East and of Islam and the Edwin M. Hood award for Excellence in Diplomatic Reporting for a series on Saudi Arabia (1982).

In both her news and business roles, Ms. House has traveled widely over many years and has interviewed or otherwise met with world leaders including, Vladimir Putin, Benjamim Netanyahu, Saddam Hussein, Saudi King Abdullah, Zhu Rongji, Margaret Thatcher, and George H W Bush, and many other former and current world leaders.

Ms. House has served and continues to serve on multiple non-profit boards including as Chairman of the Rand Corporation and a former director of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Asia Society, and Boston University. She is a member of the Trilateral Commission and has been an active participant in the Aspen Institute Strategy Group.

She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where in 1996 she was the recipient of the University's "Distinguished Alumnus" award. She studied and taught at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and she holds honorary degrees from Boston University (2003) and Lafayette College (1992). She is the William Simon Visiting Professor at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Ms. House is married and is the mother of four children ages 20 to 40.