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Kayla Gillan joined PwC as a Principal in 2011 after a long career dedicated to corporate governance and investor advocacy. Immediately prior to joining the Firm, Kayla served for two years as Deputy Chief of Staff & Senior Advisor to the Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). In that role, she coordinated the Commission's rulemaking efforts to implement the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Kayla began her legal career in 1985 at the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), the nation's largest publicly funded retirement plan. Kayla spent 16 years working in various legal and executive capacities at CalPERS, including the last six years as its General Counsel. In that role, Kayla oversaw all legal services, an internal audit staff, and led the System's corporate governance program.

In 2002, Kayla was appointed by the SEC as one of the founding members of the newly-created Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). In that capacity, Kayla helped to build from scratch an organization that was created by Congress to oversee the activities of public company auditors. Kayla served two terms on the Board.

At PwC, Kayla leads the firm's newly-created Investors' Resource Institute. The mission of the Institute is to add value to investors' decision-making processes by sharing PwC's insights and educational materials regarding markets, industries and corporate governance.

Kayla received her BA at the California State University in Sacramento, and her JD at the University of California in Davis.