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Elyse Bluth is a managing director in the Chicago office and leader of the ERISA/ESOP Advisory service line, which incorporates Duff & Phelps's investment banking, opinion and valuation services related to Employee Retirement Income Security Act plan investments and for employee stock ownership plan companies. Elyse has 25 years of experience in advising companies and fiduciaries on valuation and transaction issues.

Elyse's clients include some of the country's largest privately owned businesses. She has advised her clients on a wide variety of corporate finance, valuation and fairness opinion issues for ESOPs and ESOP transactions; mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; and financing and general corporate purposes. Elyse has advised trustees and fiduciaries of ERISA plans that hold employer securities or illiquid investments on transaction, valuation, proxy voting and restructuring issues, tender offers, share repurchases, spinoffs and ESOP loan restructurings; and advised selling shareholders, company management, boards of directors and fiduciaries in numerous ESOP and ERISA transactions for public and private companies.

Prior to Duff & Phelps, Elyse worked for an investment management company.

Elyse received her M.B.A. with a specialization in finance and concentration in accounting from the University of Chicago Booth Graduate School of Business and her A.B. in mathematics from Bryn Mawr College. She is also a certified financial analyst (CFA) charterholder and member of the Valuation Advisory Committee of The ESOP Association, the National Center for Employee Ownership, the Advisory Committee of Employee-Owned S Corporation of America, the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts, the Chicago Finance Exchange, the CFA Society of Chicago, the Business Valuation Association of Chicago and is a former member of the Board of Directors of The ESOP Association.
