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Ms. Shmavonian began her tenure as president of Public/Private Ventures (P/PV) in January 2010. P/PV is a national nonprofit research organization that works to improve the lives of children, youth and families in high-poverty communities by making social programs more effective.

Immediately prior to joining P/PV, she worked as an independent consultant providing strategic direction and counsel to many private foundations and a broad array of local, national and international nonprofit organizations. She has extensive foundation management experience, most recently having served as vice president for strategy at the Rockefeller Foundation. Earlier in her career, she spent 12 years at The Pew Charitable Trusts, where she worked as executive vice president, following several years as a director of administration and a program officer in health and human services. Between these executive leadership roles, she served as an independent consultant to foundations and nonprofit organizations in the areas of management consulting and executive coaching, strategic planning and evaluation, leadership and organizational development, meeting facilitation, infrastructure development, human resources management and program design. Before joining the foundation community, she worked in the health sector, as well as overseas in humanitarian relief, both of which she continued to address during the 23 years she spent in and around philanthropy, and still does through her board service to different organizations.

Ms. Shmavonian currently serves as one of the first two non-family members of the Surdna Foundation Board, and is on the Boards of: the Center for Effective Philanthropy; The Alliance for A Green Revolution in Africa (a joint partnership of the Rockefeller and Bill and Melinda Gates foundations); Partners for Seed in Africa Fund, an initiative for South Sudan supported by Howard Buffet; and the Lenfest Foundation, Inc.. She also serves as an Advisory Board member to the National Philanthropic Trust and to the Center for Refugee and Disaster Response at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Ms. Shmavonian holds a B.A. from the University of Chicago, and an M.B.A. in healthcare management from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.