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Idie Kesner is the former Dean and **Frank P. Popoff Chair of Strategic Management** at the Indiana University (IU) Kelley School of Business (KSB). After one year as Interim Dean in 2012, she was named Dean and remained in the position until 2022. Prior to Dean, from 2012 to 2009, she served as Associate Dean for Faculty & Research. From 2006-2009, she served as Chairperson for the Department of Management & Entrepreneurship. From 2003-2006, she served as Chairperson of the MBA Program, and from 1996 to 2003 she was co-director of KSB’s Consulting Academy. Before joining IU, from 1983 to 1995, Idie was a professor at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business of the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill.

Idie received her MBA and Ph.D. from IU, whereas an Associate Instructor she won an undergraduate teaching award. From 1983-1995, she taught in UNC’s undergraduate, MBA, and Ph.D. programs. In 1989 she won UNC’s MBA teaching award, and in 1990 and 1993 she won Executive Education teaching awards. Since joining IU, Idie won a teaching award from the fulltime MBA Program every year from 1997 to 2006. She also won Teaching Excellence Recognition Awards in 1997, 1998, and 1999, and she won Trustee Teaching Awards in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2008. In 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2016, Idie won teaching awards from Sungkyunkwan University, which has a joint MBA Program with KSB. In 1997, she won the Max O. Barney Teaching Award for her work in executive education. She teaches a variety of management and strategy courses across including strategic management, crisis management, change management and management consulting.

Idie’s research is in the areas of corporate boards, chief executive succession, corporate governance, and M&A. She has published articles in numerous journals including *Academy of Management*, *Strategic Management Journal*, *Journal of Management*, *Organization Science*, and *Harvard Business Review*. Currently she serves as Editor-in-Chief for the business journal *Business Horizons*. In addition, she has taught in more than 100 executive programs and served as a consultant for many different national and global firms working on strategy and board related issues.

Idie has served on numerous for-profit and not-for-profit boards. Currently she serves as a director on three public company boards. In the non-profit area, Idie served for six years on the board of the **Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business**, a worldwide accrediting body for business schools. She also served on the board of advisors for the **IU’s Research & Technology Center** and the **Kelley Executive Education Foundation Inc.** In the past, Idie served in numerous leadership roles for the Business Policy & Strategy Division of the **Academy of Management** and the **Strategic Management Society**.

In 2019, Idie was named “Dean of the Year” from *Poets and Quants* (P&Q), the primary website covering U.S. and international business schools. One year later, KSB’s Kelley Direct Online MBA Program was named “MBA Program of the Year” by P&Q – the first time an online MBA program achieved this recognition. In 2019 she received the *Indiana Business Journal Woman of Influence Award*, in 2019 and 2023 she received *Women Inc. Most Influential Corporate Director Award*, and in 2022 she received the SMS Education Impact Award.