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Bill Taylor has 35 years of experience in public accounting, principally in the financial services industry (FSI). He retired in 2003 as a partner in Ernst & Young LLP. Since retirement, he has joined the Boards of Tamarack Funds and a private captive insurance company; consulted with Ernst & Young and serves on the leadership team for Citizens for Higher Education. He holds a Bachelor's in Accounting and Business Administration and a Master's in Accounting from The School of Business and has been active in a number of activities at KU.

Bill has been the partner responsible for the Firm's services to life/health and variable annuity writers, including Security Benefit Life, Kansas City Life, Businessmen's Assurance, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City, and Fortis Benefits; property/casualty insurers, including Employers Reinsurance (fourth largest unit of General Electric) and the St. Paul Companies; and several investment companies including Security Mutual Funds and Buffalo Mutual Funds. While serving Employers Reinsurance, Mr. Taylor led several multinational, multidiscipline teams for acquisitions in England, Germany, and the Netherlands. He has served as Audit Department Director, Area Director of FSI Practice Development, and in various other operational capacities.

Bill currently serves as Chair of the School of Business Board of Advisors and Alumni Association Audit Committee. In addition, he is a Board member of the KU Research Institute at the Medical Center and the University Multicultural Scholars Advisory Council. He previously served as President of both the KU Memorial Student Union and the Kansas City chapter of the Alumni Association, as a founding member, and Chair of the School's Board of Advisors for Accounting and Information Systems.

Bill was a co-founder of the Ernst & Young Center for Audit Research and Technology at the University of Kansas. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountant and was a co-owner and director of a community bank in Humboldt, Kansas. Bill has been a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of the Kansas City Symphony and served, as clients, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Linda Hall Library.

Bill and his wife Marilyn have advocated for education by creating and



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supporting numerous scholarships for young women in middle and high school to develop talent and confidence, and for college students who are multicultural scholars in business or human development/family life, students in English as a second language, and students who study abroad. All of the scholarships created are in memory of their daughter Megan, who passed away after completing her junior year of high school. Their son Jeff graduated from Washington University and is married to Jane, and they have one son, Benjamin.

