



acceligence announces its founding Advisory Board

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The board will provide strategic guidance, direction, and industry insights as acceligence continues to advance its mission of empowering leaders to move with clarity, lead with courage, and accelerate impact that lasts.

“The acceligence Advisory Board brings together extraordinary leaders whose expertise spans technology innovation, cybersecurity, risk management, and leadership development,” said Justin Greis, CEO of acceligence. “Each member has demonstrated a rare ability to positively change the world in their fields, and together, they will help shape the future direction of acceligence as we continue to grow and redefine what how our clients can thrive in an increasingly complex world.”

Advisory Board Members

Andrew MacKenzie

Managing Director of Systemwide and FEP Cybersecurity, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

A recognized cybersecurity leader, Andrew MacKenzie brings deep expertise in cyber resilience and risk management across healthcare ecosystems. At BCBSA, he leads initiatives to strengthen readiness and resilience across the federation, advancing talent development and third-party risk strategies at scale. His innovative leadership in vendor risk mapping and operational resilience has been featured in national industry publications.

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Angela Williams

SVP & Chief Information Security Officer, UL Solutions • Former CISO, Hillrom and Technology Executive

Angela Williams is a nationally recognized CISO and technology executive known for transforming cybersecurity into a business enabler. She has led major information security programs across multiple industries, including healthcare and safety sciences. A recipient of the 2024 Chicago CISO of the Year Award, Angela serves on numerous boards and advisory councils focused on developing future technology and cybersecurity leaders.

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Bob Patton

Former Vice Chair, EY • Former CEO (Gartner and Capgemini Ernst & Young) and Board Member

Bob Patton is a seasoned strategist known for scaling high-growth consulting and technology businesses over a nearly 40-year career. A former EY Vice Chair and CEO at both Gartner and Capgemini Ernst & Young, he has led major transformations, driven bold M&A strategies, and advised leaders on building resilient, purpose-led organizations.

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Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Brian Kelly

Former Chief Security Officer, Rackspace • Former CEO, CISO, and Managing Director (EY)

With more than 40 years of experience spanning the U.S. Air Force, government, and private sector, Brian Kelly is one of the most trusted voices in enterprise security. A former CISO for American Airlines and NewsCorp, Brian has advised global organizations including McKinsey & Co. and EY. A decorated Air Force veteran, he brings unmatched operational, intelligence, and cybersecurity experience to the board.

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David Neuman

Founder, Road Rocks Services | Senior Research Analyst, TAG Infosphere • Former CISO and Managing Director (EY)

David Neuman is a pioneer in cybersecurity and operational technology, with 40 years of leadership experience across the private sector and U.S. Air Force. A former Fortune 50 security executive and multi-time CISO, he has led cyber defense operations for major enterprises. His thought leadership in resilience and executive coaching continues to shape cybersecurity maturity across industries.

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Dillon Dieffenbach

Co-Founder and CEO, CI-Discern • Former Cybersecurity and Trusted Technology Leader (EY)

Dillon Dieffenbach is a transformational cybersecurity leader with more than twenty years of experience safeguarding critical infrastructure and advancing national resilience. As Co-Founder and CEO of CI-Discern and a former EY cybersecurity executive, he has shaped industry strategy across energy, utilities, and national security sectors, pioneering cyber-informed engineering approaches that strengthen the systems society depends on.

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Edna Conway, esq.

CEO, EMC Advisors | Prolific Board Member and Advisor • Former Chief Security & Risk Officer, Microsoft and Cisco

Edna Conway is a global authority in cybersecurity and supply chain resilience. As a former executive at Microsoft and Cisco, she built transformative global security architectures protecting billions in enterprise value. Conway now advises Fortune 100 CEOs, boards, and governments on cybersecurity, AI governance, and risk. She was inducted into the Global Cyber Security Hall of Fame in 2024.

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Jason Lipschultz, CPA**Partner, Aprio – Midwest Technology Industry Leader • Former Partner, BDO and Technology Executive, Ernst & Young (EY)**

Jason Lipschultz is a risk management and assurance leader with over two decades of experience helping companies grow through transparency and trust. Known for his dynamic leadership style, Jason has built high-performing teams and innovative compliance programs across top accounting firms. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

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Colonel (Ret.) Kevin W. Farrell, PhD**President and CEO, Battlefield Leadership, LLC • Former US Army Colonel and Professor & Chief of the History Department at West Point**

A decorated combat leader and historian, Colonel Kevin Farrell brings decades of military leadership and teaching experience. A West Point graduate with a PhD from Columbia University, he has led combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, taught at West Point, and advised Hollywood films such as Fury. Farrell now leads Battlefield Leadership, a firm dedicated to applying military lessons to corporate leadership.

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Mark Gerstein

Board Member, Omnicom | Northwestern University Law School Professor • Former Global Chair at Latham & Watkins

Mark Gerstein is a seasoned governance and M&A expert with more than forty years advising public company boards, executive teams, and nonprofit leaders through complex transformations. A director at Omnicom and former Global Chair of M&A at Latham & Watkins, he brings deep experience in corporate governance, shareholder engagement, and financial oversight to the board.

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Mike Chibbaro, CPA

Senior Business Facilitator, Battlefield Leadership | Executive Coach • Former Senior Partner and Executive Leader, Ernst & Young (EY)

Mike Chibbaro has over 40 years of experience in leadership development, corporate compliance, and ethics. As a senior EY partner, he built national compliance programs across healthcare and insurance sectors. Today, he facilitates executive development programs and advises organizations on ethical leadership and culture transformation.

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Dr. Patrick E. Hopkins, PhD

Dean, Kelley School of Business, Indiana University

Dr. Patrick Hopkins is one of the nation's leading scholars and educators in accounting and business. As Dean of the Kelley School of Business, he has guided one of the world's top-ranked business schools through innovation and excellence. His award-winning research and teaching have influenced both academia and corporate practice.

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Dr. Ramesh Venkataraman, PhD**Dean, Hutton Honors College, Indiana University • Former Undergraduate, Kelley Direct, and Masters Program Chair**

Dr. Ramesh Venkataraman is a distinguished academic and technologist, recognized for his leadership in education innovation. He has transformed several academic programs into national leaders and co-authored one of the most widely used textbooks in information systems education. His expertise bridges technology, analytics, and higher education strategy.

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Tom Coburn**CFO, Selig Group • Former Investment Banker at Baird and M&A Leader at PwC**

Tom Coburn is an accomplished finance leader with more than twenty years of experience guiding global enterprises through complex M&A, strategic investment, and financial transformation. As CFO of Selig Group and a former investment banking and private equity executive, he brings deep expertise in corporate finance, capital markets, and value creation to the board.

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Will Lin

Founder & CEO, AKA Identity • Former Venture Partner, Forgepoint Capital

Will Lin is a cybersecurity entrepreneur and venture capitalist known for building and investing in innovative digital security startups. A rising leader in venture capital, he has helped launch and scale multiple cybersecurity organizations and advises global investors and policymakers on the future of digital defense.

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About acceligence

acceligence is an ai-powered management consulting firm that helps organizations unlock their potential with speed and clarity. Drawing on deep experience in technology, cybersecurity, risk, and strategy, acceligence collaborates closely with clients to design and deliver strategies that protect, optimize, and transform their operations in today's complex digital landscape.

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