



Elizabeth Watson, LLB

| Workshop
“Evaluating the Performance of Leaders in a Family Enterprise”

| About Liz

Elizabeth Watson, QC (Liz), is the founder and leader of WATSON, whose goal is to strengthen society by supporting meaningful organizations who have positive impact on society at a local or global level. Liz has practiced law for more than 35 years and has spent over half her career advising boards, chairs, directors, committees and CEOs. Since founding WATSON, Liz has worked with a wide range of clients delivering governance advisory and board recruitment services.

Liz works closely with the corporate governance community in Canada and is a sought-after advisor, speaker and contributor on governance, CEO and board recruitment issues and the importance of diversity on boards. She teaches at the ICD’s Directors Education Program on Governance Effectiveness and authored CPA Canada’s publication on Building and Sustaining an Effective Board.

Liz currently serves on the selection committee for the Canadian Excellence in Governance Awards and previously served for four years on the ICD Fellowship Awards Selection Committee. As a director, Liz serves on the board of Peterson, a family-owned, North American based real estate company, and SHAD Canada, a national not for profit. She previously served on the boards of the Institute of Corporate Directors, Choice School for Gifted Children, Forum for Women Entrepreneurs, Women in the Lead Inc., the BC Cancer Foundation and as an Advisory Board member for Canada’s Top 40 Under 40.

Liz holds an LLB from the University of British Columbia and completed executive education in the areas of governance and finance at Harvard University and Ivey Business School respectively. Liz has been named as one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women and as one of the inaugural Top 100 Influential Women of British Columbia. She was named Queen’s Counsel in 2012.