



Gwill E. York

Biography

Gwill York is co-founder of Lighthouse Capital Partners and has spent the last 23 years focused on venture debt. At Lighthouse, she is currently one of five Managing Directors who oversee investment and operating activities for the firm. She has led Lighthouse's investments in companies such as Millennium Pharmaceuticals, StorageNetworks, DataSage, Corvis, Speechworks, Curis, and Sirocco Systems.

Prior to co-founding Lighthouse in June 1994, Ms. York was a senior vice president with Comdisco Ventures where she established, directed, and managed East Coast investment activities. While at Comdisco, she led its investments in over 50 companies, primarily in the biotechnology and communications equipment areas, including Human Genome Sciences, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Apex, Brooktrout Technologies, and Cascade Communications.

Prior to joining Comdisco in 1988, Ms. York was a senior business analyst for Fidelity Investment Company. From 1984 to 1986, she worked in a medical software start-up, which successfully raised venture capital from four leading venture capital firms. She started her career in 1980 at Salomon Brothers in the corporate finance department.

She is a Board Member of The New England Venture Capital Association, and an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the Harvard Business School. She is Chair of the Museum of Science's Finance Committee, and the Treasurer of The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. She is on the Board of Trustees at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and on the Board of Fellows at the Harvard Medical School. She also serves on the Advisory Boards of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at Harvard University, the Harvard Medical School's System Biology Department, and the Harvard Business School's Rock Center for Entrepreneurship.

She holds an AB in economics from Harvard University and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.