



# Biography



## **Elaine R. Leavenworth** **Vice President, Government Affairs**

Elaine Leavenworth serves as Vice President, Government Affairs for Abbott. She is responsible for International, Federal and State government affairs. The government affairs team directs corporate-wide efforts to identify, assess and address regulatory, administrative and legislative proposals and actions that will impact the company and patients. Her team coordinates policy-making and political efforts, works with coalitions and alliance partners and advocates Abbott's positions to leaders in government.

Leavenworth joined Abbott in 1991 and has held various management positions of increasing responsibility in Abbott's International, Nutrition, and Health Systems divisions. She was elected a corporate officer in July 1999 and appointed to her current position in July 2001.

Prior to joining Abbott, Leavenworth was a principal with the consulting firm Loudon & Company, where her work focused on marketing and strategy assignments for health care providers, suppliers, investors and associations. While at Loudon & Company, she published numerous articles and several books, including *The Hospital Group Purchasing Outlook*, *Home Care Joint Venturing*, *The Older Adult Market* and *Home Care - HMO/PPO Perspectives*. Leavenworth also held marketing positions at G.D. Searle & Co. and American Hospital Supply Corporation.

Leavenworth serves on the board of trustees of the Goodman Theater, the Board of Directors of the Clara Abbott Foundation, the Board of Advisors of the Duke Global Health Institute, the Board of Governors of the Bryce Harlow Foundation, and on the Women's Advisory Board of the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. She is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago, The Chicago Network (where she served for years as a member of the Board of Directors), and the Women's Forum of Washington, D.C.

Leavenworth earned a bachelor's degree in health policy from Duke University and a master's degree in business administration in marketing, finance and international business from J.L. Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.