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Ellen Whelan leads Eckler's health, benefits and compensation practice. She is a director on Eckler's board of directors and has over 30 years of benefits consulting experience. Ellen provides advice on all aspects of group benefit plans, including appropriate underwriting models, renewals, financials, marketing, disability management and plan design. On the actuarial side, Ellen provides advice on all aspects of assumption setting, valuation, risk management and mitigation, plan design, funding, wind-up, and accounting for postemployment and postretirement benefit plans. She has also educated clients and the industry on postemployment and postretirement plan issues, through focused roundtables, education seminars, speaking engagements, expert witness testimony and published articles. She was instrumental in creating the Advanced Trust Management Standards (ATMS®) training for benefit plan issues confronted by new trustees and is currently a regular facilitator for the Master of Trust Management Standards (MTMS) program on behalf of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans. Ellen has been a member and chair of several committees and task forces of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries on benefit plan issues, including chairing the committee that created the current standards of practice for postemployment valuation actuaries. Currently, she sits on Eckler's board of directors and the board of Girls to the Power Math. Ellen has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Toronto. She is also a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (FCIA) in good standing.