



Janet L. Steinmayer
Incoming President, Mitchell College
Biography

Incoming president of Mitchell College, Janet L. Steinmayer, is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Appleseed Food Frontiers, a business accelerator and investment firm for expansion stage and artisanal food entrepreneurs.

Prior to launching Appleseed, Janet was the President and CEO of Centerplate, Inc., the fifth largest food service company in North America, with over \$800 million in revenues, 28,000 employees and 135 National Football League, Major League Baseball and other sports and convention center accounts. There she led the company to customize services for clients, drive clients' branding, and introduce local products to create a sense of place, resulting in record new business and profitability. Janet began her career as a corporate lawyer in private practice in New York and was then general counsel at Trans World Airlines, when it was a Fortune 500 company owned by the Icahn organization.

Janet received her B.A. in English and History magna cum laude from Bryn Mawr College, where she serves on its Board of Trustees, and her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. She also serves on the boards of the Eagle Hill Southport School, where she is Chairman, Lesley University, Command Security Corporation, the Business Council of Fairfield County, and the Fairfield County Community Foundation. She is a member of the CT Next Entrepreneurial Council and a Mentor with the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute, as well as being a member of the New York and Connecticut Bar Associations.

In 2010, Janet was named to the *Financial Times*' Agenda Diversity 100, a list of the top 100 diverse candidates for public company boards. That year she also served as a member of Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy's Transition Planning Committee on Agricultural Policy.

A long-time resident of Connecticut, Janet has deep ties throughout the state, in education, government, business and local communities.