



## Janet L. Ecker, ICD.D Biography

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Janet L. Ecker is President of the Toronto Financial Services Alliance (TFSA), a growing public – private partnership dedicated to building Toronto as a global financial services centre. First established in 2001 by the City of Toronto, in partnership with the financial industry, TFSA works on behalf of the entire financial cluster, including its business and educational support sectors to attract jobs and investment to the region.

With both the federal and provincial governments now joining the partnership, she has established the Global Risk Institute in Financial Services to leverage the sector’s global reputation for stability, as well as the Centre of Excellence in Financial Services Education to capitalize on Toronto region’s talent advantages.

A former Ontario Finance Minister, Ms. Ecker has a proven track record of leadership inside and outside government, having handled some of the toughest files at Queen’s Park from social services and education, to economic policy and public-private partnerships. The first woman to actually deliver a budget in Ontario in 2002, she also held the portfolios of Minister of Education, Minister of Community and Social Services and Government House Leader.

Prior to her career in elected office, Ms. Ecker served as the Director of Policy for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, having spent several years working in public policy and public affairs as a government relations consultant, civil servant and political assistant.

Past Chair of the Rouge Valley Health System and a former fellow and adjunct professor with the School of Policy Studies at Queen’s University, Ms. Ecker currently sits on a number of corporate and non-profit boards and agencies, including Canadian Medical Association Holdings Inc., the Stratford Shakespearean Festival, and the Commonwealth of Learning. She is also a member of the Ontario Finance Minister’s Economic Advisory Panel.

A frequent public speaker and media commentator, she was recognized in 2010 as one of the “Most Influential People in the World’s Financial Centres” by Financial Centres International and received a “Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award” from the Women’s Executive Network and the Richard Ivey School of Business in 2003. She is also a member of the founding committee for Equal Voice, a national, multi-partisan organization working to elect more women.