



# CECELIA ESPENOZA

## SENIOR GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE

Corporate Governance | Enterprise Risk | Strategic Planning  
Technology & Cybersecurity | Succession Planning | Privacy

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Cecelia is a proven senior government executive and board member. She is experienced in corporate governance having served on two national boards where she was on the hiring and audit committees. In addition, Cecelia has led several non-profit and community boards as Chair.

As a senior level executive in the federal government, Cecelia translated legal requirements across internal and external components and led operational changes to minimize enterprise risk and enhance government responsiveness to internal and external stakeholders.

She documented the exponential fiscal costs and enterprise risks in long term storage of personally identifiable, sensitive, and classified information. To address the risks, she strategically led an inter-governmental technological response to develop and implement of a system to maintain and properly dispose of those record holdings across 64 courts located throughout the U.S. As the Senior Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Counsel, Cecelia responded to a 148% increase in requests by implementing off-site processing which utilized technology and moved the agency from paper to electronic responses reducing response times by 20% despite the increased volume.

As a skilled collaborator Cecelia coordinated with the Chief Information Officer to secure data from cyber threats and executed internal metrics to protect agency data including classified and personally identifiable information. Cecelia also worked with external stakeholders from other government sectors to utilize technology to update processes which enhanced productivity and the capacity to more quickly and accurately respond to the public.

Her experience as an appellate judge and law professor has honed her skills in reading vast amounts of material, synthesizing content to uncover gaps, and asking questions to inform appropriate responses.



### Board Experience

Board Chair,  
National Hispana Leadership  
Institute (NHLI)

- Hiring Committee
- Succession Planning

Board Member,  
Hispanic Association for Corporate  
Responsibility (HACR)

- Corporate Governance
- Hiring Committee
- Audit Committee

### Education

- Juris Doctor, University of Utah SJ Quinney College of Law
- Honors BA Political Science, University of Utah
- 2022 Cohort Member, Colorado Women's Leadership Foundation Boardbound Program

### Bar Admissions

Utah, Colorado, and Texas