

**Michelle L. Collins**  
**Financial Executive of the Year**  
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Michelle L. Collins is co-founder of Svoboda, Collins L.L.C. Founded in January of 1998, the firm is focused on identifying, investing in and building excellent service and distribution through private equity investments. Prior to 1998, Ms. Collins was associated with William Blair & Company, L.L.C. as a principal in corporate finance with responsibility for execution of initial public offerings and secondary offerings of equities as well as mergers and acquisitions. She joined William Blair & Company in 1986.

Michelle received her bachelor's degree in Economics from Yale University in 1982 and her MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business in 1986. She serves on several Boards of Directors, including CDW Computer Centers and Coldwater Creek. In addition, Ms. Collins is involved in several civic and charitable activities in Chicago, including the Commercial Club, The Field Museum, Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center and the Chicago Historical Society and is President of the Chicago Sinfonietta