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Sheila Burke, RN, MPA, FAAN is a faculty research fellow at the Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy and a faculty member at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is also a distinguished visitor at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University Law Center and Chair of Government Relations and Public Policy at Baker Donelson Caldwell and Berkowitz.

Before taking on these roles, Ms. Burke held many other senior positions including: serving as the Under Secretary for American Museums and National Programs at the Smithsonian Institution before becoming deputy secretary and chief operating officer; serving as the executive dean and a lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government; serving as chief of staff to Senator Bob Dole when he was the Senate minority and majority leader; and being elected secretary of the U.S. Senate. Furthermore, Ms. Burke was a staff member before becoming the deputy staff director of the Senate Finance Committee. She was responsible for legislation relating to Medicare, Medicaid and other health programs in both of these leadership roles.

Ms. Burke was elected to the American Academy of Nursing, the National Academy of Public Administration and to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), now the National Academy of Medicine, National Academy of Science. After her election to the IOM, she chaired their Committee on the Assessment of the US Drug Safety System for two years and served on the national council. She was also a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, the Board of Directors of the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation, the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

Ms. Burke was chair of the Board of Trustees of the Kaiser Family Foundation in Palo Alto, California. She is currently on The Chubb Corporation, Ascension, the Commonwealth Fund and Abt boards.

Ms. Burke has received many honors throughout her illustrious career including the David Rall Award from the IOM, the Secretary's Gold Medal for Exceptional Service from the Smithsonian Institution, a Doctor of Science in Military Nursing, *honoris causa* from the Uniformed Services University and a Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa* from Marymount University.

Ms. Burke earned a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of San Francisco.