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Karen Roberts Franklin is a global executive with deep expertise in business strategy, people management, and organizational development, particularly in the technology and professional services sectors. After she received her B.A./B.S. in psychology and biology from Boston College, she began working as a sales representative in the Federal Office Systems Division of IBM. Following her successful tenure at IBM, she obtained her MBA from George Washington University.  Her corporate career included sales executive positions in Washington, D.C. and New York City at IBM, American Hospital Supply Corporation and Digital Equipment Corporation (currently Hewlett Packard).  Subsequently, she has spent the last three decades as a Realtor in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

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