

Victoria Reggie Kennedy



With broad experience in public service, the practice of law and non-profit Board service, Victoria Reggie Kennedy is recognized as an authority on key strategic and political issues ranging from health and education to labor, especially issues affecting women and children. An advocate for involvement in the political process, she established the Massachusetts Women’s Council in 1994 and was actively involved in the passage of the Affordable Care Act of 2010. She is co-founder and president of the Board of Trustees of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United State Senate. Located on the campus of UMass Boston, the institute was established to invigorate public discourse, encourage participatory democracy and inspire the next generation of citizens and leaders. Her efforts are bringing together innovative, interactive, high technology programming to educate visitors about the essential role of the U.S. Senate within our system of government. Mrs. Kennedy is a member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a Distinguished Professor and Mentor at the University of Massachusetts, and a member of the Board of Overseers for the Museum of Fine Arts – Boston. A former member of the Board of Directors to the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, she co-founded and served as president of *Common Sense About Kids and Guns*, a diverse coalition of gun control advocates, health professional and gun manufacturers working together to reduce gun deaths and injuries to children in the United States. In recognition of her leadership and management expertise, she has received numerous awards and honorary doctorates. Mrs. Kennedy received a JD, summa cum laude, from Tulane University School of Law, in New Orleans, where she was a member of the Board of Editors of the Tulane Law Review. She earned a BA in English from Tulane University and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Mrs. Kennedy divides her time between Washington, D.C. and Boston.