



# nerej

## **Klee joins Suffolk as new executive vice president**

March 20, 2020 - Construction Design & Engineering

Ann Klee

Boston, MA Suffolk has hired former General Electric Company (GE) vice president Ann Klee as its new executive vice president. In her new role, Klee will be responsible for leading Suffolk's national business development function and external and government affairs, with the goal of expanding the company's presence nationally.

Before joining Suffolk, Klee simultaneously held several executive positions at GE. She served as GE's vice president of Boston development and operations leading the search for GE's new headquarters and move to Boston. In that role, she worked closely with government leaders, business leaders and community organizations, and oversaw the renovation of the Fort Port Channel buildings that would serve as GE's new home. She also served as president of the GE Foundation and was a visible liaison for the company in the community.

Under Klee's leadership, the GE Foundation helped launch an effort to support STEM education in the Boston Public Schools and address the opioid crisis, including Project Here, a partnership with the Massachusetts Attorney General's office and community groups that provides substance abuse education to public middle schools across the Commonwealth. In addition, Klee served as vice president of environment, health and safety at GE, leading a global organization dedicated to protecting employees, environmental compliance and sustainability, and risk management.

"Building relationships and trust with clients, communities and government is critical to long-term success in our industry, so I am thrilled Ann has joined the Suffolk family," said John Fish, chairman and CEO of Suffolk. "Ann's proven ability to build relationships, bring people together, solve complex challenges and push the boundaries of what is possible will help expand our presence in new markets, attract the best new talent and cement our reputation as an industry disruptor."

"I'm excited to be joining Suffolk as it transforms the construction industry. It's the perfect opportunity to use my private and public sector experience to work with a great leadership team to help achieve John Fish's transformational vision of a wing-to-wing platform that meets our clients' needs," said Klee.

Klee enjoyed an extended career in Washington D.C. as an environmental lawyer at two prestigious law firms, as well as in several senior government positions on Capitol Hill and in the George W. Bush administration. Klee serves on the boards of Wabtec, WGBH, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, Boston Harbor Now and the Boston Green Ribbon Commission.

The hiring of Klee continues a recent spate of Suffolk senior leadership hires from innovative, global Fortune 100 companies, including Suffolk chief financial officer Puneet Mahajan from GE, Suffolk chief marketing officer Lea Stendahl from E\*TRADE and Suffolk chief culture officer Dennis Berger from CDW Corporation. These hires have bolstered the prestige of Suffolk's leadership team and helped build a strong foundation for strategic future growth. Aligned with the strength of its new leadership team, Suffolk recently announced an expansion from its core business of construction into additional vertical service lines to create a fully-integrated platform that adds value for clients across the entire building lifecycle. The company also launched a new brand identity to reflect its broader future ambitions and unique position and capabilities in the industry.

Suffolk is a national enterprise that invests, innovates, and builds. Suffolk is an end-to-end business that provides value throughout the entire project lifecycle by leveraging its core construction management services with vertical service lines that include real estate capital investment, design, self-perform construction services, technology start-up investment and innovation research/development.

Suffolk is a national company with \$4.5 billion in annual revenue, 2,400 employees and main offices in Boston (headquarters), New York, Miami, West Palm Beach, Tampa, Estero, Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego. Suffolk serves clients in every major industry sector, including healthcare, science and technology, education, gaming, transportation/aviation, and commercial. Suffolk is privately held and is led by founder, chairman and CEO John Fish. Suffolk is ranked #23 on the Engineering News Record list of "Top 400 Contractors."

New England Real Estate Journal - 17 Accord Park Drive #207, Norwell MA 02061 - (781) 878-4540