

Influential Women Features Cathleen Ryan Reneer: Managing Director At JPMorgan Chase & Co.

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Cathleen Ryan Reneer is an accomplished cybersecurity and identity management executive with more than four decades of experience leading global technology, privacy, and operational transformation initiatives. Currently serving as Managing Director at JPMorgan Chase & Co., she oversees Global Identity and Access Management operations while supporting the firm's Tampa Technology Center.

Known as a dynamic and results-driven leader, Reneer has built a reputation as a change agent who balances operational excellence, regulatory compliance, and large-scale transformation while managing teams and critical systems across global enterprises. Her leadership approach combines strategic vision with a strong focus on mentoring, innovation, and organizational growth.

Before joining JPMorgan Chase, Reneer spent more than 30 years at IBM, where she held numerous senior leadership roles spanning cybersecurity, privacy, compliance, operational optimization, and global technology services. During her tenure, she led worldwide teams responsible for identity and access management operations supporting millions of user identities and thousands of enterprise systems.

Her work also included key privacy and risk management responsibilities involving HIPAA, PCI compliance, FFIEC readiness, business continuity, and insider threat mitigation. Throughout



these roles, Reneer focused on streamlining complex processes, increasing automation, strengthening governance, and implementing enterprise-wide security strategies.

Reneer additionally played a pioneering role in cybersecurity education by helping develop one of the first Master of Science programs in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance with Northeastern University. Her professional expertise spans identity and access management, cybersecurity, insider threat management, operational leadership, privacy, risk and controls management, process optimization, and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and automation.

She holds an MBA, a Master of Science in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance, and professional certifications including CIPP, CIPP/G, and PMP. Beyond her executive responsibilities, Reneer remains actively involved in mentoring and advancing women in technology through organizations such as Women Unlimited and other advisory and leadership initiatives.

Reneer attributes her success to fantastic mentors, a great network, and a willingness to remain open, honest, and empathetic. She describes herself as tough but fair, believing that treating people fairly has helped her build loyal teams throughout her career.

Continuous learning is another important component of Reneer's professional philosophy. With technology and business environments changing rapidly, she believes professionals must continue learning and stay on the edge of their fields rather than risk being left behind.

Her background in theater has also played an important role in her career. Reneer believes her experience in theater helped her become comfortable with public speaking, which has been a significant advantage in technology. While many technology professionals may struggle with presentations, public speaking is an area in which she feels confident.

One of the most important pieces of career advice Reneer has received is not to be afraid to take risks. She believes that becoming too comfortable can lead someone to wake up years later and realize they are doing the same thing they were doing decades before.

For Reneer, those moments of uncertainty—the butterflies that come with wondering whether something is possible—can be signals to move forward rather than retreat. She encourages people to go for opportunities that challenge them and believes that individuals often hold themselves back more than anyone else does.

That philosophy has also shaped the guidance she provides to young women entering technology and cybersecurity. Reneer encourages women to become role models and mentors for others while remaining willing to take risks themselves. Her own decision to pursue and remain in the technology field was influenced by recognizing that there were not enough women entering the field and staying in it.

She views her position as an opportunity to help change that dynamic. Reneer believes it is important to pull other people forward and give them the confidence to recognize that they can succeed. Hearing someone else's story, she believes, can help women realize that they should take the risk and try.

For Reneer, mentorship is not primarily about building a personal brand. Instead, it is about recognition, giving back, and creating opportunities to support others as a mentor, coach, or advisor.

The values that guide Reneer both professionally and personally include openness, honesty, and empathy. She believes strongly in treating people fairly and maintaining authentic relationships. Her approach to leadership is grounded in the understanding that people respond to leaders who are transparent, consistent, and fair.

Giving back is equally important to her. Through mentorship and her work supporting women in technology, Reneer continues to encourage others to pursue opportunities, develop their confidence, and recognize their own potential.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Reneer enjoys an active personal life. She loves being outdoors and enjoys golfing, scuba diving, and traveling. She also has a strong appreciation for live performances, theater, and music concerts.

With more than 40 years of experience across technology, cybersecurity, privacy, identity management, and operational leadership, Reneer continues to bring together technical expertise and people-centered leadership. Her career reflects the value of remaining curious, embracing change, taking calculated risks, and creating opportunities for others to move forward.

Through her executive leadership, mentorship, and commitment to continuous learning, Cathleen Ryan Reneer continues to contribute to the evolution of cybersecurity and technology while helping encourage the next generation of women to enter the field, take risks, and recognize that they have earned their place at the table.

Learn More about Cathleen Ryan Reneer:

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