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Board Director · Strategic Advisor · Technology, Cyber, and National Security Risk

Jennifer Ewbank brings to corporate boards an uncommon combination of assets: three decades operating at the highest levels of the U.S. intelligence community, direct experience governing technology portfolios and diverse workforces through rapid and high-stakes transformation, and current board engagement on the defining risk issues of the digital age, namely artificial intelligence, cyber threat intelligence, and cognitive security.

As Deputy Director for Digital Innovation at the Central Intelligence Agency from 2019 to 2024, Ewbank held one of the most demanding technology governance roles in the U.S. government. She directed enterprise-scale adoption of artificial intelligence, advanced data analytics, and cloud infrastructure across a technology investment portfolio in the billions of dollars and a workforce of thousands deployed globally, while managing the vendor relationships, regulatory constraints, and operational security requirements unique to the national security environment. She named the CIA's first Director for Artificial Intelligence years ahead of peer institutions, integrated the agency's offensive and defensive cyber teams into a single mission, and built new partnerships with foreign governments across the digital landscape. Her mandate demanded translating emerging technology into institutional strategy, leading significant organizational change, and ensuring rigorous risk oversight at every layer of a complex, high-consequence enterprise.

Before her appointment as Deputy Director, Ewbank served for three decades as a senior intelligence officer, including multiple assignments as Chief of Station, the CIA's most senior in-country leadership role, where she directed complex, multi-stakeholder operations under acute geopolitical and operational risk across several continents. She is the founder of Andaman Strategic Advisors, through which she advises organizations at the intersection of emerging technology and national security.

Areas of Board Focus

Ewbank's board value is strongest in technology and cyber committee work and in risk committee oversight. She offers directors a perspective available from very few candidates, organized around three areas of contribution.

AI Risk Oversight. She helps boards govern artificial intelligence as an oversight discipline, with attention to where model risk actually lives, how vendors and third parties widen the attack surface, and what synthetic media and manipulation mean for trust in the enterprise.

Cybersecurity Governance. Drawing on firsthand knowledge of how sophisticated nation-state adversaries target corporate infrastructure, supply chains, and executive leadership, she helps directors treat cyber as an enterprise risk and resilience question, with the judgment to separate the threats that warrant board attention from the matters that belong with management.

National-Security and Geopolitical Risk. She helps boards read the forces now reshaping commercial risk, including the US-China technology competition, export controls, and supply-

chain exposure, and build them into vendor risk, market strategy, and crisis planning before they surface as disclosures.

Board and Advisory Roles

Current Board Directorships

- **Analysis and Resilience Center for Systemic Risk**, Independent Director. The foremost public-private partnership protecting the U.S. financial system.
- **DarkOwl**, Independent Director. Leading provider of darknet data, analytics, and threat intelligence.
- **CIA Officers Memorial Foundation**, Independent Director. Supporting the education and well-being of the children and spouses of fallen CIA officers.

Current and Recent Advisory Boards

- **Reality Defender**, real-time detection of deepfakes and AI-generated synthetic media.
- **BTI360**, software engineering, AI platforms, and big-data systems.
- **RealmOne**, technology and secure solutions for national security missions.

Strategic and Senior Advisory

- **Oracle, Government, Defense, and Intelligence**, strategy at the intersection of cloud, AI, and national defense.
- **Ankura**, global expert services and risk advisory.
- **The Chertoff Group**, security risk management and strategy.

Recognition and Education

Ewbank is a frequent commentator on cyber, artificial intelligence, and technology risk for senior leaders. She was the featured interview on an episode of the talk show *To the Point* on Skytop TV, addressing the cyber and technology risks most relevant to CEOs and boards, and delivered a 2026 TEDx talk on cognitive security and algorithmic influence. She is a frequent guest on national security and technology podcasts and broadcast programs, writes *Shadow & Signal*, her ongoing analysis of technology governance, cybersecurity, and cognitive security, and is an expert contributor to *The Cipher Brief* and an editorial contributor to *Homeland Security Today*.

Her insights have been featured or quoted in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, the *Associated Press*, and *Foreign Policy*, with international recognition including two feature interviews in *Sentaku*, Japan's leading policy journal. She is a two-time Wash100 awardee, is among the former intelligence officers featured in the National Geographic series *Inside the CIA: Secrets & Spies*, and is the creator of the Mind Sovereignty™ framework on cognitive security.

Ewbank holds two Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and has completed executive education programs at Harvard Business School and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, as well as extensive professional studies while in government service. She is a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors and the Women's Foreign Policy Group. She achieved professional fluency in five languages over her career, with Thai the most current, and has lived or worked on six continents.