



Executive Council



Barbie Bigelow

Former SVP and CIO, Jacobs, TASC (now SAIC) and Lockheed Martin; CEO, Emerald Growth Partners, LLC; PE Digital Operating Partner

Barbie Bigelow is a resourceful and highly effective strategic business executive. She has over 25 years of experience developing targeted strategies that accelerate growth and optimize sustained profitability using curiosity, entrepreneurial drive and tech savvy.

Her corporate leadership experience includes P&L and C-suite technology roles at Fortune 50-200, PE-backed and private companies where she received top awards for both Business Profitability and Customer Satisfaction and recognition by key customers for excellence in Cyber and Innovation. Effective at creating vision that inspires, Barbie is an energetic, transformational leader with the ability to galvanize teams around strategic imperatives while ensuring day to day operation is safe, smooth and transparent. Her record speaks to measurable value creation.

As CEO of Emerald Growth Partners, LLC, she delivers Cyber Security and Digital advisory services to Boards and leadership teams. Projects have included incident disclosure & remediation, digitization for personalized medicine, secure application development for critical infrastructure, cyber operations for global manufacturing, digital assessments and governance dashboards.

At PE firm, Littlejohn & Co. LLC, Barbie drives portfolio value creation and assesses investment opportunities in Aerospace/Defense, Services, Architecture/Engineering/Construction, Manufacturing, Distribution and Specialty Products.

Barbie earned a BS, Biology/Chemistry, Tusculum College, a MS, Computer Science, University of Tennessee and holds certifications in Program Management, Executive Finance and Risk Management. She also earned the Digital Director's Network (DDN) Qualified Technical Expert (QTE) Certificate. She is active in CIO, Cyber and Technology organizations, named one of Evanta's Global Top 25 Breakaway Leaders, honored by the University of Tennessee and featured in Computerweek and CIO Magazine.

Barbie is a passionate advocate for advancing women in technology and using technology to solve big problems. Actively engaged in advancing diversity in higher education, early career, succession preparation and executive ranks, her commitment includes serving on the Advisory Board for the UT's Tickle College of Engineering, mentoring for UT's Heath Integrated Business and Engineering Program and advising entrepreneurs in Cybersecurity, AI and sustainability ventures.

